



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Foxes! I am genuinely looking forward to getting to know you and immersing myself in teaching this year. I hope that the children share my enthusiasm for the new school year ahead. We are poised for an exciting time of learning, and I hope the children thoroughly enjoy what we will be exploring together.

Our key question this half-term is, "How did life in Britain change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?". This intriguing topic will be central to our History lessons, and we plan to enhance our learning with a trip to Kents Cavern, where the children will have the opportunity to discover how Stone Age people lived.

In English, we will commence the term by focusing on poetry that delves into the theme of emotions. Following this, we shall explore first-person narrative descriptions, leading into non-chronological reports. During our guided reading sessions, we will engage with the texts 'Greta and the Giants', which chronicles the life of Greta Thunberg, and 'Pebble in My Pocket', which traces the journey of a pebble from the Stone Age to the present day.

Our Maths focus for the beginning of the year will be on place value, which will lay a solid foundation for the forthcoming topics.

Should you wish to find out more about our curriculum this year, please refer to the Fox page on the school website.

The remainder of this letter contains important information and recommendations that I trust you will find useful for the term ahead.

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

- A water bottle that can be filled from the classroom tap.
- Reading book and reading diary.
- Chromebook, fully charged at home.

It is advisable for your child to bring a waterproof coat to school every day, especially as we transition into autumn and winter. If a sunny day is forecast for September, kindly ensure that your child brings a hat and has applied sun cream before school. Furthermore, please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform as stipulated in the uniform policy on the school website.

PE Days: PE lessons will be held on Mondays and Fridays. The children are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kits and appropriate footwear. As per Devon County Council regulations, all jewellery, including earrings and studs, must be removed for PE and related activities for health and safety reasons.

Homework: Homework is a vital component of your child's education. It will be assigned to support your child's understanding of the material covered in class. Homework is set on Thursdays via Google Classroom. Additionally, I encourage the children to read each night and to participate in TTRockstars and Spelling Shed throughout the week, with a specific task assigned each week. Your child's login and password can be found glued into the front of

their reading diary. Should you encounter any difficulties accessing these resources, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Snack: Children in Key Stage 2 are not provided with a snack, so it is essential that they bring one from home, as they often feel hungry before lunchtime.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any concerns or questions.

Many thanks,

Miss Holloway
Fox Class Teacher