



The Abbey Primary School

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Lower Key Stage 2 – Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term this academic year! We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable, relaxing half term 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 – Are bugs important?

This term we will be learning all about plants and animals. The unit is a science based unit. We will be learning about how we know things are living. We will investigate what plants need to survive and then develop our sorting and classifying skill to identify plants using a key. We will study the habitats in which animals live in and how they have adapted to their environment over time. We will also be extending our learning on our trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm. Our Abbey Skills unit 'Speaking and listening' will run through all of our learning.

Year 4 Topic – 'A whistle-stop tour of Europe'

This term we will continue our science topic about the body for 2 weeks. The new unit for this term is A whistle-stop tour of Europe. In this unit, we will be learning all about the different countries in Europe. We will learn about where and what Europe is, who lives there and what the geography of the countries is like. We will also study what life is like in these countries. To conclude our topic, we will focus on one country and find out the location of the country, its region, its capital city as well as what the landscape and climate are like. We will find out what rivers, mountains and types of settlement are in our focus country. We will also learn about languages, religions, cultural traditions and famous citizens. Our Abbey Skills unit 'Speaking and listening' 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

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opportunity to stay up to date with all the exciting things your children get up to.

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 |
| English | 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**. During the summer term PE takes place outdoors. We have noticed that not all PE kit worn is suitable and would like to remind you that the school dress code states the children should have black shorts and a PE T-shirt either white or their house colour. Trainers and plimsolls

should be plain and not elaborate colours. It is important that all jewellery is removed prior to coming to school. This includes earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

Swimming

Swimming will continue in Term 6 and the children need to continue 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.

Sun cream and sun hats

As the weather gets warmer it is important that the children are well protected from the sun. The children should have sun cream which they are able to apply independently. Please ensure that your children understand that they must use this for themselves only and name it as appropriate. A sun hat is also vital for the warmer weather and we will encourage them to drink plenty of water.

Important Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th June 2017 - Year 4 trip to UoN Creative Writing day

Thursday 8th June 2017 - SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Day

Tuesday 13th June 2017 - Year 3 trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm

Wednesday 14th June 2017 – Friends Fathers’ Day Shop 3.00pm

Thursday 15th June 2017 - Friends Fathers’ Day Shop 3.00pm

Wednesday 21st June 2017 - Year 4 to Northampton High School for Time Truck (Miss White’s – a.m, Miss Benjamin’s – p.m)

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

Thursday 22nd June 2017 - Miss Roberts’s (The Franks) Class Assembly

Monday 26th June 2017 - KS2 sports day (Abbeyfield sports field)

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th June 2017 - Year 4 Grendon Residential

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

Monday 10th July 2017 - Transfer afternoon

Friday 21st July 2017 - School closes for Summer 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