

Brize Norton Primary School



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Station Road, Brize Norton, OXON, OX18 3PL

Headteacher: Mrs R. Jones

Tuesday, 10th September 2024.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to school for the new school year and I do hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It has been lovely getting to know your children and listen to their exciting stories about what they have been getting up to over the holidays. I am certain we will all have a fulfilling and enjoyable year together.

In Voyagers class this year, I will be working with the very dedicated and knowledgeable Mrs Hicks, Mrs Sutherland and Miss Glenister. We are looking forward to supporting, encouraging and learning with your wonderful children.

Year 4 is an important year for the children as we prepare them to undertake the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is a Key Stage 2 assessment that is taken by all children in England. This usually takes place in June. The MTC's purpose is to ensure that the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. Year 5 will also benefit from this in order to consolidate their existing knowledge in this area, and together they will be setting an excellent example to our younger children.

We will be following the National Curriculum for all subjects, our learning objectives will originate from there, and this will be age appropriate. Support will be planned for those children who need it and challenge will be there for everyone. Our timetable and Medium Term plans will be on the website and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and the children can come into school in their PE kits. However, they must wear school uniform on all other days. Year 5 will be participating in swimming this term, so could they please bring the relevant swimming items, including a swimming hat and goggles. For safety reasons, those children with long hair must have it neatly tied back. In English, we are working on daily writing, which will include Spelling, Handwriting and Grammar, as well as being based on high quality texts, looking at rich vocabulary. In Science, we will be learning about different materials and building on prior learning from lower down the school. We will have an RE day later in the term and more details will follow about this nearer the time. Art/DT will also be linked to the History topic, which is the changing power of monarchs over time



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We continue to use the class Dojo system that will be useful for sending timely reminders or letting you know important information and key dates. For any concerns or more urgent and serious matters, please send a message to the office and I will call you as soon as I can to arrange a meeting if needed.

Homework will be designed to consolidate and work that is happening in the classroom and will be given on a Monday and is due back in on Friday, when we will discuss and mark together as a class. I know that we all lead busy lives but please try to take the time to discuss the tasks with your child, as this support will be invaluable. It will consist of:

- a task from the weeks spelling pattern from our 'Sounds and Syllables' scheme
- regular reading and reading record updates.
- times tables practice on Times Tables Rockstars (log in details are in reading records).
- a reading comprehension task.

As always, we will ensure that your child has a smooth transition into Year 4 and 5 in the coming weeks but please do contact us if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Baker.



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