Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to the Autumn term in Badgers class. We hope you had a great summer break and are as excited as I am, 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.**

Occasionally, there may be additional changes to teaching/supporting staff depending on the training needs in the school, but we will try to keep children informed as best we can.

PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons so please ensure that your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit on these days. Also, a reminder that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery should be worn, especially in PE.

Our history topic this term will be Ancient Egypt. We intend for this topic to feature in as much of the curriculum this half term as possible so as well as learning about the Ancient Egyptians in our history lessons, we will be finding out about life in Ancient Egypt through our curriculum driver sessions as well as in our art and music lessons. This, we hope, creates an immersive experience for the children and leads them to become enthusiastic experts on this topic!

Homework will 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. Every week, there will be an English task (usually reading comprehension or grammar based), a Maths task (usually on Mathletics) and spellings set. As well as this, children have times tables to be practising in their challenge books. We will continue to use Google Classroom to set the homework each week where children can upload their completed work to, however children will still have homework books if they prefer to do it that way.

Please encourage your children to read regularly and widely (for pleasure!) throughout the year - both independently and aloud. Please record this in their reading diaries. This will be an area we will be promoting in class this year and will be rewarded. 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.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ayers and the Badgers Team