



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I am very excited to be joining Stag class this term and am looking forward to getting to know you and the children. I hope you all had a fantastic break and I hope that the children are refreshed and ready for term 6.

Our curricular theme this term is 'Healthy me'. We will be learning how to keep our bodies and minds healthy and understand why this is so important. We will also be working hard on our performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Please refer to our school website for information about our learning this term. If you would prefer a hard copy please come in and let me know and I'll be happy to help.

Routines:

Please ensure that your child checks that they have the following each day:

- Reading book and completed reading diary.
- Healthy snack- eg. a piece of fruit or vegetable.
- P.E. kit-for indoor and outdoor PE.

Could you please also check that your child's name is clearly visible in their PE and swimming kits.

Home Learning

Home learning is an important part of your child's education. The home learning set will be planned to reinforce the work being covered in class. Each home learning activity is set on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday. If there is any part of the home learning that your child does not understand, they can always bring it back into school and I will be happy to go through it with them.

Spellings

Spelling rules will be taught in class on a Monday and consolidated throughout the week and then the children will be given spellings related to this spelling rule on a Friday. They will be expected to learn these spellings ready for their weekly test on the following Friday. They will be encouraged to use the LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK method to learn their spellings. Each week the children will be asked to use each of their spellings correctly in an interesting sentence that makes sense and is correctly punctuated. These will be due in on Wednesdays.

Times Tables

Learning times tables at a home really can make a huge difference to your child's learning. Your child will use their times tables knowledge in so many different areas in maths and home support plays a vital role in the development of your child's numeracy understanding. We will be focussing on a different 'table of the week' each week and children should learn their table facts regularly, through recall and when confident, learning any corresponding division facts. There are many fun games online to help support your child's learning, please come in and ask me if you would like to know more information about the games available.

Daily Reading

Your child will continue to bring home a reading and a library book every day to share with you. I would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is that you read with your child for 10-15 minutes each day, sign the reading and make any necessary comments in the Reading Diary. I aim to check the Diaries on a daily basis so I can keep up to date with Stag Class' progress. Although many children in Year 4,5 and 6 can read independently, it is still very beneficial for them to read to an adult regularly to discuss the content and meaning of what has been read.

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

There is an initiative by the school with an aim to raise standards in maths. These tasks will be closely linked to and therefore support their school Maths learning. The children will be expected to know these KIRFs by the end of each term and will be tested on them.

Final Reminders

I would like to remind you about children bringing a healthy snack for morning breaks and whilst they are in school, remembering to fill up their school plastic water bottles that we keep in the classroom. It is so important that the children are kept well hydrated and a break time snack makes a huge difference to their mid-morning learning.

We request that all money brought in to school be placed in an envelope with your child's name, the reason for payment, and the amount enclosed on the front.

I, like other staff in the school, operate an 'open door' policy. This means that I am always happy for parents and carers to come into class to see what we do, how the children learn and see the wonderful variety of work that we produce.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries. Should you need to contact me for any reason, please do so via either: the school office telephone number, your child's reading diary or call in before school to arrange a meeting.

Many thanks,
Laura Chesterfield