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Dear Bumblebee families,

Welcome to Bumblebee Class!

In Bumblebee Class, we are proud to be buzzing with energy, curiosity and creativity. We love to share our ideas in our own way, connect new learning to what we already know, and challenge ourselves to keep getting better. Whether we're writing stories, solving problems, or exploring the world around us, we take pride in finishing our work carefully and showing it with confidence. As busy Bumblebees, we work hard, support each other, and take responsibility for our learning — always ready to try, improve and shine!

Bumbebee's Class teacher is Mrs Betts and we have the wonderful Mrs McCann and Mrs Emery joining us in class too. Mrs Emery will be teaching us PE on Friday.

In Bumblebee Class, we love to buzz with success and celebrate our positive behaviour. You can earn school dojos whenever an adult spots you showing kindness, effort or excellence - just like busy bees working together! These dojos can then be spent in our dojo shop, which opens on different lunchtimes during the year - a sweet reward for all your hard work and buzzing brilliance!

Things you need to bring to school

- Reading book and reading record (we will be issuing these to you at the beginning of term)
- Water bottle with **WATER ONLY** so we avoid sticky spillages. (It is important that you remember that it is water only in the classroom.)
- PE kit on **Friday**
- Fruit or vegetable snack for break if you wish.
- A coat
- School jumper/cardigan
- Wellington Boots (These can stay at school)

How We Learn in Bumblebee Class

Our learning is busy, creative and hands-on - just like a hive full of curious bees! From exploring nature in our beautiful rural setting to buzzing through exciting science investigations and team challenges, we build our knowledge through curiosity and discovery.

We work together like a swarm, supporting one another, while also developing our own individual strengths.

Bumblebees Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40 - 8.55	Registration and Early Morning Work/Funky Fingers/Homework				
8.55 - 9.25	Phonics Year 1 and 2				
9.25 - 9.35	Project English	Project English	Science	Project English	Project English
9.35 - 10.35					
10.35 - 10.50	Break				
10.40 - 11.00	Arithmetic - Reception Maths	Arithmetic - Reception Maths	Computing	Arithmetic - Reception Maths	Arithmetic - Reception Maths
11:00- 12.00	Project	Project		Project	Project
12.00 - 1.00	Lunch				
1.00 - 1.30	Daily Handwriting Practise Reception Phonics	Daily Handwriting Practise Reception Phonics	Daily Handwriting Practise Reception Phonics	Daily Handwriting Practise Reception Phonics	Daily Handwriting Practise Reception Phonics
1.30 - 2.30	Project Maths	Project Maths	PSHE/RE Enrichment	Project Maths	PE
2.30- 3.00					PSHE/RE
3.00 - 3.10	Story Time	PSHE Assembly - 2:45 - 3:15	Singing Assembly - 2:45 - 3:15	Story Time	Celebration Assembly - 3:00 - 3:15
3.10 - 3.20					
3.20	Home Time				

Homework Reception

Learning at home is extremely important as it helps you to revise what you have learnt in school. It also helps you to be a confident and positive learner. This term, we expect you to complete your **Handwriting Homework every week.** Handwriting will be given out on a Monday and is required to be handed in by the Monday of the following week. You will have a choice of a 'Funky Finger' Activity or letter formation practice - or you can do both!.

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Reading at Home

We also want you to **read** regularly at home, **at least three times a week**. This is really vital as you will be reading lots of new information in class and reading at home will help with your fluency and comprehension skills. Please fill in your reading record with what you have read at home, including any non-school books. Your adult should sign your reading record after each read. Children will receive a dojo for each adult signature, up to 5 a week.

Celebrating success

We love to see what adventures your child gets up to at home - clubs they attend , baking, reading, making dens, being creative, going on nature walks. Dojo is a wonderful place to share these with us and the class - please upload your photos and a brief description so we can share these together during circle time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office email (office-swantonabbott@aimfederation.org) and we will get back to you when we can.

Bumblebees are resilient, hardworking and great at working together - just like our class. Here's to another joyful year of learning, growing and buzzing with success!

We look forward to a great year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Betts and the Bumblebee team