

Autumn Term 1

Bacton Primary School Reception Newsletter

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of our new families! We are very much looking forward to working together to make this an exciting and fulfilling first half term at school!

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us. The end of the day is preferable.

Mrs King

Each day you will need to bring:

- A named water bottle - please do NOT put these in book bags
- A healthy snack for the afternoon
- PE kit (to stay at school all half term)
- Book bag
- Books & reading diary

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on settling in, getting to know the children, exploring our classroom and learning key times and class routines.

We will be:

Matching, sorting and comparing amounts

Comparing size, mass and capacity

Exploring patterns

Look out for our weekly skills sheets that will keep you updated on our learning for the forthcoming week. Homework is set on a Friday and is due in by the following Thursday.

We will soon be holding a shared Math's morning so that you can see how this is taught at Bacton.

Reading books

We will be sending the children home with two different books each week. One, is a phonics book that they can sound out independently and the other, a library book that can be shared together. Please sign reading diaries (with a short comment) when you have read at home and ensure that books and diaries are in bags each day.

We will be learning to retell our favourite nursery rhymes and using these as a stimulus for our Wonderful Writing sessions on Fridays.

Phonics

We will be learning all of the sounds that the alphabet makes using Bug Club Phonics. First, we will learn the sounds and then blend them together to read simple words like, at, sat, it, pit. This is an important and exciting first step to reading. We will be holding a phonics meeting soon, when you can come in and see how this is taught and how best to support your child at home.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'All About Me!' We will be encouraging the children to talk to us about who is important to them and their likes and dislikes. We would love your child to bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby so that we can learn to compare similarities, differences and patterns of change.

Topics are a way to teach all subjects across the Early Years Foundation Stage, such as: Expressive Arts and Design, Understanding the World and Physical Development. We will be experimenting, exploring, painting, model making, cooking, as well as other activities to enhance your child's personal, social and emotional development.