



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. I am really looking forward to having the children back in class and starting our learning for this year.

Our key question over the next few weeks is '**How do I make the most out of the coming school year?**' in which we will explore how we can put into practise our new school values and also look at how we learn as individuals through the study of metacognition. Following that, we will move onto a science based topic where we will look at '**How does electricity interact with different materials?**'

Both of these topics will help to inspire our writing as we are now using a more cross-curricula approach in school which we hope will increase your child's engagement in learning even further. We will be focussing on both reflective writing, to deepen and expand our learning, as well as writing up our scientific experiments and exploring how we need to adapt our language for both of these.

In Maths we will be starting with place value and then working on our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.

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**
- There is no need to bring in a rucksack or large bag into school as we do not have much space in the cloakroom area.
- Please could your child bring a **waterproof coat** into school **every day**, especially as the weather tends to deteriorate during autumn and the onset of winter.
- If it is due to be a sunny day in September could your child bring in a **hat** and have an application of **sun cream**.
- 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 lessons on **Monday** 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.

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 and due in on the following Thursday. This will be completed in your child's home learning books though there will also be additional materials that can be completed online if your child needs to practice more.

Year 5 and 6 Spellings

A list of spellings are given out every week based on the national curriculum or particular spelling strategies being learnt in class that week. I then test the children on these spellings the following Friday. We will be regularly learning, practising and testing these words so that they become completely internalised by the child. Children should be able to apply their spellings to their own written work and not just in an isolated test. Spelling lists are stuck into the homework books every Friday and the supporting spelling rule is set on Spelling Shed to support your child's spelling practice.

Times Tables

Children should learn their table facts as often as possible, through recall, counting up and back in that multiple and, when confident, learning any corresponding division facts. Your child has been registered onto Times Tables Rock Stars and regular practice of this at home is hugely beneficial for their confidence and ability.

Daily Reading

Reading is extremely important for your child's development and is proven to help in all areas of learning. Please read regularly with your child as well as encouraging them to read independently. We advise that your child should be reading for at least twenty minutes each day on top of what they do at school. This will be monitored by the completion of quizzes on Accelerated Reader and the progress that they make towards their reading assessments.

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

Many thanks,

Mr Narramore
Stag Class Teacher