BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

Our first enquiry question this half-term is *'How did Isambard Kingdom Brunel change Britain?'*. We will then be looking at narrative writing and will be answering the question *'What do Hindus believe God is like?'*. In maths we are looking at fractions and time. It would be helpful to support your child's learning at home by asking them to tell you the time on a variety of clocks.

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.

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** (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 and Swimming sessions- Swimming to start 5th May

We will have our swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon 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.

Homework

Homework will be the spelling sheet for the week to help embed the spellings that we will be learning in class - sent home on a Friday. The spellings for the half term is at the bottom of this letter for your convenience.

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 their writing. In class children complete AR quizzes on their books which then provide information on what gaps children have in their reading understanding. I endeavour 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 Halloway

Fox Class

Step 25: **Words with the suffix '-er'**
teacher, stretcher, dispatcher, catcher, butcher, richer, scorcher, preacher, cruncher, watcher
Step 26: **Words where the digraph 'ch' makes a /k/ sound**
scheme, chorus, echo, chemist, character, stomach, monarch, school, anchor, chaos
Step 27: **Words ending in '-gue' and '-que'**
vague, league, plague, fatigue, antique, dialogue, unique, grotesque, plaque, mosque
Step 28: **Words where the digraph 'sc' makes a /s/ sound**
science, scene, discipline, scissors, ascends, scented, fascinate, scenery, crescent, descend
Step 29: **Words that are homophones**
ball, bawl, break, brake, male, mail, fair, fare, berry, bury