



## The Abbey Primary School

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5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**at 3-4pm and 6-7pm**

Maths Meeting Whole School for  
parents and children

**Wednesday 7th December at  
2pm**

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

**Thursday 7th December at 10am**

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**Friday 8th December at 10am**

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

### 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 (**house coloured or plain white t-shirt and dark shorts**). The children will be having PE outside whenever possible, so the correct footwear, along with appropriate clothing, is essential for this. All jewellery must be removed prior to coming to school.

### Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for another incredible school year! We hope that you have had an amazing time with your children over the summer holidays; sharing lots of experiences and making lots of memories.

How many boxes of the Reading Bingo did you manage to tick off?

### What's going on this term?

#### 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 a healthy balanced meal and then plan for a celebration.

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

## **How can you support your child at home?**

### **Reading**

Reading needs to be fun and exciting. Try to set a time and routine where you can hear your child read or let them listen to you read. 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**.

*'The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go.'* Dr Seuss.



### **Teach your monster to read**

<http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

This amazing online 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).

### **Spellings**

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. 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. Let's not settle for easier word choices because we are unsure how to spell- we encourage adventurous and exciting words to be used in our writing.

### **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)

### **ICT Passwords**

Passwords for the children to home access MyMaths, Purple Mash and Espresso will be sent home. If your child has mislaid their password 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.

If you have any questions or queries regarding anything from the above, please speak to your child's Class teacher at the end of the school day. We are all more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Mr Scott  
Key Stage 1 Coordinator

### **Homework**

Homework is an extension of your child's schoolwork, and we have high expectations for presentation and the level of work. We always praise effort and creativity when it comes to homework. Homework will be set weekly. Please find below our expectations for KS1 children.

### **Subject**

English, Maths or Topic

### **Homework Set**

Every Wednesday

### **Due in**

Following Monday

If you have any questions regarding homework please seek the advice of your child's class teacher. Remember don't leave homework until the last minute- no-one likes a stressful Sunday evening!