



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back (or welcome to) Foxes! I am really looking forward to getting to know our new foxes and to continuing to see the progress of the children moving up from Year 4. I hope the children share my enthusiasm for the exciting year ahead.

Our first key question this year is: *"How can we make our classroom the best place to learn?"* During this unit, we will explore our new school values and think about metacognition in the classroom. We will then move on to answer *"Why are plants important and how do they grow?"* before finishing the half term with *"Why are human and physical features so important to the people that live near them?"*

In Maths, we will begin with a focus on place value, which will provide a strong foundation for the topics that follow.

If you would like to find out more about our curriculum, please visit the Fox Class page on the school website.

The rest of this letter contains some key information and reminders for the term ahead.

Routines

Please ensure your child brings the following items to school each day:

- A water bottle (refillable from the classroom tap)
- Their reading book and reading diary
- A waterproof coat

Children should also be wearing the correct school uniform, as outlined in the policy on the school website.

PE Days

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit and appropriate footwear.

In line with 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 plays an important role in supporting your child's learning.

- A **half-termly homework sheet** will be sent home, which will include weekly spellings.
- Spellings will be tested on **Fridays**.
- Homework will be set on **Thursdays** and should be returned the following **Thursday** (to avoid the Friday rush!).
- Children are encouraged to read daily (please record this in reading diaries) and to use **TT Rockstars** and **Spelling Shed** regularly throughout the week.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage 2 are not provided with a snack. Please ensure your child brings one from home, as many children feel hungry before lunch, which can affect their focus and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Miss Holloway

Fox Class Teacher