



Bathampton Primary School

Together on a learning adventure

Class Four Welcome Letter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Class Four 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. Alongside me, working with smaller groups of children, will be Mrs Cox, a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, who is already familiar with the class and their individual needs.

Timetable / PPA time

A copy of your child's timetable is attached.

You will note on the timetable there are periods marked as Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time. My PPA, on Tuesday afternoons, will be covered by Mrs Cox, who will do spelling and handwriting with the class. This will be followed by a session with external PE coaches.

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.

Homework

Maths and Literacy

Children will receive either Maths or Literacy homework every week to reinforce learning. Homework will be set every **Friday** and should be completed and handed in by the following **Wednesday**. If your child has any problems with the homework, please encourage them to discuss this with me; a problem shared is a problem halved.

Reading

Reading is highly beneficial to children, as it exercises the brain, increases concentration and improves their language skills! Your child has the responsibility of changing his/her own reading book and will be given the opportunity to do so first thing every morning. I, too, will try to ensure that I hear your child read at least once a week, although at busy times of year this may not always be possible.

Spellings

Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a list of spellings to learn which will tie in with our spelling or Literacy learning. Practising these spellings at home can make a real difference as well as increase your child's confidence. These spellings will then be tested the following **Monday**.

Milestones

As you are aware, the school has developed a set of clear targets, which are called '**Milestones**'. In Maths, these include a focus on **number bonds and times tables**, while Milestones for Literacy focus on **handwriting**. Please encourage children to practice times tables regularly at home.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's **uniform and PE kit are named**, as it is extremely useful when an item of clothing goes walkabout!

Outdoor Shoes

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 Four'.

Physical Education

Children should have an appropriate **PE kit** (for both indoor and outdoor PE lessons) in school at all times. If, for any reason, your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please let me know either in person or in writing. The correct PE kit should include:

- a blue Bathampton t-shirt
- black or blue shorts
- a change of socks
- trainers
- tracksuit bottoms for outside games.

In Terms Four and Five, Class Four will have **swimming lessons** on Monday afternoons (within school time). More information to follow.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a **named bottle** to school every day, filled only with water (no squash or juice). Please remember to take water bottles home every night to wash them.

Dates for your Diary

- Playwood sessions – Every Friday morning, commencing 15th September, for 5 weeks
- Times Tables Milestone Tests – Week 2 of Term 2, 4 and 6

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. 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