



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is great to see all of the pupils back for the start of term 3, where we will be learning about space and beyond with our new, exciting topic - 'Out of this World'. Over the next two terms, we will have the opportunity to discover so much about humankind's exploration and fascination with space, the Moon, our solar system, as well as the universe as a whole.

Our main focus will be science, where we will be continuing our work into forces, along with looking at how the Earth, Sun and Moon interact with each other. In English, we will be writing biographies and newspaper reports to do with Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission. We will also be inspired by the abridged version of the great novel 'The War of the Worlds' by H. G. Wells. In computing, we will be representing the start of this story by animating it, and composing GarageBand music, to recreate the drama of the scene. In French, we will be able to write descriptions about the planets, and in art, we will be representing astronauts and spacescapes, by using a range of drawing techniques.

Back on Earth, we will be exploring the journey of rivers in geography, and the importance of the water cycle for life and our planet. In PSHE, the pupils will be looking into what their dreams and goals could be for the future, and thinking about the many opportunities there are. The pupils will also be able to discuss what beliefs, facts and opinions are in RE.

In our maths lessons, we will be developing our understanding and use of decimals and fractions within word problems and reasoning questions. We will also discover more about 3D shapes and angles. We will continue with our weekly times table tests, where we will be focusing on dividing by 6, 7, 8 and 9. We will also be working on a range of spelling patterns that involve particular letter strings and silent letters, in our weekly spelling tests. Please do continue to use the Boom Reader app to record the reading achievements of your child, as this is the digital reading record that we are using with the pupils. If there are any problems, do come and see us. It would also be great for the pupils to continue to use Accelerated Reader and Times Tables Rock Stars, to develop their reading comprehension and mental multiplication and division skills.

Finally, Year 5 will continue to have one PE session on a Monday and one on a Wednesday. On Mondays, we will be sequencing gymnastic movements and actions, while on Wednesdays, we will be developing our basketball skills. Please could the pupils come to school in their PE kits on these days.

If you have any questions or worries, please do come and see us or contact us.

Mrs Dendy-Taylor and Miss Harland



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