



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a great half term. The term is going to be another busy time with lots of new learning opportunities.

Our curriculum focus will continue with 'Vikings' and we will also be looking at how to keep a healthy body and planet. Please see the class website for our topic map and kirfs. If you would prefer to have a paper copy, please ask and we can provide you with one.

During the week beginning 11th June, the Year 1 children will be doing phonics screening tests. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It will identify pupils who need extra help to improve their decoding skills. The check consists of 20 real words and 20 pseudo-words that a pupil reads aloud to the teacher.

Routines:

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

Book bag with:

- Reading diary to be completed on a daily basis.
- P.E. kit for indoor and outdoor PE, which needs to be in all week as PE times may vary.
- **Forest school clothes – a top and joggers that you don't mind getting dirty with wellies.**
- Swimming kit will be required on Fridays.

As always, you are welcome to help your child change their books when they arrive in the morning before registration.

During the mornings, the children will be expected to put their book bag in the box, hand in their reading diaries and put their sports kit and clothes on their peg. There will be activities on the table or on the board for the children to complete during the morning activity. You are more than welcome to sit with your child and join in with their activity.

Please remember that PE kits should be in a drawstring bags which are clearly labelled. This makes it easier for the children to hang their belongings up on their peg. Could you also please check that your child's name is clearly visible in their PE kit and school uniform with a permanent marker. This will allow the children to easily identify their belongings in school.

Reading – Your child will continue to bring home a reading book every day to share with you. In Squirrel Class, we recommend a minimum of fifteen minutes reading per day, ensuring adults sign off the daily reading in the Reading Diaries with the name of the book, its level and any comments about their reading and understanding. I will check the Reading Diaries daily. It is very beneficial for your child to read to an adult regularly which will build their knowledge of different words and help them gain confidence with their reading. Please ensure that you discuss their understanding of the text.

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

This half term our focus is times tables and related division facts. Please see the ideas of how you can support your child.

Home Learning

Home learning is an important part of your child's learning and Year 2 will continue to have an activity set each week which is linked to work they are doing in class. Year 1 will continue to have handwriting set each week. Books are due in on a Monday and will be sent home each Thursday.

Snack - Your child will be provided with a healthy snack daily, during break time.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to see me about anything please contact me.

My email is dmccutcheon@swsf.org or you can catch me before or after school.

Thank you,

Mr. McCutcheon