Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term 2025!

**Our Learning Journey: Main focus – Ancient Egyptians: What if there was no River Nile?**  We will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians with a particular focus on the importance of the River Nile. We will look at the rivers features, the Egyptian landscape and how the river impacts people’s lives. The children will learn about how the Ancient Egyptians used the Nile for farming, fishing, trading, funerals and general day to day life. We will also study Howard Carter and the discovery of Tutankhamen’s tomb and how artefacts can teach us about the past. The children will investigate the way of life in Ancient Egypt including clothing, food, farming and religion. One area that the children already seem very keen to find out more about is the Egyptian tombs, pyramids and burial sites and to explore the process of mummification!

**Key Information:**

**Homework:** Homework is set on a Friday via Google Classroom. It is due in the following Wednesday.

Homework will typically consist of:

* Spellings - to practise and learn. We will have a mini spelling quiz each Friday morning to test the spellings they have practised. There will be a set of spelling games on Spelling Shed to help rehearse your spellings. Please encourage your child to use strategies they find most helpful. We will be exploring these throughout the term.
* Daily reading – please encourage your child to read daily and fill out their reading journals. It is your child’s responsibility to choose and change their reading books as required. The more they read the better writers they become.
* Maths – an activity set each week on Maths Shed and times tables practise
* Sentence Structure/Grammar – practising a sentence structure or revising an area of grammar OR Topic work.

Please support your child as much as possible with daily reading, spellings and times tables. It really does make such a difference to their learning.

**Handwriting:** We are continuing with our handwriting progression scheme across the whole school to develop cursive writing and muscle memory for spellings. Badgers have already got off to a great start. We encourage children to take pride in their handwriting and in all of their writing, whatever stage of the handwriting journey they are at. Please do encourage this at home too.

**PE**: Monday and Wednesday afternoons. This term PE will be focussing on Rounders and Tennis, then athletics and cricket in term 6. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit on these days. As always, long hair must be tied up and earrings to be taped or removed on the day of PE, along with removing any jewellery or watches. PE is taught on a Wednesday afternoon by Mrs Sinclair.

**PPA**: Wednesday afternoon is Miss Henley’s PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time.) Miss Henley’s PPA will be covered by a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Mrs Sinclair (PE) and Mrs Thornton teaches Spanish and RE.

**Music:** We will have music every Wednesday afternoon during Term 5 which is taught by Ms Tubb.

**TA:** Mrs James is our class TA every morning.

Best Wishes Miss Henley and the Badger Team