



# Wootton Bassett Infants' School

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## Topic Letter - Buttercup and Blubell Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are delighted to be back at school and are looking forward to an interesting and enjoyable term.

We will start the term with a transition period, giving the children an opportunity to settle into their new classes. Later in the term, we will begin our first topic of the year- 'How we used to live' where we will be looking at what life would have been like during Victorian times. We have already enjoyed a treasure hunt in the school grounds where the children found clues about their new topic. We hope to have a couple of opportunities for the children to dress up as Victorians and role play the experience of children in that time. Further details will be forthcoming.

Please be aware that the children will be organised into their year groups for Maths and Phonics so during these lessons they may be taught by one of the other teachers in the school.

Our homework will consist of reading and spelling practice. Please could you support your child by listening to them read daily and recording their reading in their Reading Record. There is an expectation that you will read with your child at least 5 times a week. Every child who does this will receive a raffle ticket towards a prize draw at the end of each term. They will bring home a phonic decodable book which they should read at least 3 times before it is changed to build up fluency, expression and intonation.

In addition, the children will also be given spellings to learn each week. The spellings will be sent home in their Spelling Books on a Friday and should be practised during the week and returned to school on Thursday. Your support with reading and spelling is very much appreciated.

Finally, please can you support your child with maths at home by continuing to use DoodleMaths.

We hope you have an enjoyable term. If you have any questions, as always, please speak to us at drop off and pick up times or alternatively send an email.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tebbitt, Miss Pearce and Mrs Hughes.