

Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your children as we begin the new school year. We have lots of exciting learning planned for the class this year, and I hope this letter provides all the key information you need to help your child have a smooth and happy start to the academic year.

This Autumn term, in History, we will be learning about Ancient Greece, exploring the legacy it left behind and how its system of government helped shape the democracy we know today. In Geography, we will be comparing life on a Greek island with life in our local area, looking at both the similarities and differences between the two.

Reading

Reading journals will be sent home with the children. Each journal will include a bookmark with helpful question starters to support discussions about their reading book.

Reading journals should be returned every **Tuesday**. We ask that children write at least three comments each week in the journal, parents/carers are also welcome to add comments. We set aside time in school to check these, so it is very helpful if they are brought in on time as missing this time may mean they cannot be checked.

Home learning and Spellings

Spellings will be sent home each Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday. Please support your child by helping them practise these regularly at home.

English and Maths home learning will continue to be set on alternate weeks. Home learning will be given out on Friday and should be returned by the following Friday. Details and any relevant resources will be shared with the children when each task is set.

P.E.

Thank you in advance for ensuring that your child has a PE kit in school every day, including suitable footwear. We aim to be outside for PE when possible, so please ensure clothing for outdoor weather is included.

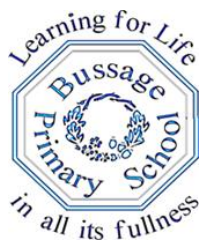
Please also ensure that:

- long hair is tied back;
- earrings are removed on P.E. days or that your child has their own micropore tape to cover any studs

P.E. day: Tuesday, Led by: Atlas Sports

P.E. kit: House t-shirt, shorts, trainers, and warm top/bottoms for colder weather





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Forest School

During Term 1, the children will take part in Forest School every Wednesday until 7th October. These sessions will provide opportunities to explore the outdoors, develop practical skills, and work collaboratively with others.

As Forest School takes place in a range of weather conditions, please ensure your child has the following items in school each Wednesday:

- wellies
- waterproof trousers
- a waterproof coat
- long-sleeved clothing

Please make sure that all items are clearly named.

Stroud High School Outreach Programme

From Wednesday 14th October, Stroud High School will begin its outreach programme with our class. A teacher and students from the school will visit each Wednesday afternoon to teach the children a range of different subjects.

These exciting sessions will continue throughout Term 2, giving the children valuable opportunities to learn from specialist teachers and work alongside older students and culminate in a Festival of Learning, where the children have the opportunity to spend a day at Stroud High School.

GarageBand

On Thursdays during Terms 1 and 2, the children will be learning how to use GarageBand on the iPads. They will explore different aspects of music and digital composition, developing both their creativity and their technology skills. These sessions are provided by The Music Works and are funded by the PTA

Thank you for your continued support. I am very much looking forward to working with you and the children over the coming terms.

SkillZONE trip

This term, the children will have the exciting opportunity to visit SkillZONE in Gloucestershire, an interactive, life-sized safety village run by Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service. The visit will provide children with practical, real-life learning about how to recognise dangers and make safe choices at home and in the community. We will be requesting a contribution to pay for the coach fee, this will be sent out later this term.





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Year 5 staff

Teacher:

Mr Cullimore

Support Staff:

Mrs Hawskbee. Mrs Shone, Miss Corbett – Wednesday Cover, Mrs Weaver – Forest School

Thank you, as always, for your support

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