

Year 2 Spring Term 2023 - Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This term, our topic is Long, Long ago. This is a fascinating topic where the children learn about the past in our local area. There are more details in each subject area below.

History

We are learning about how life in Barnstaple has changed over time. After half term we will be taking a history walk around Pilton (more details to follow) and exploring barnstaplehistory.com which is a fantastic site you can view at home. There are some fabulous pictures of Barnstaple in the past.

English

Our Oracy (speaking and listening) targets this term are:

- Respect everyone's opinion, even if it's different to your own.
- Ask questions to help you understand better.

We will spend most of this term learning to write Traditional Tales. We will be starting with Little Red Riding Hood and looking at lots of different versions. Later in the term, we will learn more about family life in the past with the book Peepo.

Maths

This half-term the children will be continuing to learn about addition and subtraction. Initially, we will be working on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. We will be focusing on bridging 10 to help us solve addition and subtraction questions more efficiently. To help at home practise your bonds to 20. It helps knowing how smaller numbers add together to make bigger numbers and if we know them quickly it can help with bigger problems.

Later in this half term the children will be learning about multiplication and division. We will be learning the 2 times tables, 5 times tables, and the 10 times tables. At home practise counting in 2's/5's/10's.

Science

This half-term the children will be learning about materials. They will investigate the varying properties of different materials and explain why certain materials are suitable or not suitable to be made into different objects. We will focus on wood, metal, fabric, plastic and glass.

Design Technology

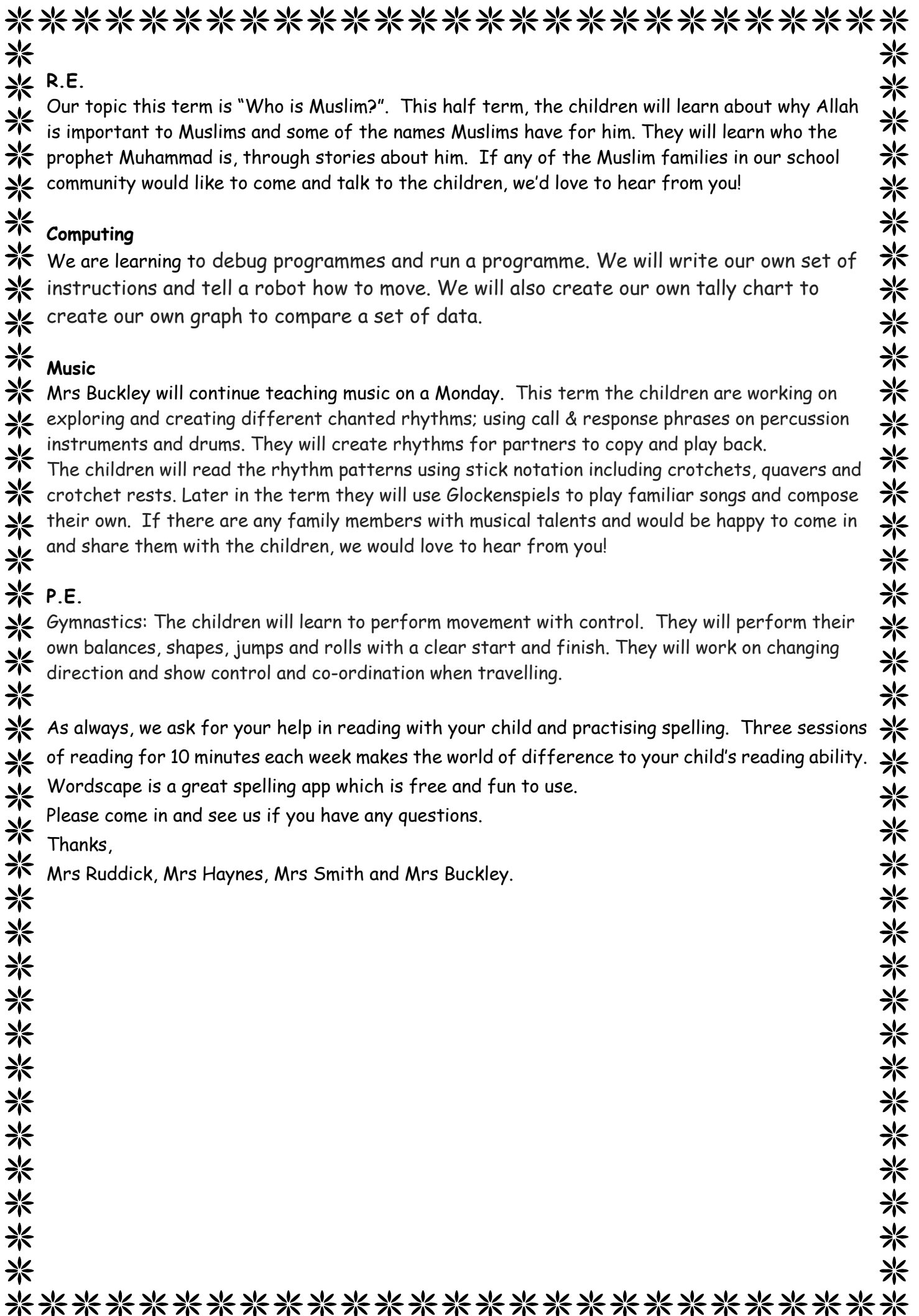
We have a fun project on bridge building which will link closely to our science work. The children will build, test and evaluate bridges using a variety of materials.

Geography

We will build on our work about continents and learn to use atlases and maps. We will also learn about human features and create our own town plans and maps.

P.S.H.E

The children will be learning about goals and dreams. They will be thinking about their own goals and dreams and how they might achieve these.



R.E.

Our topic this term is "Who is Muslim?". This half term, the children will learn about why Allah is important to Muslims and some of the names Muslims have for him. They will learn who the prophet Muhammad is, through stories about him. If any of the Muslim families in our school community would like to come and talk to the children, we'd love to hear from you!

Computing

We are learning to debug programmes and run a programme. We will write our own set of instructions and tell a robot how to move. We will also create our own tally chart to create our own graph to compare a set of data.

Music

Mrs Buckley will continue teaching music on a Monday. This term the children are working on exploring and creating different chanted rhythms; using call & response phrases on percussion instruments and drums. They will create rhythms for partners to copy and play back. The children will read the rhythm patterns using stick notation including crotchets, quavers and crotchet rests. Later in the term they will use Glockenspiels to play familiar songs and compose their own. If there are any family members with musical talents and would be happy to come in and share them with the children, we would love to hear from you!

P.E.

Gymnastics: The children will learn to perform movement with control. They will perform their own balances, shapes, jumps and rolls with a clear start and finish. They will work on changing direction and show control and co-ordination when travelling.

As always, we ask for your help in reading with your child and practising spelling. Three sessions of reading for 10 minutes each week makes the world of difference to your child's reading ability.

Wordscape is a great spelling app which is free and fun to use.

Please come in and see us if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mrs Ruddick, Mrs Haynes, Mrs Smith and Mrs Buckley.