12th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed the fantastic weather. The children have settled brilliantly to life in Badgers Class and have come back to school really positive and ready to learn. We have had a great first week together; we have enjoyed learning all about our new topic, writing some brilliant sea-themed poems and starting our Maths place value work. The week was then rounded off with a really fun day at the beach.

Our cross-curricular topic this half term is ‘Blue Abyss’. We will be learning all about different ocean creatures with a particular Science focus on habitats and food chains. As part of our topic we will also be learning all about the Great Barrier Reef and the different layers of the ocean. We are also looking forward to starting our whole class guided reading book – Malamander by Thomas Taylor. If you have any photographs, books or artefacts linked to this topic that you would be happy to share we would be very grateful.

Badgers Staff

This year Badgers Class will be supported by Mrs Heasman (Mon, Tues) and Mrs Coling (Weds, Thurs, Fri). Mrs Heasman will be teaching the class Monday afternoons whilst I have SENDCo time and Mrs Irvine will be teaching the class on Thursday afternoons whilst I have planning time.

P.E

This half term our P.E session will take place on a **Monday** afternoon. We are very fortunate to be having sports coaches come into school again to teach us Tag Rugby. Please make sure that your child has suitable school P.E kit and that hair is also tied back and earrings are either removed or, if they cannot be removed, covered with tape. For the next couple of weeks we are also hoping to swim on a Friday whilst the swimming pool is still in use.

Reading

Please can children continue to bring their individual reading books into school daily. Please listen to your child read as often as you can, encouraging them to experience a broad range of texts, such as information books, poetry, newspapers, magazines and online information as well as stories. As well as a banded reading book, children are encouraged to also have a reading book of their choice in school. If there is anybody who has a spare hour or so and would like to come into school and listen to Badgers Class read, please let me know.

Home learning

The children will be given their home learning on a Monday and it will need to be returned the following Monday. Their homework will consist of spellings to learn and either a Maths or English activity. Our spelling test will be on a Monday morning. Children are also encouraged to regularly use Times Table Rockstars to help them learn their times tables and related division facts. This will help them in all areas of their Maths – Year 4 will be taking a multiplication test at the end of the school year which will test their knowledge of all times tables up to 12 x 12.

Any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Edwards

Miss Edwards and all the Badgers Class Team.