Dear Parents and Carers,

During the first half of Spring term in Badger class, we will be continuing our History studies by asking ‘What did the Vikings want and how did Alfred stop them getting it?’

In science, we will be studying Forces and Magnets. To complement this, we will be having our annual school trip to RNAS Yeovilton. Here we will experience a working squadron, get up close to some working aircraft and ask lots of questions! We will also be visiting the Fleet Air Arm Museum where we will design an aircraft to launch off an aircraft carrier.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Parker teaching us drama and dance this half term. As a consequence, our science study at school will take place as a two day intensive investigation instead of weekly lessons. This will be scheduled to precede our trip to Yeovilton.

During the second half of Spring term we will be studying ‘Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Rocks’ combining geology with science.

Our English curriculum this term will follow our topic, involving a wide range of fiction and non-fiction reading and writing. Our class reading book is ‘Odd and the Frost Giants’ by Neil Gaiman.

In Maths, we are coming to the end of our focus on calculation but it is always a good idea to practise the methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division we have learned. Our week by week maths plan can be found on the eschools page for Badger Class. Timestables practice continues to be very important as we move into the fraction and decimal phase of the year so please keep practising! Year 3 should be aiming for fluency in 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 in that order. Year 4 should be expanding their knowledge to 6, 7, 9, and 12 times tables in readiness for the June assessment.

Please find below homework expectations, kit requirements and a timetable for this term. There will be a creative home learning menu sent home next week which has a choice of three different tasks to be completed at home during the term. We had some amazing efforts by the Badger children last term which we are sharing with others in the school. Parent share and hand-in will be during the last week of term and the date will be confirmed nearer the time.

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| Monday | **Homework home**- to be handed in on Friday for marking; **timestables practice sheet (4x per week) and daily reading to be signed in Reading records by parents**- these will be checked on Mondays.  Dance club |
| Tuesday | Netball club |
| Wednesday | Dance Club, PE kit needed |
| Thursday | PE kit needed  Art club |
| Friday | **homework handed in** |

Book bags are to be brought in everyday with completed reading records. As you can see from above we would like the children to read to an adult daily, concentrating on new vocabulary and comprehension.

Please ensure that your child/ren has/have warm kit for PE, including trainers. Our weekly session with Mr Parkes on Wednesdays will be outdoors if possible.

Kind Regards,

Mrs French