



The Abbey Primary School

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Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an amazing time with your children; sharing lots of experiences and making lots of memories.

The following units that your children will be studying are:

Year 1 Topic – All About Me!

Our topic this term has a science focus. We will be finding out lots of information about ourselves; identifying similarities and differences between babies, toddlers, children and adults. We will be naming and labelling parts of the body, and thinking about ways in which our senses help us.

Year 2 Topic – Party Planning

Our topic work this term is a science based unit. During our creative curriculum sessions the children will investigate everyday materials and foods; identify the importance of healthy foods and then plan for a celebration.

Please look at the school website www.theabbeyprimary.co.uk for more curriculum information about your child's year group.

Reading & Spellings

We encourage all parents/carers and grandparents to **read daily** with their children at home to further develop their child's reading skills. Please can we remind you to **date, sign and make a positive comment** regarding your child's reading in their **Reading Record**.

Teach your monster to read

<http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>. This amazing resource allows children to consolidate, and develop their phonic knowledge. The children are always full of excitement when they tell each other about their achievements. (Login details are on the front of your child's reading record book).

Headteacher: Mrs Renuka Popat B.Ed Hons., NPQH

Spelling Bug/Bug Club

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>. The children are able to apply their phonics' knowledge while listening to, or reading a story from Bug Club. They will be able to develop their grammatical skills while working through the pre-set exercises. (Login details are on the front of your child's reading record book)

Spellings

Children can find writing a real challenge; they need encouragement, support and praise for their efforts. In order for them to become a successful writer they need to be able to spell accurately. At The Abbey Primary School your child will learn the rules and conventions of the system and the spelling strategies needed to become a confident speller.

In Year 1 and Year 2 the children have daily sessions of 'Letters and Sounds', where they learn phonics, spelling patterns and high frequency words. The activities will help the children to read, write and spell the words they are learning.

Homework

Homework is an extension of your child's schoolwork, and we have high expectations for presentation and the level of work. Homework will be set weekly. Please find below our expectations for KS1 children.

Subject	Day given out	Due in
English, Maths or Topic	Wednesday	Following Monday

If you have any questions regarding your child's homework, please speak to their class teacher.

ICT Passwords

Passwords for the children to home access Mathletics, Purple Mash and Espresso have been sent home. If your child has mislaid their password then please ask your child's class teacher. These are excellent, age appropriate, free learning resources and we encourage you and your children to take full advantage of these.

PE Kit

There is an expectation that children have their PE kit in school **every day**. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (**including plimsolls/trainers**) and all jewellery is removed prior to coming to school. The children will be having PE outside whenever possible, so the correct footwear, along with appropriate clothing, is essential for this.

Important Dates

Wednesday 21st September 2016 - Meet your Teacher Meeting 3.00-4.00pm or 6.00-7.00pm

If you have any questions regarding our topic work or homework, please speak to your child's Class teacher at the end of the school day. We are more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Miss Neil
Key Stage 1 Coordinator