



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas.

A quick reminder that you can now find the curriculum overview for this academic year on the school website: <https://bampton.school.org/curriculumoverview/>

This term, Stag class will be learning about the **Windrush Generation** in both History and Reading. Our focus in English begins with third-person narratives, writing adventure stories. In Maths, we will begin with fractions, while also refreshing our arithmetic and calculation skills. In Computing we will be learning to programme our new Micro:bits, which the children are very excited about.

Routines:

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

- Water bottle
- Reading book and reading diary
- Chromebook (charged and ready for learning)
- Waterproof coat
- Healthy snack

Uniform

- Your child should be wearing the correct uniform as specified in the uniform policy on the school website. This is:
 - Black shorts/trousers/skirt
 - White polo shirt
 - Red logo jumper/cardigan
 - Black shoes

We have plenty of second-hand uniform in school. Please ask if you would like some in exchange for a small donation – we would love to free up the space and have the uniform be used!

PE

This term we will continue to have PE on a Monday and a Friday. The children will need to come to school **dressed in their PE kits** on these days. PE kit is:

- Red logo T-shirt
- Black shorts/joggers/leggings
- Black trainers
- Red/black logo jumper. (We are phasing out the black PE jumpers.)

Please also note that Devon County Council requires that jewellery, including earrings and studs, be removed for PE 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 week, home learning activities are set on a Friday. The home learning will frequently be set as an online activity (e.g. EdShed or SATS Companion), so your child must take home their Chromebook.

Times Tables

Children should practise their times table facts as often as possible, through recall, counting up and back in that multiple and, when confident, learning any corresponding division facts. Every child has been registered onto Times Tables Rock Stars and given a login and password so that they can practise their times tables on their Chromebooks at home.

Daily Reading

We continue our focus on reading for pleasure. The children have really enjoyed seeing their word counts progress and are rising to the challenge of reading more. As well as listening to your children read, please do read to them as well – it's such a good way of fostering an enduring love for books and stories, especially if your child finds reading independently a challenge. There is an option for 'I listened to this book' for the children taking quizzes on AR.

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book to share with you.

Please would you:

- Read with your child for 10-15 minutes per day
- Discuss the text with your child to check their understanding
- Sign the reading diary
- Ensure your child brings their diary into school **every day**. It will contain important logins and information pertinent to your child.

If you would like any resources to help with discussing books at home (e.g. ideas for questions), do let me know.

I have an open door policy, so please feel free to come into the classroom in the morning as the children settle into their morning task.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Many thanks,

Mrs Chant

Stag Class Teacher