Dear Families, November 2026

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and that the children are returning rested and ready for the new term ahead. It was such a pleasure to meet with so many of you recently for our parent appointments. Having the opportunity to sit down and discuss your child's progress, celebrate their recent achievements, and share our goals for the rest of the year is incredibly valuable. If at any point you need any further information or wish to follow up on our conversations, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

This term the children will continue to develop their Geography skills with a focus on fieldwork. At South Moreton, we use a spiral approach where we sequence learning in order to build on previous knowledge. Understanding deepens over time, creating an ever-widening spiral of knowledge embedded in the long-term memory of our pupils. Please see the Puffins Term 2 learning web on the school website outlining the rest of the curriculum we will cover.

Reading

As we do not set large pieces of homework(due to educational research proving that this is of little value in primary school), we expect children to read daily, as this is the single most effective way to build academic success. Reading at home is crucial for your child to build the vocabulary, imagination and understanding they will need for their writing and other academic learning.

We will continue to check how your child is engaging with reading at home as discussed in meetings with you and in the reports that have been shared with you. We ask that children continue to read for 20 minutes per night on at least four nights of the week and that progress is recorded in their reading diary. Thank you to all parents for supporting this - it is making a difference to your child and the conversations we are having with the children show how beneficial this reading time is. Below is a link to some questions that you may use to support your child with their reading at home.

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Times Tables There will be a Year 4 Times Tables Test at the end of this academic year, therefore these will remain a key learning focus. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables every day. TTRS log-ins are in Reading Records.

Year 4 Times Tables The mathsframe website is great and is very similar to the statutory test which the Year 4s will be completing towards the end of the year, so please encourage your

child to do a little bit each day. They will need to feel confident in all their times tables.https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check

You may like to supplement children's work in school by completing some of the enrichment activities below at home.

Draw a map of your garden, street, or a local park. Don't forget to include a "key" with symbols for things like trees, benches, or pathways!	Conduct a survey by safely sitting near a window or standing on the pavement with an adult and use a tally chart to count the different types of vehicles (cars, buses, bikes, vans) that pass by in 15 minutes.	Go on a walk around the neighborhood and take photos (or draw pictures) of three "physical" (natural) features and three "human" (man-made) features you spot.
Set up a simple rain gauge in your garden using a plastic bottle, or make a windsock, and record the weather and temperature at the same time every day for a week.	Go on a "sound walk." Sit in three different outdoor locations for two minutes each, close your eyes, and write down or draw everything you can hear, mapping out where the sounds are coming from.	Create a leaflet on an exercise routine your child would like to share with the class.

Routines:

PE will continue to be on ***Wednesday*** and ***Thursday*** each week and children should come to school in their PE kits. It is important that children have a warm, waterproof coat every day too as we will be outside a lot in all weathers.

Spellings will be given out on ***Fridays*** and tested on ***the following Friday***.

We ask that children please come in with a named water bottle and some labeled indoor and outdoor shoes to wear. This is so the children can have access to the field in all weathers.

Please feel free to email the office if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Mupita and Miss Crossan
(Puffins teachers).