

# Bawdsey CEVC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another term. I'm looking forward to all we have got planned for the next few months!

This term we will have **PE sessions on Thursday and Friday**. Children can continue to wear their PE kits to school. Class 4 will continue their **Forest School learning with Mrs. Rankin on a Friday** and are welcome to bring a suitable change of clothing for their outdoor sessions. Children still require a pair of indoor shoes and a pair of outdoor shoes at all times.

Flute lessons have not changed this term so the children still need to remember their flute and any relevant sheet music on a **Thursday**. **Please encourage your child practice at home.**

Whilst I am so glad that the children in Class 4 received so many lovely bits of stationery for Christmas, please can I remind all pupils and parents that one small pencil case with the essentials (pencil, pen, ruler, rubber) is all that is required in school. The children have plenty of equipment available in school! This avoids disappointment if items are lost or broken and stops children becoming distracted during lessons. Any unnecessary or large items will be sent home.

This term in English we are completing a unit of work that focuses on debating skills and vocabulary. This is a collaborative project that many schools across the local area are participating in. We will then be putting our skills on show and displaying all that we have learnt in a formal debate with other schools at Farlingaye High School! We are also going to be reading Beowulf by Michael Foreman and writing our own myths and legends as well as re-establishing the Bawdsey Gazette!

In maths we are focusing on long division before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages. I highly encourage the children to practise their times tables at home as speedy recall and solid understanding of fact families/times tables is invaluable during this unit. I'd like to remind parents and pupils that everyone has individual log ins for My Maths and Times Table Rockstars in which relevant homework is set weekly.

In science we are learning about states of matter and what makes items a solid, liquid or gas. In our first lesson we will be making representations of the different particles made from cheerios! We are very busy this term and we are studying both history and geography topics! In history we are learning all about the local area and how it has changed over time. We will be using local sources such as maps, censuses and artefacts to make inferences about the people who have resided in the area and how times have changed! In geography we are learning about population- both locally and globally.

In PSHE we are competing our 'computer safety' unit ahead of Internet Safety Week. We also have Children's Mental Health Week coming up! We are still enjoying 'wonderful Wednesdays' with Mrs Lincoln and will be doing Whole Class Reading (WCR), maths art and RE. In WCR we are reading The Explorer by Katherine Rundell and recapping time, money and angles in maths. In Art we are drawing portraits and in RE we are studying Christianity and the lead up to the Resurrection.

Best wishes, Miss Mee



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