I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready for an exciting year in Badger Class.

Our topic this term is India, a really interesting and diverse topic that I know your children will really enjoy. As **writers** we are going to be comparing stories by the same author, writing a set of instructions, studying stories from other cultures, looking at poetry and letter writing. As **mathematicians** we will be solidifying our knowledge of number and place value, looking at the four operations, focusing on learning to tell the time and looking at the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. As **scientists** we will be focusing on light and shadows and linking this to DT, English and our India topic by designing and making a shadow puppet theatre and then using this to retell Indian stories. As **geologists** we will be studying the globe and maps to compare India to other countries in particular the UK, focusing on physical characteristics such as climate and land use and Human characteristics such as religion, transport, homes and clothes. As **artists** we will be studying art that is influenced by Indian culture and Indian craftspeople and looking at the influence of the British Empire on Indian art. In **PE** we are fortunate to have Premier Sports who will be taking the children for outdoor games. We will also be covering gymnastics and having a go at becoming Indian dancers. In **RE** we will be focusing on Sikhism with a Sikhism day at the end of September. As **musicians** we will be finding out about Indian music and trying our hand at composing our own piece of Indian style music! In **ICT** we will use the internet to carry out research on India and use this to produce a Power Point presentation.

As you can see we are going to be very busy this term!

Mrs Fairlie