



Bathampton Primary School
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Class Two Welcome Letter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Class Two and the start of an exciting new school year!

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know you and your child. The development of children's love of learning is very important; this, I believe, can be achieved by working closely together with you and your child throughout the year.

Timetable / Staff

A copy of your child's timetable is attached.

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

Punctuality

Please allow enough time to get your child to school punctually. The school day begins at 8:50; therefore, every child should be in school and ready to learn before this time. I ask that you say goodbye to children before they enter the classroom and any discussions you may wish to have with me (unless urgent) take place at the end of the school day when more time is available to talk at leisure.

Curriculum and Assessment

Children will be taught, assessed and reported on their MASTERY of the new curriculum. At the end of the year they will complete national maths reading and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) 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.

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. Please help your child to learn their spellings each week. Many children find the Look, Cover, Write, Check method of learning spellings helpful. Your child will be tested in class on the spelling list every Monday.

Maths

Children will continue to work on their 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. 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 Times table 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. We also recommend the maths practise and learn books (age 6-7), published by cgpbooks, which can be purchased online (www.cgpbooks.co.uk). 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

Starting in Term 2, your child will be given Literacy or Maths homework each week. It is expected that your child completes the tasks set independently. Homework will be set every Friday and will generally be due back to school the following Wednesday, unless stated otherwise

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/>

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, as this develops key speaking and listening skills. Please ensure that the items are relevant to our topic, educational or celebrating success (e.g. a certificate or medal).

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.



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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. This term, Class Two will benefit from PE coaching sessions with the Bath Coaching Hub on a Thursday afternoon, for six weeks.

PE kit:

Blue Bathampton t – shirt

Black or blue shorts

Black or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms for outside games

Socks for PE

Trainers

Wellington boots

Please encourage your child to bring wellington boots or outdoor shoes to school in order for them to play out on the field all year round. In lessons, it is also likely that we will go outside to support learning; outdoor shoes mean your child won't be coming home with muddy school shoes! Please make sure that all outdoor shoes are named and kept on the wellington stand outside, labelled 'Class Two'.

Up and Coming Events

- **Playwood** - Friday mornings (September 7th, 14th, 28th, October 12th, November 9th)
- **PE hub sessions** - Thursday afternoons (September 13th, 20th, 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th)
- **Storytelling event at Guildhall** – Tuesday 2nd October (more information to follow)
- **Parent Teacher Consultations** – 23rd and 24th October (more information to follow)

If you have any queries or there is something you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to speak to me during the week, at the end of the school day.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rachel Corcoran