Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to the Autumn term in Badgers class. It is great to be back, and we hope you had an amazing summer break spending time with your families. I hope you are as excited for the busy but brilliant year we have ahead of us!

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 will be on Wednesday and Thursday 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 topic this half term will be Ancient Greece. Throughout the half term, we will be identifying Ancient Greece on a timeline, considering historical events and understanding their impact on life today as well as establishing the differences between Athens and Sparta. We will consider the religious beliefs of Ancient Greeks and the different roles in society and use artefacts to learn about the past, making inferences about Greek life.

Homework will be set on Google Classroom 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. Every week, there will be an English task (reading or writing), a Maths task (set on Mathletics in alignment with weekly learning at school) and spellings set. As well as this, children have times tables to be practising in their challenge books.

Please encourage your children to read regularly and widely (for pleasure!) throughout the year - both independently and aloud. Please record this in their reading record. This will be an area we will be promoting in class this year and we will be rewarding children weekly who have read a minimum of 5 times. Whilst the likes of Tom Gates are great to read, please encourage your children (as we will do) to read a variety of books from a range of genres. We are lucky to have a well-stocked library with a huge selection of books so there are lots on offer and teachers are always on hand to help children with selecting a book should they need it.

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