

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your child have had an enjoyable half term break. We look forward to sharing what the children have been doing over the half term break.

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

Traditional tales and growing and changing.

Our topic work this term will focus on Traditional Tales which will then lead into our topic on growing. We will be using 'Talk for Writing' strategies which will enable the children to imitate the language they will need for our topic orally before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version. We will also be planting vegetable and flower bulbs and seeds. We will then look after them to ensure that they grow. In numeracy we will be exploring number bonds and encouraging the children to record their findings in a variety of different ways. We are hoping to visit our local Tesco store to find out where our food comes from as well as sample different foods. We will send a text once the date has been confirmed. 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.**

Homework

Last term in our phonics sessions the children began to learn digraphs. Please continue to support your child in recognising these within words and encourage them to use them in their spelling. We will be learning more this term so please ensure that you regularly check your child's sound book so that you can practice at home.

Writing Book

The children have been bringing home a writing book each week. A new task will be set on a Friday and we would like the books returned by the following Tuesday. In school we encourage the children to become independent writers by using their phonic knowledge to sound out words and then write them down. It is acceptable at this age for the children to write words how they sound.

Active Learning

All of the children have the username and password inside their reading record for this site. Please record in children's reading diaries when they have accessed this site as well.

Mathletics

If you haven't already logged on, then please have a look with your child at this valuable resource. Lots of activities and games to support your child's maths development in fun ways. Not to be missed!

P.E. Kit

P.E. will continue to take place on Wednesday 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.

Learning Sessions

We would like to invite parents and carers to our third learning session on Tuesday 21st March from 2.30-2.50pm. This term we will be sharing kinetic letters which is our handwriting programme.

Home Observations

Please continue to complete and hand to your child's class teacher. These are added to the children's profiles.

Important Dates

Early Years Learning Session – Tuesday 21st March 2.30 – 2.50pm.

2rd March – World Book Day – Look out for further information.

13th – 17th March – Science Week

14th March TLCs 3.30 – 7.00pm

16th March TLCs 4.00 – 7.30pm

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

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