



BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the Easter holidays and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready to continue their learning in Squirrel class. This term our class will continue to be supported by Mrs Davey.

In literacy we will start the term reading Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey and using this text we will retell the story practising question and exclamation sentences as well as including more exciting verbs in our writing and extended noun phrases. In Science we move onto a new theme 'How does your garden grow'. As part of this topic we will be visiting RHS Rosemoor on Wednesday 20th May to take part in the workshop titled 'How Plants Grow: Discovering, Exploring and Investigating Plants'. Trip details will follow shortly.

For further information on our curriculum this year please look at the Squirrel 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**
- There is no need to bring in a rucksack or large bag into school as we do not have space in the cloakroom area. Please continue to bring your child's book bag which we will keep in trays.
- Please could your child bring a **waterproof coat** so we can continue to play outside regardless of the odd rain shower.
- Your child should be wearing the correct uniform as specified in the uniform policy on the school website.

PE and Swimming sessions- Swimming to start 5th May

We will have our swimming lessons on a **Tuesday** and on **Wednesday** afternoons from 5th May. The children will need to come to school dressed appropriately without having the need of a separate PE kit bag left in school. Please ensure that your child's swimming kit bag is named and contains the following:

- swimming costume (boys need slim fit trunks/shorts, not "boardie style" shorts)
- goggles
- towel

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

Times Tables

Children should learn their table facts (2 times table in Year 1 and 2, 5 and 10 for Year 2) as often as possible, through recall, counting up and back in that multiple and, when confident, learning any corresponding division facts. Every child in Year 1 and 2 has been registered onto Times Tables Rock Stars and has been given a login and password again so that they can practise their times tables at home.

Children in both Year 1 and 2 should also be logging onto Numbots (using the same username and password) to increase their number fluency and practise skills they have learnt in class.

Daily Reading

Your child will continue to bring home their Read, Write, Inc reading and book bag book to share with you. I would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is that you read with your child for 10-15 minutes each day, then sign the reading diary and make any necessary comments. We check the diaries on a daily basis. It is very beneficial for your child to read to an adult regularly which will build their knowledge of different words and help them gain confidence with their reading. Please ensure that you discuss their understanding of the text.

Snack

Year 1 and 2 children are provided with a healthy snack daily just before break time as this is funded by the government for all children in 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,

Miss Johnstone
Squirrel Class Teacher