

# Brize Norton Primary School



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Station Road, Brize Norton, OXON, OX18 3PL

Headteacher: Mrs R. Jones

Monday, 9th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. The children have all settled well in the first few days of the term. Key staff are Mrs Penn (Class Teacher), Mrs Stripe (Apprentice Teacher), Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Hicks (Teaching Partners.) I have PPA Tuesday PM and SENCo release time on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, which are all currently covered by Mrs Weeks.

## Arriving to School and Home time

Arrival time is 8:35 and children are picked up from the playground at 3:15pm. We would appreciate a prompt arrival as we begin formal lessons at 8:45. Children have named lockers to keep their belongings and an activity ready for them to begin when they arrive.

## Lessons

We are excited to say that this term, children in Year 2 will rejoin their peers each morning to have phonics, maths and literacy with Mrs Woodham-Davis. This supports a smooth transition and allows for these core subjects to be taught in year groups with smaller classes. In the afternoon, the whole class are back in Hercules for Science, PE, Music, Geography, History, Art and computing.

## PE

We will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. On these days children should come to school in PE kit. See school uniform policy – Navy shorts, white polo shirt and black or white trainers. If you child has a PE hoody, please can they only wear them on PE days. Hair tied back and only stud earrings as per policy. Forest school will be on Monday, next term for the children. Children need wet weather gear and wellies in school all year round for playtimes as we aim for children to be outside come rain or shine.

## Reading and homework

Please read at least 5 times a week and preferably read to an adult. Lots of discussion about the book and ask questions about characters and plot to aid comprehension. Please complete the reading record to show when your child has read. Children on Rocket Phonics



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books will have books changed once a week and reading records are checked each week. Free readers may be on a book for a little longer.

Homework will go out on Monday to be returned by Friday and will consist of a spelling activity, TTRS maths and a reading comprehension.

## Topic this term

We use the Sounds and Syllables curriculum for spelling. In Literacy we are using books by Author and Illustrator Michael Foreman to inspire our own writing. Maths begins with Place Value, Addition and subtraction. Our science focus is on materials and will include scientific investigations. This term we are studying Geography of Brize - Norton with a focus on map skills including keys, 4 compass directions and coordinates. RE is taught on a focus day each short term.

Please refer to the Medium -Term Plan for more detail.

## Communication

Communication between school and home is so important and I am at the door for quick messages each day, although you would need to book an appointment for a meeting that requires a lengthier discussion. I will send short messages via Class Dojo and you can contact me via Class Dojo. If you have urgent information, please make contact via the office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Mrs Penn (Class Teacher)



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