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Dear parents/carers,

### **Bigbury Class Information Letter**

Welcome to Bigbury Class! Mr Armley-Jones is Bigbury's teacher and is very excited to be able to tell you about this term and the many exciting things we will learn in school.

**Topic:** This term, Bigbury Class will be embarking on their 'Sow, Grow and Farm' project. Your child will learn about allotments in the United Kingdom and how the government encouraged people to have them to support food rationing during the Second World War. They will learn about food webs and animal life cycles, including how living things are dependent on one another within a habitat. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures. They will have the opportunity to learn about farming in the United Kingdom and the techniques used in modern farming, including the challenges that farmers face. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and the pros and cons of importing food. They will also learn about world farming and how the different climate zones affect where different foods can be grown. To top this all off, we're planning a trip to The Eden Project in the second half of this term!

**Maths:** Just like the start of every year, we're making sure the children have a firm understanding of place value and the four calculations. You can find our lessons on Showbie if you'd like to support at home.



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**English:** We will explore many different genres over the term and put into practice, the basics of writing whilst developing our language and ideas to write more coherent sentences. This year, we are also writing personal writing projects alongside our class writing project.

**Reading:** At the start of the year, the children have completed an assessment to determine their reading age and **ZPD** (the level of book that should provide a challenge). These have been shared with the children and they've chosen an appropriate book. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Showbie:** In **UKS2**, we use a learning platform called Showbie. This is where I will upload each of the lessons so that both you and the children can access the lesson slides and independent practice. My plan is to have lessons up a week in advance so that children/parents/carers are able to have a little sneak peek!

Your child's log in for this website/app is their first name and last name (no spaces) and their password is 'holbeton'. For example, if there were a child in the class called Joe Bloggs, his username would be 'joebloggs' and the password will be 'Holbeton'. If this doesn't work, try putting a '1' at the end of the username.

**Homework:** You will receive a separate letter about **MyMaths**. This is a weekly structured homework programme which can be attempted on any online device. It provides instant feedback and marks the work once completed. The maths homework will be directly linked to what they have learnt that week in maths. Please do consider supporting your child each week as it will really aid their learning and understanding. As for



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spellings, we're going to continue with Spelling Shed as it was very successful last year.

We practise our times tables fluency using an app called Times Table Rockstars. This adapts to each child's strengths and weaknesses. All usernames and passwords follow the same pattern for TT Rockstars: The first 3 letters of your child's first name and first three letters of their last name (without spaces) and the password is '123'. I've used their preferred name. For example, Joseph Bloggs prefers to be called Joe Bloggs so his username would be 'joeblo' instead of 'josblo'.

**General Class Structure:** As you know, our Forest School session takes place on a Monday afternoon (please make sure they arrive in outdoor clothes for the day ahead) and PE is taught on a Friday afternoon (again arrive for the day in PE clothes). Children will be taught in a variety of ways and we will use our outdoor space to provide enriched learning opportunities. We will encourage our children to take part in daily physical activity which will either take form of the daily mile or moving and shaking or yoga. The daily mile will involve the children heading up to the jog track where they can walk, jog or run around the track to keep themselves active.

As always, should you have any further questions, please catch me outside or send an email to [admin@holbeton.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holbeton.devon.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

Mr Stuart Armley-Jones



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