Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year! The Autumn term was most definitely a whirlwind, so we hope that you all had a lovely, thoroughly well-deserved break and are looking forward to all that all that 2022 has in store. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for their generous cards, gifts and warm wishes at the end of the term – it was very much appreciated and so kind of you.

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 Monday and Wednesday afternoons so please ensure that your child has 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 main topic this term will be the Shang Dynasty. We will be getting an insight into how the Shang Dynasty formed and developed during this period and looking at what life would have been like in Ancient China during this period. We will also consider how this period laid the foundations for other Chinese dynasties in subsequent years. Our study will also tie in with Chinese New Year which we will be celebrating as a class during the topic.

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 this year as a platform to assign homework in conjunction with their homework books. 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 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 and encouraging independent reading as well as ensuring they have chance to read to an adult at home.

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