



## **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 October 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 – Who were the greatest builders in the world?**

Our topic work this term focuses on 'History' and through this we will be developing the core skill of 'Developing independence and responsibility'. We will be working as historians exploring and presenting our evidence of the first civilisations: comparing the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age Britain with the Ancient Egyptians. Part of our studies will focus on the discovery of Lindow Man.

#### **Year 4 Topic – Why do we speak English at school?**

Our topic work this term focuses on 'History' and through this we will be developing the core skill of 'Developing independence and responsibility'. We will be working as historians exploring and investigating the effects and the legacy of the invasions of the Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings in the British Isles.

**Please look at the school website [www.abbeyprimary.co.uk](http://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, sign and make a positive comment regarding your child's reading in their Reading Record.

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

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 spellings. They will be taught spelling daily, including strategies for recalling spelling rules. Tasks on Spelling Bug are available for the children to access at home. The log in page is available on [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://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 child's Class Teacher.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Day given out</b>	<b>Due in</b>
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, Mathematics, 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.

### **TLC Bookings**

A letter was sent home informing parents/carers of a new TLC booking system we will be using for TLCs. This new system will be used for the upcoming TLCs on 14th November and 16th November.

### **Important Dates**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - School Photos**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - TLC through our new online booking system 3.30-7.00pm**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - TLC through our new online booking system 4.00-7.30pm**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Year 4 Showcase of Learning 2.30 – 2.50pm**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - Year 3 Showcase of Learning 2.30 – 2.50pm**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 - Christmas Fete 3.00 - 4.30pm**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Christmas party afternoon**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - School closes for Christmas break 3.00pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - School re-opens 8.40am**

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

