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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Welcome to Badgers Class!**

I hope you all had an amazing summer break! We've had a lovely first week back, and the children have been fantastic. They have settled brilliantly into their new class, and we are really looking forward to the academic year ahead! We have lots of exciting plans and plenty to look forward to. Please have a look at our curriculum map on Class Dojo to see what we will be learning about this year.

Please read the following information about Badgers Class:

#### **PE**

PE lessons will take place every Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is brought in on their PE day. The children will now come home wearing their PE kits and their school uniform in their bags.

#### **Homework**

Homework will be given out every Tuesday in a homework book and should be returned by the following Monday. Our first homework will be set on Tuesday 15th September 2026. Each week, the homework will focus on a different subject. We ask that children complete their homework to the best of their ability.

#### **Times Tables**

In Year 2, there is a greater focus on learning times tables. By the end of the year, children are expected to know:

- 2 times tables
- 5 times tables
- 10 times tables

These will be taught regularly during our maths lessons, but it would be fantastic if you could also practise them at home.

#### **Reading**

Reading is the key to knowledge, and at Berkley School we are passionate about encouraging our children to develop a lifelong love of books. In Year 2, we ask that children read at home at least three times a week with an adult or older sibling. Please make sure each reading session is dated and signed in their reading record.

Your child should bring their school reading book and reading record into class every day. We will have dedicated reading time each week to change books when needed, listen to individual readers and take part in group reading. To make reading fun and motivating, Badgers Class will be taking part in our Reading Challenge!

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Here's how it works:

- Every Friday, we will check each child's reading record.
- We will keep track of how many times they have read at home that week.
- Children who have read three or more times will receive a sticker in their reading record.
- Every time a child collects 5 stickers, they will receive a small gift from our Lucky Dip!

This challenge is a great way to encourage a regular reading habit while celebrating the children's progress, effort and enthusiasm.

### **Class Dojo**

We will be continuing to use Class Dojo to communicate with parents throughout the year. If you have any problems accessing or using Class Dojo, please let me know and I will be happy to help.

### **Parent Helpers**

We would love to have some parent helpers come into school throughout the year to hear the children read and help with other classroom jobs. If you would like to volunteer, please send me a message. You will need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check in place.

### **Any Questions?**

Should you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to message me via Class Dojo or contact the school office. Also, the meet the teacher evening will be this Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm in Badgers class.

I am really looking forward to a fantastic year with the Badgers!

Thank you for your continued support.

Many Thanks,

*Mrs Davis*

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