



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 during the Christmas break.

The following units that your children will be studying are:

Year 1 Topic - Kung Hei Fat Choi

This is a very exciting Term in Year 1, as we will be learning about the Chinese calendar, and how Chinese people celebrate their New Year – the year of the Rooster! The children will be taking part in a Chinese Dance Workshop, and will also be visiting the local Chinese takeaway. For science we will be investigating different sources of light, and gaining an understanding of physical properties of every day materials. Our artwork will involve us using different media to recreate images from the story 'The Willow Pattern'.

Year 2 Topic – Mrs Armitage on Wheels

There will be lots of investigating, designing, creating and evaluating in Year 2 this term. We will find out about different types of transport and then investigate toy vehicles before making a prototype chassis. Then we will be designing, making and evaluating a vehicle for Mrs Armitage. During our Science lessons we will be gaining an understanding of friction, and investigating how forces affect different materials.

Showcase of Learning 2.30 - 2.50pm

Year 1 - Tuesday 31st January 2017

Year 2 - Thursday 2nd February 2017

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.**

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

Teach Your Monster to Read

This is an amazing interactive resource with which your child will use and develop their phonetic knowledge. To access this resource, type the following link into your toolbar:
<http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

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. The children also have daily spelling sessions; learning the strategies and conventions which can then be applied in their writing.

Bug Club

This is an amazing online resource which allows the children to access a wide range of ebooks at home. To access this resource, type the following link into your toolbar:
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

Blogs

We have recently launched our Year Group blogs which can be found on the school website and will give you the opportunity to stay up to date with all the exciting things your children get up to.

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.

English. Maths or Topic

Set: Wednesday

Due in: Following Monday

Reading every night Sharing books you have at home, alongside their school reading book, will enable your child to extend their bank of vocabulary, which will then be applied in their writing.

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.

Mathletics

Please find below the percentage of children who are accessing Mathletics at home.

<u>Year 1 Normans</u>	-	25%
<u>Year 1 Greeks</u>	-	25%
<u>Year 2 Celts</u>	-	80%
<u>Year 2 Saxons</u>	-	80%

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

Thursday 19th January 2017 - Year 2 Miss Loft's class assembly 9.05am

Monday 23rd January 2017 - Year 1 Chinese Dance Workshop

Tuesday 31st January 2017 - Year 1 Showcase of Learning 2.30 - 2.50pm

Thursday 2nd February 2017 - Year 2 Showcase of Learning 2.30 - 2.50pm

Tuesday 7th February 2017 - Friends Event – KS1 Bingo 3.00 - 4.00pm

Friday 10th February 2017 - School closes for half term 3.00pm

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