



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! First and foremost, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas with your friends and family. I would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and well wishes I received. They were all much appreciated.

Our topic is 'Continents and Dinosaurs' which we will explore across our curriculum. We will be learning the names of continents and oceans, animals and habitats, and culture from different countries.

For further information on our curriculum this year please look at the Hedgehog class page on the school website.

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/sheet** and **reading diary**
- Please could your child bring a **waterproof/warm coat** into school every day
- Your child should be wearing the correct uniform as specified in the uniform policy on the school website.

PE sessions

We will have our PE lesson on **Thursday** and **Friday**. The children will need to come to school dressed appropriately without having the need of a separate PE kit bag left in school.

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

Reading

This term, the children will be taking home 'Ditty' sheets. This is the next step in the Read Write Inc journey. The sheets will have sentences that the children have practised in school already. Please practise these with your child. We aim to send home at least 2 per week. You will notice that the sheets have **red** words. These are words that the children cannot sound out, they simply have to learn them.

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 EY 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,

Dale McCutcheon
Hedgehog Class Teacher