



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the Easter holidays and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready to continue their learning in Hedgehog class.

Our key question this half-term is '**Why is there a Castle Street in Bampton?**' which we will explore across our curriculum. In History we will be learning about different types of castles. We will be visiting the site of the Motte and Bailey castle in Bampton and our trip will be to Dunster Castle on 9th May which you have already received information about.

We will also be looking at life cycles of plants and animals this term, and hopefully the weather will warm up enough to grow some food!

The rest of this letter provides you with some information that you will find useful for the term ahead.

Routines:

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

- A **water bottle** that can be filled up from the classroom tap.
- Their **reading book** and **reading diary**
- Please could your child bring a **waterproof coat** into school every day.
- Your child should be wearing the correct uniform as specified in the uniform policy on the school website.

PE and Swimming sessions

We will have our PE lessons on **Monday** and **Friday**. This term we will be swimming. Please ensure your child has a swimming bag with the following;

- swimming costume (boys need slim fit trunks/shorts, not "boardie style" shorts)
- goggles
- towel

Devon County Council requires that jewellery, including earrings and studs, be removed for P.E. and related activities for health and safety reasons

Daily Reading

Your child will continue to bring home their Read, Write, Inc reading and book bag book 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, then sign the reading diary and make any necessary comments. We check the diaries on a weekly basis. 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. We have a regular reading raffle in school in which children who have been reading regularly at home are entered to win a book.

Snack

Reception children are provided with a healthy snack daily just before break time as this is funded by the government for all children in EYFS and KS1.

As always, I believe in 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,

Mr. McCutcheon
Hedgehogl Class Teacher