Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Summer term 2024!

**Key Information:**

**Our Learning Journey: Main focus – Geography: Fair Trade.** We will be learning about what Fair Trade is and asking the question ‘Is fair trade really fair?’ We learn about how we can support fairly traded goods, look at developing countries with a main focus on Africa. We learn about chocolate and the origins of the cocoa bean and how this links to us getting our delicious chocolate whilst supporting fair trades.

**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. Please encourage your child to use strategies they find most helpful. We will be exploring these throughout the term. We use Spelling Shed to practise our spellings.
* 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 on TTRS
* Sentence Structure/Grammar/Topic – practising a sentence structure or revising an area of grammar.

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 are doing well with their handwriting whilst developing their own style. 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 Thursday afternoons. This term PE will be focussing on Rounders and Athletics. 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 Thursday afternoon by Mrs Diack.

**PPA**: I have my PPA time on a Thursday afternoon. PPA is teachers Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. Mrs Green’s PPA will be covered by Mrs Raybin and Mrs Diack (PE).

**TA:** Mrs James - class Teaching Assistant is in every morning, all week.

**Important dates for the diary:**

**Bowles Residential visit –** 3rd – 7th June. Children not attending the residential are expected to be in school as normal.

**Year 5/6 Production ​Dress Rehearsal- pickup from Wivelsfield Village Hall -** Thursday 11th July. **Times TBC.**

**Year 5/6 Production - pickup from Wivelsfield Village Hall -** Friday 12th July(Anyone attending Kingfishers After School Club or other clubs can walk back to school under the supervision of a member of staff.) **There will be afternoon & evening performances on Friday 12th and timings will be confirmed nearer to the time.**

Best Wishes

Mrs Green and the Badger Team