



The Abbey Primary School

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EYFS Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year, we hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable Christmas break. We look forward to hearing about the children's celebrations over the festive period.

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

The Frozen World and Interesting Creatures

Our topic work this term will focus on Arctic animals. We will be exploring Frozen Planet which will involve watching clips from the BBC series to find out about the animals habitat. We will find out about the different animals that live there and how they survive in the cold weather. This will lead us on to learning about the Ice age. We will also be learning about dinosaurs, creating stories and looking at the size differences between them! Chinese New Year is on the 28th January 2017 and we will be exploring how this festival is celebrated and compare to our own family celebrations.

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

Please support your child at home to read their reading book and practise their keywords. Encourage children to recognise their keywords within their reading books by sight. Please ensure that you sign and or comment in children's reading diaries when they have been read with. **Our aim is for you to do this at least 3 times a week.**

Homework

Children are still being encouraged to recall taught letter sounds as well as letter names. Children will begin to learn digraphs this term. These are two letters which make one sound. Children will need to identify them in words and use them in their writing. E.g. **chip, feet, shut.**

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All the children have been given their Mathletics passwords and it would be great to see children in EYFS accessing the fun activities and games. Further up the school children are set homework on a similar website, so it would be a good routine to start with your children and really does help develop their Maths skills.

Teach Your Monster to Read/Active Learning

All children have been issued with usernames and passwords for these sites. We will be encouraging the children to log on and access these websites within school. Please continue to encourage your child to use these free resources at home as well.

Blogs

We have recently launched 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.

P.E. Kit

P.E. will take place on Wednesday mornings for both classes for the first part of the spring term. 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.

Learning Sessions

We would like to invite parents and carers to our next Stay and Learn session on Thursday 9th February from 2.30-2.50pm. This term we will be focusing on Number with a variety of activities for you and your child to access together.

Home Observations

During TLCs, parent observations were given out, we ask that you please jot down things that you have observed so that we can add it to your child's profile. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like more sheets although observations can be noted on any piece of paper. Once completed hand to one of the Early Years team. Thank you for your co-operation.

Important Dates

Monday 6th February 2017 - Friends Event - Early Years Bingo 3.00 - 4.00pm

Thursday 9th February 2017 - Early Years Learning Session 2.30 - 2.50pm

Friday 10th February 2017 - School closes for half term 3.00pm

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 Simmonds
EYFS Co-ordinator

