

Bottisham Community Primary School



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Years 3 and 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,



Welcome back! We have enjoyed catching up with all that the children have been up to and the ways they have made the most of family time over the Summer. Thank you very much for all your kind gifts at the end of term- it was greatly appreciated! This newsletter includes all of the things we will be learning this term as well as the day-to-day housekeeping rules and routines that will differ to Key Stage 1. The teachers as well as the school team have been working over the summer to make sure the classrooms are clutter free, inviting and safe for our forth-coming Year 3 and 4 cohort!

Curriculum:

The first 3 weeks have been carefully planned out to include a lot of talking & listening activities to ease the children back into school. We have some amazing art projects planned and will be spending plenty of time outside being explorers in our school grounds. Our topic for the Autumn term is "Party Like a Roman". Children will learn about the transition period between the Stone Age and the Roman civilization and about the Roman heritage in Britain. This topic will run through many of our subjects to provide a common theme and context throughout their learning. We're looking forward to designing and making our own shields and learning about battle formations!



A class timetable and topic web covering key objectives will also be sent to you.

On Thursday mornings when Mrs Childs and My Legge have PPA (Planning, Preparation and Admin) time out of the classroom, PE will be taught by Mr Green and French will be taught by Mrs White.

What will they need?

Every day, children will need a **healthy and substantial morning snack** (no nuts please) and a **named water bottle** (not juice/ squash) which they will be able to access in the classroom. We will provide all the writing tools for them but they can bring in their own **small** pencil case. Please provide a full **named** PE kit: shorts, jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and comfortable trainers. Pencil cases can stay in school, but water bottles **must** go home daily to be cleaned and re-filled. We will provide the children with Home School Journals, which we ask they bring into school every day to record messages between home and school and also to record reading progress.

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Communication:

Much of the communication you will experience will be via Home School Journals, by email or telephone. We will be arranging a parent consultation this half term to let you know how your child has settled in. This will be by telephone or zoom call.

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Duncan Legge dlegge@bottishamprimary.org



Homework:

The children will be given a homework book in which to do their homework.

Every Friday (starting this week), homework will be set :

- x1 English task (this should take around 20 minutes) and a list of 10 spelling words to learn. Your child will also have ten words printed in the homework menu. We would like your child to practice the words on paper or on a computer. Children who would like to challenge themselves can write sentences with the words they practice. Every Friday, we will test the words they practiced.
- A times table to learn ready for a test the following Friday. We will be working through the times tables, using TT Rockstars as a resource. We will practice daily in class, but it is very important that the children build on this learning at home, by practicing for 5 minutes a day. We will have a weekly times tables test. Battles between classes will also take place!
- There is an expectation that children spend 10-15 minutes reading daily. This can be a reading book of their choice or one of the reading books from school. We don't mind what the children read, as long as it is logged in their home school journal. Any reading books they finish may have a quiz attached to it via Accelerator Reader. You can search for any book using this site: www.arbookfind.co.uk Time will be given for children to access reading comprehensions in class. This will also be made available on GC.



Your child will be coming home *next week* with all the log ins they will need to access our learning programs online. Homework should be **submitted the following Wednesday** so we have enough time to acknowledge and mark any work.

Maths and English guidance:

As the children progress through Key Stage Two, they will be learning new methods and strategies to help them in their learning. This is particularly the case in Maths where the children will be learning new written methods for solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division operations. In order to support parents in their understanding of the methods that the children are learning, we would like to draw your attention to the English and Maths booklets that are available to parents on the school website.

Maths: <http://www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk/website/mathematics/61205>

English: <http://www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk/website/english/61204>

We hope that your child has a fantastic Autumn term!

We very much look forward to working and learning together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Childs and Mr Legge

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