Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year! The Autumn term was most definitely a whirlwind, so we hope that you all had a lovely and well-deserved break and are looking forward to all that all that 2023 has in store.

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.**
- **Mrs. Devereux – Teaching PE on a Wednesday afternoon.**

PE lessons this term will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons so please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit in school for these days. Also, just another reminder that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery should be worn, especially in PE.

Our Geography topic this term will be a comparative place study between Rio de Janeiro and our local area. During our learning, we will use our map skills to locate South America and its bordering continents and oceans. We will also plot and plan a journey to Brazil from the UK and make aa comparison between Rio de Janiero and Hampshire. This comparison will include establishing similarities between the different factors e.g., their weather and how both places make money.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. This allows families to choose whether it is completed during the school week or over the weekend. We will continue to use Google Classroom as a platform to assign homework. This half term, we will be using CGP books to assign weekly tasks – these are educational books designed to support revision and practise of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. Children will have one reading comprehension activity, one grammar focused activity as well as maths tasks set on Mathletics which will be aligned with their weekly learning at school. As well as this, children have spellings and times tables to be practising as well as regularly reading.

We have been so proud of the children's efforts with reading so far this year and have honestly been astounded not just by the amount they continue to read weekly but also their confidence in exploring new genres. We really appreciate your support with this. It is important that we encourage independent reading as well as ensuring they also have a chance to read to an adult regularly.

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

King regards,

Miss Ayers and the Badgers Team