



## Bathampton Primary School

### Class Three Welcome Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new year in Class Three.

#### Staff

This year, Ms Ovigne will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and, Wednesday mornings. Mrs Wood will be in class on Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cox will be working with groups throughout the week.

#### PPA time

You will note on the timetable there are periods marked PPA time. This is the teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. We are lucky that this time will be covered by Mrs Cox who is very familiar to all the children. PPA afternoons will occur on alternate Monday and Wednesday afternoons. All these sessions have been planned by us and we are confident that they will be delivered competently and without disruption.

#### Homework

Your child will continue to bring home a **reading** book every day to share with you. Most of these can be found in the classroom. **Now that the children have entered Key Stage Two they will be given the responsibility to change their own books, time will be given for this first thing in the morning.**

We will try to ensure that your child is heard read weekly by a teacher, teaching assistant or volunteer. However at certain times of the year, events may conspire to make this impossible.

Frequent reading sessions at home with a parent is key to a child's success in reading, but also in many other areas of the curriculum. It is important that you comment in the reading diaries giving at least the date and the page number reached, but preferably also a comment. We encourage the children to also record their own comments in their reading diaries. Shared reading and

discussion of the story are very helpful. 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. To encourage the children to continue reading at home we reward the children with a merit each week if they have read at least three times at home to an adult.

A list of **spellings** for each week will be placed in your child's spelling book after an initial spelling assessment has been undertaken. Please help your child to learn their spellings and other words with the same spelling pattern. Your child will be tested in class on Friday with the words listed. Spelling books will be returned to your child on Friday afternoon with a new set of words to learn. Please ensure that your child's spelling book is always brought into school in their book bag. Children will get fortnightly additional spelling homework set by Mrs Wood based on the sounds or rules they have been learning in class. Spare copies of the spellings can also be found on the class notice board.

Please help your child with their mental manipulation of **numbers** to increase their confidence and speed. This could include counting forwards and backwards from a given number, or simple addition and subtraction problems. These are great for long car journeys or bath times!

The children will continue to learn their multiplication facts throughout the year. A letter will be sent home outlining the tables to be learnt and the dates of the tests and Milestone testing. In addition fortnightly Maths homework will be set by Ms Ovigne.

### **Punctuality**

We would ask that all children arrive in school punctually in the mornings and say goodbye to parents and adults before coming into the classroom. We are keen to develop the pupils' independence at this time of day and there will be a starting activity in the classroom at 8.50.

Urgent messages can be passed to the teachers, but we would be grateful if most discussions could wait until the afternoon when the teachers will be able to talk at leisure.

### **Library/ Maths games**

Your child will have the opportunity to choose a new library book and Maths game to bring home (dates to be confirmed).

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure your child brings a named bottle to school every day, filled only with water (no squash or juice). We do not have facilities for them to have any

other drinks during the day, except with school dinners, and a dehydrated child cannot perform to their full potential. Please ensure water bottles are also taken home every night and washed.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure your entire child's uniform and PE kit is named, one school sweatshirt looks very like another!

Please could you also provide a named painting apron, which can be kept on their pegs or in the box in the classroom.

### **PE kit**

Blue Bathampton t – shirt

Black or blue shorts

Socks for P.E.

Trainers

Tracksuit bottoms for outside games

### **Money**

We request 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.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to see one of us.

Kind Regards Ms Ovigne and Mrs Wood

<b>Day</b>	<b>8.40–9.15</b>	<b>9.15–10.20</b>	<b>10.20 – 10.30</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>10.50 – 12.15</b>	<b>12.15 – 1.20 lunch</b>	<b>1.20 –2.55</b>		<b>3.00 – 3.15</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Reading	English	<b>Class Assembly/ RE</b>		Maths		Topic (alternate PPA)		Story
<b>Tue</b>	Reading	English	<b>School Assembly</b>		Maths		French/ICT		Story
<b>Wed</b>	Reading	Maths or English			P.E.		Music or Art (alternate PPA)		Story
<b>Thur</b>	Reading	Maths	<b>Singing Assembly</b>		English		Science		Story
<b>Fri</b>	Reading/ Spelling	English			Maths		School Assembly	Spelling	Games