Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! The Autumn term was most definitely a busy one, so we hope that you all had a lovely, well-deserved break and are looking forward to all that 2025 has in store. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for their kind cards, gifts and warm wishes at the end of the term – it was very much appreciated.

We are fortunate to have several additional adults supporting the class this term:
- Mrs. Pearson – supporting the class as Teaching Assistant.
- Mrs. Bottle – teaching French on a Wednesday afternoon.

PE lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, so please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for these days. It is advisable to have PE kit in school at all times so that we can be flexible when we need to. Also, a reminder that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery should be worn, especially in PE.

Our main geography topic this half term will focus on a comparison between us and St Lucia. During the half-term, we will describe a journey from the UK to North America and read maps to find out about the human and physical features. We will also look at the climatic conditions of St Lucia and how this supports the growing of bananas.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Year 5		Year 6	
What?	When?	What?	When?
Reading comprehension and spelling task (in CGP book) TTRS	Set on a Friday to be handed inn the following Thursday for marking	Reading comprehension and spelling task (in CGP book) TTRS	Set on a Friday to be handed in on the following Thursday for marking

With an emphasis on reading for pleasure this year, I will be continuing to check children's reading through the use of reading records. Despite children in Badgers class being capable readers, I would like to stress the importance of allowing time for your child to read to you to ensure they fully understand the text. Children are expected to record in their reading records when they have read at home, with at least one recording a week being made by an adult. The children have also been set up with their own SORA account. This is an online library with hundreds of eBooks and audio books. Their log in details will be in the front of their reading record so please encourage children to use this free resource.

We are introducing Times Tables Rock Stars to encourage the children to practice their times tables, as well as completing the times tables challenge booklets.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything you or we need to know.

Kind regards,
Miss Ayers and the Badgers team