

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Please find some reminders below to support your children at school throughout the term.

Reading: Please ensure your child is reading daily at home. This really will support their reading development.

Phonics and Spelling: We are now embedding and practising spelling strategies in our spelling lessons, in addition to recapping key phonics learning. Please encourage your child to use the EdShed log-in in their reading record to access online spelling quizzes and homework.

Winter clothing: Please ensure children are sent to school with appropriate Winter weather clothing. Please label everything clearly.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to support your child's learning journey. Mrs Marcks, Mrs Wood, Mrs Johnson and Miss Valentine.

English

Our first writing genre this term will be instruction writing, based on the book *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. Children will be learning to use imperative (bossy) verbs to write instructions on how to wash an animal of their own choice. Later in the term, we will also be writing recounts and letters linked to our Geography trip (see Geography).

Science

In Science, children will begin to study animals, their offspring and how they develop into adults. They will learn about the basic survival needs of animals, including humans, and how we keep healthy. We will continue this topic in Term 5.

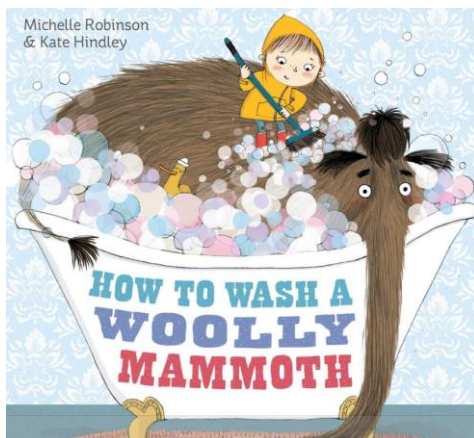
RE

In RE this term we are learning 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?'. Building on learning in Year 1, we will be looking at the Muslim faith in more detail, including key beliefs and traditions.

PE

Outdoor games this term, on **Tuesdays**, will be golf, and indoor PE on **Thursdays** is football (mixed between indoor and outdoor). We will be developing teamwork, hand-eye co-ordination and ball skills.

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Maths

Building on children's knowledge of addition and subtraction in Term 2, we will be starting multiplication and division in Term 3. Please keep practising 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s times table at home. It really helps. We will also be learning about money in Term 3, looking at different values and reinforcing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills.

Geography

We will be exploring 'Where does my food come from?', looking at food sourcing around the world, building children's geographical awareness and investigation skills. We will also visit a greengrocers. More information to follow!

Computing

This term we will be introducing programming using Scratch Junior. The children always enjoy these lessons, using ipads to programme animations on our ipads. Scratch Jr can also be downloaded at home.

Music

From this week, we will be starting a new unit *Musical Me*. Children will continue to learn about the language of music and will work in groups to create their own compositions.

PSHE

This term we are starting a new PSHE unit called *Dreams and Goals*. Themes around goal setting, motivation and working well with others will be explored across the term.