

April 2025

**Welcome a new term in Foundation Stage at Modbury Primary School.**



We are really excited to start a brand new term with us and know they will continue to have lots of fun in our class.

We will begin our term looking at **Growing and Farming**. In our wonderful world lots of changes happen to the plants, the creatures and to us. In this topic we will learn about farming and where our food comes from, and will explore how things grow and change first-hand by planting our own flowers and vegetables.

### **English:**

In English, we will look at Jack and the Beanstalk and Oliver's Vegetables. We will be writing story sentences and captions using our Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonic knowledge. We will also use the life cycle of a bean to develop our non-fiction writing. We will build our story language of traditional tales using story maps and acting out and retelling the story.

### **Maths:**

In Maths, we will be developing a deep understanding of numbers to 20. The children will be exploring how these numbers can be made up using ten - frames and learning number bonds. We will be finding doubles, and comparing numbers. We will explore length, weight and capacity in different ways.

### **Phonics:**

In phonics, we will be looking at phase 4 consonant clusters – we are using the Little Wandle phonic scheme to guide our teaching of phonics, there are some great resources and useful videos in the parent section of their website. Please take a look for further information.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

### **Phonics Home Support:**

As we have done in previous terms a new learning sheet, including the new words and sentences we will be learning, will be stuck into your child's reading record (on a Monday) so you are aware of the phonic sounds your child will be learning during the week. Please use

these to support their reading of new word structures along with their tricky words so they can readily recall them in their book reading.

### **A few other things...**

We will be doing PE on a Monday. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school on that day, the children can leave this bag on their peg throughout the week and take it home for washing on a Friday, if needed.

We will be starting swimming this term. Please watch out for further information about this.

### **Snack:**

We do have fruit provided for snack however some children prefer to bring in a snack from home. Your child is encouraged to bring a small, **healthy snack** such as a piece of fruit to have during **morning break**. Please label any plastic containers with your child's name on it. Can we remind you that grapes need to be cut in half lengthways to prevent choking. Thank you.

### **Individual Reading:**

As last term, your child's reading book will be sent home every Monday. This is the book they will be reading throughout that week at school and at home. We will read this book a few times during the week, so please can you bring it into school everyday, in your child's bookbag. Please feel free to comment and sign when you have read with your child in the blue reading record book. You will also see comments about how your child is getting on with their reading at school with us, towards the end of each week. We will change the books once a week – on a Monday. Familiarity with the same book helps to build the children's confidence with reading. At this stage, the idea would be to share the book and identify the sounds that they recognise and discuss the main events of the story. Modelling fluency and expression is useful to help them at this stage. Any questions, please just ask.

### **Forest School:**

The children will continue to have a session of Forest School every Wednesday with Achieve for All. The children will be outside in our exciting, woodland area and will take part in lots of activities. **The children need to come to school in their forest school clothes. Children will require welly boots, waterproof clothing (coat and trousers) and another pair of shoes to wear inside the classroom. Please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream as we move into the Summer term.**

**Finally ...**

We would like to open our door to you, both if you have any questions or queries, and if you have any resources, skills, or experiences that could help us on our learning journey. Please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks

Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Fisher