



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half term and the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

We are continuing our **Space** topic this half term and in particular focusing on growing plants and vegetables as we head towards Easter. Please find attached our topic map highlighting the key learning opportunities for this half term.

This letter will provide you with some information that you will find useful for the rest of this term.

Reading:

Please remember book bags and reading diaries need to be brought to school **every day**. It is an expectation that children are read with every day at home so **please remember to write about any reading at home in your child's reading diary**. We aim to change the children's books every day but you are welcome to change books with your child in the morning when you are dropping them off. All children that read at least four times a week, will be put into the class reading raffle and will gain the chance to win a fantastic new book.

School Kit:

Please continue to ensure that all your child's clothes, shoes and belongings are **clearly named**, including PE kits. We have several unnamed jumpers in our classroom that we cannot identify so it is important that everything is labelled. Please remember that your child should be wearing **black** school shoes each day.

Homework:

The children will bring home a weekly homework sheet to practice writing tricky, high frequency and words containing phase 3 digraphs. It is important that your child is encouraged to use continuous movements by keeping their pencil on the page when they are writing letters and their name. This supports correct letter formation and developing cursive script. It does not matter if your child's writing is large at this stage, their handwriting will reduce in size as they gain more control and confidence.

If you feel you have anything you could contribute to our topic work or would like to help in Hedgehog class, for example, listening to children read, then I would love to hear from you. Similarly, if at anytime you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,

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