



# BAMPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Hedgehog Class, I hope that you have had a great summer and are looking forward to a new school year.

Our first curriculum topic for the year will be '**Childhood**'. We will begin the topic with a focus on settling the children back into school and thinking about ourselves. The children will have the opportunity to talk about their families and think about childhood today, linking this to their own interests. We will then compare childhood in the 1950s to childhood today, finding out about different toys and artefacts, as well as comparing everyday life. Alongside our topic, we will be settling into the rules and routines of school and supporting the children to make new friends and feel confident in their class. You can find out more about our topic and what will be covered across each subject in the topic web and your child will also bring home a knowledge organiser for the topic. These detail key facts and knowledge that we want the children to learn through their topic work. We will use these to revisit learning throughout the topic and they are also an excellent tool to support learning between school and home.

This letter provides you with some information that you will find useful for the rest of term/year ahead.

## **Routines:**

Please ensure that your child has the following each day:

- A water bottle that can be filled up from the classroom tap.
- Their reading books and reading diary which must be brought into school on a daily basis.
- Children do not need a rucksack to bring in items from home such as a toys, stationery or a snack. Snack is provided for them daily in class. They should use a book bag as this is sufficient for letters, diaries and reading books.
- Please could your child bring a waterproof coat into school every day, especially as the weather tends to deteriorate during autumn and towards the onset of winter. Named wellies that your child can keep in school are also useful as we access the outside area all year in all weathers.
- 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**

We will have outdoor PE lessons this term. We will have our PE lessons on a Monday, so the children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit without having the need of a separate PE kit bag left in school. Devon County Council require that jewellery, including earrings and studs, be removed for P.E. and related activities for health and safety reasons.

### **Reading:**

Your child will bring home a reading book every day 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. I aim to 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. We have a regular reading raffle in school in which children who have been reading regularly at home are entered to win a book.

### **School Kit:**

Please ensure that all your child's clothes and belongings are **clearly named**, this includes PE kits and shoes.

### **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. This will include handwriting practice of the sounds we have learnt each week in phonics, as well as the Tricky Word of the Week, so your child can practice spelling it and spotting it when reading books. Each week, home learning activities are set on a Friday. This year homework (including spellings) will be put onto our Hedgehog Class Seesaw page. I will send out a separate email with details of how to access our Seesaw page. If there is any part of the home learning that your child does not understand, please do get in contact through Seesaw or come and speak to me.

### **Year 1 spellings**

A list of spellings are given out every week based on the common exception words for Year 1 or related to phonics or particular spelling strategies being learnt in class that week. 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. For their spelling home learning tasks, they should learn their words using a 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE and CHECK' method

Hopefully, the Autumn Term will be enjoyable for all the children, staff and parents associated with Hedgehog class. I believe in an 'open door policy', so you are welcome to come into the Hedgehog classroom with your child in the morning as they settle into their morning task. However, please note that due to safeguarding procedures, parents/carers may only come into the classroom and not accompany children to the toilet etc.

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

Many thanks,

Miss Lancelles