

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Wootton Bassett Infants' school. Your class teachers are Mrs Bowditch, who teaches the class on a Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Crimp, who teaches Wednesday to Friday. In our class we have additional adults who help to support the children. Mrs Bullock is our class teaching assistant throughout the week and Miss Fairbanks works with us on a Wednesday morning.

This term our topic is called 'What makes me amazing'. We will be learning all about ourselves, our families and our 5 senses, as well as learning about autumn and practising songs for the Harvest Festival. We will be making use of the outside area and the field during this term and it would be very helpful if children could bring in a pair of named wellies to leave in school as the field can get muddy. We also ask for all children's clothes to be named as it helps us if anything goes missing! Please can all children bring in a named water bottle to use during the day. These will be sent home to be cleaned and refilled each day. As many of the children will be having hot dinners with us, we will be practising using a knife and fork in our playdoh and messy play and would very much appreciate it if you could continue to practise this at home.

We have PE on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays where the children need to bring a pair of shorts and a t-shirt to wear, as well as an outdoor appropriate PE kit such as jogging bottoms, t-shirt and daps/ trainers. We send these home to be washed each half term holiday. We appreciate that getting changed can be tricky but we do encourage the children to begin to get changed independently, so practising at home will help getting changed for PE run more smoothly.

Please bring book bags in each day. School newsletters and any correspondence from school, will be shared through text message links and on our school website. If you require messages to be sent to parents who do not live in the same household please contact the office. Letter, shape and number cards are included in book bags to practise letter and number formation. Also included is a maths sheet focussing on mental maths key instant recall facts.

Each week the children will bring home a colour-banded reading book and a decodable reading book (with words that can be sounded out) as well as a picture book from the classroom. Books will be changed weekly. There will be a coloured bookmark with suggested questions to support their reading and understanding of the book. Please feel free to write any comments in the reading record book, or just initial that the children have read with you.

Finally, sending the children home is a busy time of the day, please make yourself obvious to the teacher as we do not dismiss the children until both child and teacher have seen you. This will also help to speed up the process. Also please inform us of any changes in home time routine. We hope you enjoy your first term with us. If you have any questions let us know, we can be contacted in person, or through email:

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Yours Sincerely,

Miss Crimp & Mrs Bowditch