



The Abbey Primary School

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Lower Key Stage 2 Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable, relaxing Summer break and the children are refreshed and raring to get back into their school routines.

The topics for Lower KS2 are explained below.

Year 3 Topic – Bright Sparks. How does electricity work?

Our topic work this term focuses on 'Science' and through this we will be developing the core skill of 'Learning with others'. We will be working scientifically exploring Electricity, Forces and Magnets by carrying out lots of practical investigations and using our findings to develop our scientific skills. The significant work and impact of Edison will be researched.

Year 4 Topic – Audio Visual. How do I see? How do I hear?

Our topic work this term focuses on 'Science' and through this we will be developing the core skill of 'Learning with others'. We will be working scientifically exploring 'Light' and 'Sound' by carrying out lots of practical investigations and using our findings to develop our scientific skills. Through setting up practical enquiries we will be carrying out comparative and fair tests; making systematic and careful observations; taking accurate measurements; gathering and presenting our data; recording our findings using scientific vocabulary; and using all of these to answer questions.

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

Reading and Spellings

Your child is expected to read regularly at home (at least three times each week). We encourage all parents/carers and grandparents to read with their children at home to further develop their child's reading skills. Please can we remind you to each week date,

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sign and make a positive comment regarding your child's reading in their Reading Record. Although in Key Stage 2 we encourage independent reading, it is essential that the children continue to share books with you, visit the local library, and discuss the meanings of the stories they have read.

Spelling Bug

The children need to continue to work hard work on their weekly spellings so they can continue to move through the spelling sets. The class teachers will continue to set homework on Spelling Bug and they will also be teaching spelling strategies in Literacy to work alongside the learning that the children will be doing at home. The log in page is available on www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. If you are having problems logging into Spelling Bug please let your Class Teacher know.

Homework

Your child will receive homework weekly. The children have a homework diary and they are responsible for recording the tasks we set them. Please feel free to use this diary to communicate with your Class Teacher.

Subject	Day given out	Due in
Maths	Monday	Thursday
Literacy	Thursday	Monday
Topic Homework	This will be given out during the term.	

It is expected that homework should be completed on time as stated in the Home-School Agreement. Pupils are expected to complete a homework activity to be handed in on Monday and Thursday of each week. Once a term (at the end of the topic studied) the children will be set homework to be completed in their special 'homework journals'.

We understand that in some circumstances homework is not always handed in on time. If there are any issues regarding homework, please speak to the class teacher. Homework diaries need to be signed by parents/carers on a weekly basis. This will be checked on Fridays.

Computing Passwords

Each child should have their own password card at home. This enables your child to access all the programs they experience at school. These include Espresso, Purple Mash, My Maths, Mathletics, Spelling Bug and Bug Club (e-readers). Our Mathematics online resource is called **'My Maths'**, which the children can use at school and at home. Each child has a login username and password so they can access 'My Maths' at home. Children may be set homework tasks via 'My Maths' by their class teacher. If the children do not have access to a computer at home, they may complete their homework tasks during homework club or during a class 'My Maths' session during the week. We encourage children to explore these at home with you and extend their learning. If you have any problems with logging onto a program please let the Class Teacher know.

PE Kit

PE sessions may be indoors or outdoors depending on the weather. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every day. We recommend you include a jumper, jogging bottoms (no bright colours) and trainers/plimsolls in case the lesson takes place outdoors, and that all jewellery is removed prior to coming to school. This includes earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

Important Dates

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

Wednesday 19th October 2016 - Year 4 Grendon Meeting 6.00-7.00pm

Friday 21st October 2016 - School closes for half term and reopens on Tuesday 1st November 2016

If you have any questions please speak to your child's Class Teacher at the end of the school day. We are more than happy to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Morris

Lower Key Stage 2 Coordinator