



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 Easter break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn for the new term.

This term we are starting new learning units.

Year 3 Topic – ‘How can we make the world a better place?’

This term we will be learning all about the environment we live in. The unit is based on Northampton and our local geography. We will use the book ‘Window’ by Jeannie Baker to inspire our geography work. We will look at pollution, recycling and global warming. We will be using maps to improve our map skills. Our RE topic will be Islam where we will look at how Muslims worship and famous Islamic stories. Our Abbey Skills unit ‘Thinking skills’ will run through all of our learning.

Year 4 Topic – ‘What happens inside us?’

Our unit this term is a science based unit all about our bodies. This unit will explore the concept of living. We will learn about exercise and the effects it has on our body. We will learn about the organs in our body, the digestive system and our heart and pulse. We will also learn about our skin, skeleton and muscles and how they affect how our bodies move. There will be a focus on healthy eating and we will learn about the different categories of food. Our Abbey Skills unit ‘Thinking skills’ will run through all of our learning.

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

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.

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

Showcase Of Learning

Thank you to all the parents who attended our learning showcases in March. It was great to see you all and the children really enjoyed sharing their learning. This term the Year 3 learning showcase will be on Wednesday 24th May and the Year 4 learning showcase will be on Thursday 18th May. These sessions run from 2:30pm to 2:50pm. This term these sessions will be held in the hall. We feel it is very valuable for the children to share their learning with you and also for you to see their classroom environment. Therefore you are invited to come into school during these sessions to spend time with your child in their classroom. It would be lovely to see you!

Reading

Your child is expected to read regularly at home (at least 3 times a week to an adult) and their reading record is checked by their class teacher on a weekly basis. 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 date, sign and make a positive comment regarding your child's reading in their reading record. The children are also able to read age appropriate e-books through Bug Club and their password can be found on their password card. 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 stories they have read.

Online Resources

The children have access to a wealth of resources which are available to use both in and out of school. These websites and programmes offer an interactive and fun way for the children to extend their learning. We highly recommend the children use these regularly. Links can be found on the school website to My Maths, Bug club, Espresso and Purple Mash. If your child has any problems logging into any of these please let your child's 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 at the end of a term.

My Maths

The children will continue to receive a weekly My Maths homework which is set on a Monday and is due in on a Thursday. The class with the highest percentage receives a trophy and the top 3 classes are published in the weekly newsletter. Please encourage your child to complete this homework. If your child does not have access to the internet at home then they have the opportunity to complete it in The Success Centre in school. Well done to

all the Year 3 and Year 4 classes who have frequently featured in the top 3.

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**. 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.

Swimming

In Term 5 and Term 6 the Year 4 children will be attending swimming lessons at Danes Camp Leisure Centre every Tuesday. This will run from Tuesday 25th April until Tuesday 11th July 2017 (**excluding 6th June**). The children need to be at school for 8:25am on these days. The children will be walking to Danes camp so please ensure they have appropriate footwear and a coat in case of bad weather. They need to wear a one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks. They are allowed to wear a swimming hat. If you wish for your child to wear goggles please ensure that you have signed and returned the permission slip for this.

Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 19th April 2017 - Class Photos

Tuesday 25th April 2017 - Year 4 swimming starts

Monday 1st May 2017 - School Closed (Bank Holiday)

Thursday 4th May - School closed (Polling Day)

Thursday 18th May - Year 4 Learning session (in hall) 2.30 – 2.50pm

Thursday 18th May - Abbey's Got Talent

Wednesday 24th May - Year 3 Learning session (in hall) 2.30 – 2.50pm

Friday 26th May - School closes for Half Term 3.00pm

If you have any questions regarding our topic work and 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 Benjamin
Lower Key Stage 2 Coordinator