



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. The children have enjoyed sharing their Christmas experiences and it is so wonderful to have all the children back and full of smiles. We have started the term with a whole school Special Week where the focus has been based around well-being. Within Reception, we focused upon identifying different emotions, healthy eating and being active as ways to promote a positive and healthy lifestyle.

Our main topic for the rest of this term is 'Frozen Planet.' We will be exploring the similarities and differences during Winter time, between Winter in England and our local environment and the Polar Regions. Throughout the term, we will be conducting some science experiments, combining different materials and composing music to accompany wintry pictures and clips and learning about what an 'explorer' does!

Please ensure that children have suitable clothing and wellies in school at all times as we will be taking advantage of all the 'wintery opportunities' that arise to provide as many experiences for the children as we can. PE will continue to be on a Friday so children should come to school in their P.E. kits on this day.

Through Storytime Phonics, we will continue to revisit all the sounds within Phase 2 and will be introducing the Phase 3 sounds. These will be added to Phonics books. Please continue to recap these daily alongside daily reading. Books will be changed on a Monday and Friday, therefore, please remember to sign in the Reading Record once you have read with your child. In addition, we will be sending home a Tricky Troll bookmark. These can be used alongside their Phonics book and Reading book too. These will include words which cannot be phonetically decoded and need to be read on sight.

To promote a love of reading, we will be introducing our 'Class Libraries' this term. Every Wednesday the children will be able to select a book of their choice from the class library to bring home and share with you. We will only be able to allow children to swap books on a Wednesday if they return the book borrowed from the previous week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.  
Many thanks,

Mrs Iliffe, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Rose and the Reception team



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