



# BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone. Our curricular theme this term is continuing with 'Vicious Vikings' then moving onto 'Healthy Me'. In Fox Class we will be looking at pollution in the seas and rivers. We will also be working on our Key Stage 2 production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which, hopefully, will be great fun.

As always, the children are actively encouraged to bring items linked to our curricular theme in from home, to share with the class, as this fuels their enthusiasm and aids deeper levels of learning. Thank you again for your continuing support in this.

## **Routines:**

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

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

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

## **PE/Swimming**

We plan to continue ***swimming on Wednesday*** afternoon each week, so please make sure your child has their swimming kit on this day. Now the weather is getting warmer, we will aim to make use of the school's swimming pool. Please can the children have both PE and swimming kits in school, ideally every day. Could you please also check that your child's name is clearly visible in their PE kit, as this does help lost items being returned to their owners. Devon County Council require that jewellery, including earrings and studs, be removed for P.E. and related activities for health and safety reasons.

## **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

I want to focus on improving spellings, so a list will be given out most weeks. These spellings will be tested to help the children be more aware of accuracy. Children should be able to apply their spellings to their own written work and not just in an isolated test. For their spelling home learning tasks, they should learn their words using a 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE and CHECK' method and as an extension to this the children should then be able to put each of the words into a 'WOW' sentence to show they understand the meaning.

### Times Tables

Children should learn their table facts regularly, through recall and when confident, learning any corresponding division facts. The Government are hoping to introduce a times table test in the future, at the end of year 4 (not this academic year). So, the children will need to be able to recall their tables confidently and quickly. Last term the children were practising their times table facts on SumDogs and I hope they will continue to do so this term as well as their home learning and KIRFs. It really does help the children with their maths skills.

### 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 daily so I can keep up to date with Fox Class' progress.

Although many children in Year 3 and Year 4 can read independently, it is still very beneficial for them to read to an adult regularly to discuss their understanding of a text. Children will need to demonstrate a critical understanding of a text and consider why an author has made particular choices in their writing.

### 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.

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,

Rachel Rudd