



Bathampton Primary School
Together on a learning adventure
Class Two Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year in Class Two. This letter will introduce you to the class and hopefully help you to support your child's learning.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Superheroes'. Children can bring their own experiences to this topic and are welcome to bring in and share any resources or information they may have at home. Please see the attached topic web to find out more about what the children will be learning this term.

Staff

This year I have PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time on a Tuesday afternoon. This will be covered by Mrs Kelly who is very familiar with the class. Mrs Kelly will also work in class on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Mrs Garrard will be in class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Curriculum and Assessment

Children will be taught, assessed and reported on their mastery of the curriculum. At the end of the year they will complete national reading and maths tests. Please be reassured that children will have plenty of preparation and practise of the test materials and will see these assessments as no different to everyday classroom activities.

Reading

Please try to hear your child read at least four times a week at home. This will make a huge difference, not only having a positive impact upon their reading skills, but also on their writing and spelling. Please encourage your child to read with expression and to express opinions about the characters in the story, the plot and what might happen next. It is also worth spending time reading to your child as their story telling and writing reflects the phrases and ideas they hear.

Books can be found on the bookcase outside the classroom door. If your child needs a new book, please help him/her to choose one from the appropriate colour in the morning, before class starts. I will try to ensure that an adult will listen to your child read at school each week; however, at certain times of the year this may not be possible.

We always welcome parent helpers who are willing to listen to the children read. Equally, if you would like to be involved in our Better Reading Partnership scheme and can commit to working with one child two to three times a week for a block of ten weeks then please speak to Mrs Kelley.

Reading Challenge

In order to encourage children's enthusiasm for reading, KS1 will continue to do the reading challenge. Children that read four or more times a week will be rewarded with a sticker in their sticker chart every Friday. A further reward will be given to those who do this every week at the end of every term.



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Spelling

A list of spellings for each week will be placed in your child's book bag on a Monday. These spellings will be presented in a handwriting practise format. Please help your child to learn their spellings each week. Many children find the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method of learning spellings helpful. Others enjoy learning them through spelling apps such as Squeebles. Your child will be tested in class with the words listed the following Monday.

Handwriting

In Class Two we will be working on improving handwriting and working towards the next Handwriting Milestone. To achieve Milestone 1, all letters need to be formed correctly. To achieve Handwriting Milestone 2, all letters need to be sitting correctly on the line and need to be consistent in size. If your child is on course to achieve Handwriting Milestone 3, all letters need to be joined correctly. A pen will be awarded to those children who achieve this milestone.

Maths

Children will continue to work on their Maths Milestones. If your child is yet to achieve Milestone 1 (number bonds to 10) any work related to the recall of all pairs of numbers that make 10 is invaluable. Those working towards Milestone 2 will benefit from any help with knowing pairs of numbers to make 20.

By the end of Year Two all children are expected to know their multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 and the related division facts, including multiples of 2, 5 and 10. They will need to know the tables off by heart and to be able to recall multiplication facts out of context and possibly using a range of vocabulary e.g. What is six lots of five, or six times five? What happens if you divide thirty by five? What are the multiples of five to fifty? This will help them to complete Timetable Milestone 1.

If you would like to do additional numeracy work at home with your child it is possible to log on to RM Easimaths using their login from year one.

Alternatively, lots of fun and interactive games can be found for free by searching online, such as top marks maths KS1 and BBC maths games KS1.

Homework

Each week your child will be given Literacy or Maths homework to complete relating to work covered in class. It is expected that your child completes the tasks set independently. To support your child with these tasks a hundred square and multiplication table will be provided. Homework will be set every Monday and will be due back to school the following Monday.

IT

E-safety is now part of our curriculum. At Bathampton, we try to take a proactive approach in educating children about how to stay safe online. E-safety links can be found on the school website (general help and advice for parents) or by following the link below.

<http://bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/index.php/learning-adventure/learning-games/>



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Library Books and Maths Games

Your child will have the opportunity to choose a new book and maths game from the library each week. Please ensure that your child's library book and maths game are in their book bags so that they can be changed regularly.

Show and Tell

Each child will have the chance, at certain points during the year, to bring in an item of interest to share with the class. This develops key speaking and listening skills. The 'show and tell' bag will be given to children in turn throughout the year.

Punctuality

All children are asked to arrive in school punctually in the mornings and to say goodbye to parents and adults in the hall or cloakroom.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named bottle to school every day, filled with water (no squash or juice). Please ensure water bottles are also taken home every night and washed.

Uniform

Please make sure your entire child's uniform and PE kit is named.

PE

This term a specialist PE coach will teach the children PE on a Tuesday afternoon and a class lesson will take place on a Thursday afternoon.

PE kit:

Blue Bathampton t - shirt
Black or blue shorts
Socks for P.E.
Trainers
Tracksuit bottoms for outside games

Wellington boots

A pair of wellington boots are strongly recommended for each child, so they can play in the woods and on the field throughout the year. Please can you write your child's name in their boots and send them to school in a plastic bag.

Money

Please can you ensure that all money brought in to school be placed in an envelope with your child's name, the reason for payment, and the amount enclosed on the front.

Up and Coming Events

- Wednesday 20th September – Parent Induction meetings.
Times: 2.15pm – 3pm or 3.30pm – 4.15pm.
- Friday 20th October – INSET



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Dry Arch

As part of our outdoor education I have booked a visit to the Dry Arch project on Thursday 2nd November (the first week back after half term). A letter with full details will follow shortly.

Parent/teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place in the first fortnight after half term. A sign-up sheet will be up on Class Two's notice board week beginning 9th October with dates and time slots.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Miss Wills