



The Abbey Primary School

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Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed creating lots of memories with your children during the half term.

The following units that your children will be studying are:

Year 1 Topic – Starry Night

We are looking forward to a very 'arty' term; basing our work on and around the famous painting, 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. While exploring the famous painting; we will be practising our colour mixing skills; creating different tones and shades. We will then work with different media, and apply these skills, to recreate Vincent Van Gogh's famous painting.

Year 2 Topic – The Owl and the Pussycat / Where do Bong Trees Grow?

We will start our topic with an exciting visit from Tony from 'Owls to Behold' who will bring some real owls to visit. We will be finding out about what owls eat, and their habitat. In Art, we will be developing our sketching skills by drawing cats and owls; and will also be learning the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear.

Showcase of Learning 2.30 - 2.50pm

Year 1 – Monday 13th March 2017

Year 2 – Wednesday 15th March 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.**

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/>

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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. The children have been given their login details. To access this resource, type the following link into your toolbar: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

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

- **Mathletics** - this is set weekly for each year group. Please spend the time to help your child to log in, and complete their set task. At the end of every week, the percentages of children who have completed their Mathletics tasks, are collected, and the class with the highest percentage, wins the Maths cup.

- **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.

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

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 22nd February 2017 - Online Safety Event for parents/carers 6.00pm

Friday 24th February 2017 - Year 2 Visitor 'Owls to Behold'
Monday 27th February 2017 - Year 2 African Dance Workshop
Monday 13th March 2017 - Year 1 Showcase of Learning 2.30 – 2.50pm
Tuesday 14th March 2017 - TLC meetings 3.30 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 15th March 2017 - Year 2 Showcase of Learning 2.30 – 2.50pm
Thursday 16th March 2017 - TLC meetings 4.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 22nd March 2017 - Friends Mothers' Day shop – 3.00pm
Thursday 23rd March 2017 - Year 1 The Norman's Class Assembly (Miss Neil's Class)
Thursday 23rd March 2017 - Friends Mothers' Day shop – 3.00pm
Friday 24th March 2017 – Mufti Day for Red Nose Day
Friday 31st March 2017 - School closes for Easter break 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