



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Our key question this half-term is 'How do the places where people live in the UK affect what they do and how they live?'. The key question will be explored through our work in Geography. In science we will be becoming taxonomists by learning how to classify animals. In English we are going to be starting the half-term by looking at advanced instructional writing. We will then be looking at performance poetry and first person narrative descriptions. In maths we will be starting to look at length and perimeter and fractions. In computing we will be completing some data logging and analysing.

As the weather gets warmer we will be taking our learning outside as often as possible so please make sure your child has a clearly named jumper.

For further information on our curriculum this year please look at the Fox 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** and **reading diary** (Mrs Standford and I aim to look at these everyday)
- 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 days

We will have our PE lesson on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. 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.

Homework

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. Homework tasks will be planned to recap the learning that we have been doing in class. Each week an activity is set on Thursday to be handed in the following Thursday. I have noticed that some children have not completed any homework since the start of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that homework should be completed, unless in exceptional circumstances.

Daily Reading

Reading should be happening everyday whether this is your child reading independently or with you. Reading for 10-15 minutes each day helps your child with both their reading and writing. If your child is on the phonics program it is important to reinforce their learning of the sound at home to help them to build their knowledge. In class children complete AR quizzes on their books which then provide information on what gaps children have in their reading understanding. Mrs Standford and I are endeavouring to check reading diaries everyday, that being said it is your child's responsibility to put their diary in the basket.

Snack

Snacks are **not** provided in KS2. Please make sure that your child has a healthy snack for break time to ensure that they are energised for their learning.

Please feel free to get in contact with me by emailing the office or writing in your child's reading diary if you have any queries.

Thank you

Miss Holloway and Mrs Standford

Fox Class