



## BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday. For those of you who have been in our nursery, welcome back! For those who are new to our school, welcome to Bampton school!

You can now find the curriculum overview for this academic year on the school website: <https://bampton.school.org/curriculumoverview/> Our whole school curriculum focus this term is PSHE.

This term, the Hedgehog class topic will be Why am I amazing? We will be thinking about who we are, where we have come from and where we might end up in the future! We will also have a focus on people who help us. To create a timeline of the children's lives, we would please ask if children could bring in a photo of themselves as a baby and toddler. We will copy these pictures and return promptly. We will also be thinking about people in our community who help us. If you would like to come into class to give a presentation on your profession or volunteering, please speak to me or the school office.

### **Assessment:**

This year we will be using Tapestry, an online assessment tool which shares your children's learning throughout the year. Details will come home in the near future.

### **Routines:**

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

- Water bottle
- Reading book and reading diary
- Waterproof coat
- Hat and sun cream if sunny
- Milk and fruit will be issued daily

### **Uniform**

- Your child should be wearing the correct uniform as specified in the uniform policy on the school website. This is:
  - Black shorts/trousers/skirt
  - White polo shirt
  - Red logo jumper/cardigan
  - Black shoes

We have plenty of second-hand uniform in school. Please ask if you would like some in exchange for a small donation – we would love to free up the space and have the uniform be used!

### **PE**

This term we will have PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday. The children will need to come to school **dressed in their PE kits** on these days. PE kit is:

- Red logo T-shirt
- Black shorts/joggers/leggings
- Black trainers
- Red/black logo jumper. (We are phasing out the black PE jumpers.)

Please also note that Devon County Council requires that jewellery, including earrings and studs, be removed for PE and related activities for health and safety reasons.

### **Daily Reading**

In school, we are having a big push on reading for pleasure this year. I'm looking forward to having lots of avid readers in the classroom! Reception children will begin the year taking home a book to be shared with parents, before eventually have a reading book which the child will have practised in school and can read themselves. We very much want reading at home to be an enjoyable experience for the child, rather than expect adults to teach reading. There will be frequent workshops for parents throughout the year on how to do this. Dates of the first workshops will be announced next week.

I have 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,

*Mr. McCutcheon*  
Hedgehog Class Teacher