



The Abbey Primary School

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Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final KS1 Newsletter of this school year!

I hope that you have had a fantastic break with your children, and spent lots of quality time together. The final term is full of exciting events. Below you will find the units that your children will be studying, as well as other information about this term.

Year 1 – We’re Dino-mite

The Year 1 children have a very exciting term! We are starting off with our trip to the Education Centre at Holdenby, where we will be pond dipping, investigating different trees and animals and their habitats, and taking part in woodland craft. We will then be continuing with our plant investigations: observing the growth of a plant from a seed. We are very lucky to have The Education Group visiting us again, but we can't tell you too much about it...Ssshhhh!!! It's a secret.! What we can tell you is that most of our English, Maths and Topic work links to the visit.

Year 2 – The Seaside

The Education Centre at Holdenby is the place to be, because that is where the Year 2 children are going for their trip! However, their activities differ from the Year 1 activities, and include cooking around a fire! History and Geography are the focuses for this term's Year 2 topic. The children will be sharing their own experiences of visiting 'modern day' seaside resorts, and will be stepping back in time to discover how families used to have fun at the seaside over past years. When identifying the features of seaside resorts, the children will learn the difference between 'manmade' and 'natural', and will be able to identify these within a seaside setting.

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

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Blogs

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.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

During the week commencing 12th June, the Year 1 (and some Year 2) children will undertake their phonics screening. These are administered on a one to one basis, with the emphasis not being on a test, but on the children trying their best. Year 1 parents were given a phonics pack during their TLC session; please work through this with your children.

Reading

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/> 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 will be given their login details during the first week of term. 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 spend the time to share your child's homework experience; talking to them about what they are learning about, and allowing them to explain and reason. The expectations for KS1 children are below:

- **English. Maths or Topic** Set: Wednesday Due in: Following Monday

- **Mathletics** - Please spend the time to help your child to log in, and complete their 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.

ICT Passwords

The children have log-in cards to enable them to access Mathletics, Purple Mash and Espresso at home. If your child has mislaid their log-in card, 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

Classes have PE twice week for an hour. The sessions may be indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every day; this should include a jumper, jogging bottoms (no bright colours) and trainers/plimsolls in case the lesson takes place outdoors. All jewellery should be removed prior to coming to school (this includes earrings, bracelets and necklaces); and long hair should be tied back.

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th June 2017 - Y1 The Greeks (Miss Lambert) to The Education Centre, Holdenby

Wednesday 7th June 2017 - Y1 The Normans (Miss Neil) to The Education Centre, Holdenby

Thursday 8th June 2017 - SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Day

w.c. Monday 12th June 2017 - Phonics Screening

Tuesday 13th June 2017 - Y2 The Saxons (Miss Lofts) to The Education Centre, Holdenby

Wednesday 14th June 2017 - Y2 The Celts (Mr Scott) to The Education Centre, Holdenby

Wednesday 14th June 2017 - Friends Fathers' Day Shop 3.00pm

Thursday 15th June 2017 – Friends Fathers' Day Shop 3.00pm

Monday 19th June 2017 - The Education Workshop visit Year 1

Wednesday 21st June 2017 - Summer Fete 3.00 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 27th June 2017 - KS1 Sports' Day (weather permitting) 10.00 -11.00am

Thursday 29th June 2017 - The Celts (Mr Scott) class assembly

Monday 3rd July 2017 - Last week of school led clubs

Tuesday 4th July 2017 - KS1 Sports' Day (if cancelled on previous date) 10.00 -11.00am

Monday 10th July 2017 - Transfer afternoon

Friday 21st July 2017 - School closes for Summer 3.00pm