

12th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your child for their first term of learning at The Abbey Primary School.

The following units that your children will be studying this term are:

All about me.

Our topic work this term will focus on the children getting to know and explore their new learning environment. We will be learning school routines and all about our schools '5 bees.' We will also be looking at the book 'The Train Ride' which we will be using alongside drama strategies, as well as discussing journeys that the children have been on.

Please look at the school website www.theabbeyprimary.co.uk for more curriculum information about the learning taking place in the Early Years. There are also some suggestions on how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Reading

Reading books and keywords will be sent home towards the end of the term. Please support your child at home to read their reading book and to learn their set 1 keywords. Reading books will be changed weekly and keywords will be tested every two weeks. We expect that reading records will be signed and a comment made three times each week.

Homework

Your children will be coming home with a sound book which we will add new sounds to as we learn them. We encourage the children to recognise the letter sound and the letter name. Encourage your child to think of words that begin with the sounds and draw them on the appropriate page.

ICT Passwords

ICT passwords will be given out shortly. The children will then be able to access a wide variety of websites to support their learning at home. All of the websites are available via link from the main school page.

PE Kit

P.E will take place on Friday mornings for both classes. Please ensure that all of the children's clothes are labelled and that their P.E kit is in school on this day. Earrings must be removed. The children will need to be able to undress and dress themselves independently.

Newsletters

Weekly school newsletters will be available to read online every Friday. Please access them through the school website as they contain important information and dates. If you would like a paper copy these will be available every Friday from 2.45pm from the school office.

Birthdays

As we are a healthy school we do not allow sweets and or cakes to be handed out in school. We celebrate all children's birthdays throughout the year in school.

Stay and Play

All parents/carers are invited to our first stay and play session of the year on Thursday 13th October from 2.30-2.50pm. This session will allow you to come in and play with your child within the area. They can show you the different resources within our classroom as well as share what we have been learning about this term.

Important Dates

Meet the teacher – 21st September 3pm-4pm or 6pm-7pm

Reading Meeting for Early Years – 27th September – 2.15pm

Stay and play for Early Years – 13th October 2.30pm-2.50pm

If you have any questions regarding our topic work or 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

Mrs Kearney

EYFS Co-ordinator