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Dear Badger Class families,

As we end this rather unusual first week back at 'school', I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and perseverance during this transition to remote learning.

The children have arrived punctually to their live lessons, and the vast majority have submitted three pieces of work every day - without the continued support of parents and carers this would not be possible, so thank you.

Already we have explored our new writing genre in English (learning about the characteristics of Sci-Fi texts and analysing quotations) and we have been learning about factors and multiples in Maths as an introduction to our new topic of Multiplication and Division. In History, we have been learning about why the Romans withdrew from Britain. We have explored abstract art, started looking at animal life cycles in Science and have created checklists about what we can do to protect the environment. The class have taken everything in their stride, and should be proud of themselves.

As remote teaching and learning is to become our 'new normal' for a while, I would like to outline some general expectations. Our morning live lessons (9AM) will focus on English and Maths. During this time, we will explore the focus for the lesson, as we would in school. Following on from this, there will be an English and Maths activity to complete independently. For these tasks to be completed in full, it is expected that your child spends between 30-45 mins working on each. I am available on the Google Meet link (between 11-12) to answer any questions/support the children with these tasks. In the afternoon (1PM start), we will continue learning about a range of subjects from our wider curriculum. I actively encourage the children to upload photos of their work if it is in their exercise book, as I am then able to offer feedback. This will be especially important for English over the coming weeks, as we begin to explore our new class text.

This video may be helpful in explaining how to upload a photo/file: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qn0xyiL3ZB4>

Thank you again,

Altaya Bennett