



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. The children have enjoyed sharing their Christmas experiences with us and it is wonderful to have them back, full of smiles.

### Curriculum:

We are excited to share that this term we will be exploring the fascinating topic of Space! Through this topic, the children will embark on an imaginative journey beyond Earth, learning about the Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets. Our aim is to develop the children's curiosity about the world around them. We will be looking at a selection of fiction and non-fiction texts to introduce the children to the Solar System and the role of an Astronaut.

Please view the topic web on the school website to see an outline of the objectives that we aim to cover this term.

### Phonics:

We will continue to revisit all the Phase 3 sounds taught last term as part of our daily Unlocking Letters and Sounds lessons. The children will also be learning some more digraphs (ow, oi, er) and trigraph sounds (ear, air, ure). These sounds will be added to your child's phonic book each Friday so you can practise them at home together.

If you would like to refresh your knowledge of how to pronounce all 44 phonic sounds/ phonemes used in the English language there is a video available on the Oxford Owl website: [What is Letters and Sounds? - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

### Reading:

Books will be changed on a Monday, therefore, please remember to sign your child's reading record once you have heard them read/ shared a book.

Now that we have taught all the alphabet sounds, we will be encouraging the children to apply these sounds when reading. We will be focusing on their ability to segment (sound out) and blend words to develop their fluency when reading aloud. Again, there is a useful video explaining this method on the Oxford Owl Website entitled 'How to blend sounds to read words.'

The children will continue to bring home a library book each Monday. This is intended to be a book to share at bedtime, please comment on your child's enjoyment of the story in their reading record book.

They are not expected to read this book to you but please encourage them to discuss the pictures and answer questions about what they have heard.

Please can we ask that your child brings their book bag along with their reading book and record each day so that we can share these in school with them.

#### Tapestry:

We will continue to upload photos and observations to Tapestry each week so you can see the activities that the children are taking part in at school. Please login and share these with your child so they can tell you all about what they have been learning.

We would also love to hear of any 'wow' moments that happen to your child at home. If they achieve a new skill, take part in an exciting activity, or visit a new place we would love to hear all about their adventures. Please upload any news you have, and we will share these experiences in class.

#### Clothing/Uniform:

Your child will take part in P.E once a week on a Friday; please can they come to school dressed in their kit (white t-shirt, black or blue leggings or joggers, trainers and their school jumper/ cardigan.)

A change of clothes is also required in case your child has an accident at school; these are to be left in a labelled bag on your child's peg in the cloakroom. If your child is sent home in any school spare clothing, please ensure that this is washed and returned promptly.

All children MUST bring a warm coat and hat/ gloves during the winter months as they will have ample opportunity to play outside every day.

As always, if you have any questions, please come and speak to us.

Kind regards,  
The Reception Team