

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term, it never fails to amaze me how quick the school year flies by! We hope that the children have enjoyed the break and that you all have made the most of the sunny weather. We look forward to hearing and talking about what the children have been doing.

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

Here, There and Everywhere!

Our topic work this term will focus on learning about different places with a particular focus on caring for people, animals and the environment in which we live. We will also talk about how to keep ourselves safe around animals. In numeracy we will be learning how to count forwards and backwards on a number line and continue to record addition and subtraction in ways the children can explain. We will be continuing to solving problems, including doubling, halving and sharing. We will also be using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position and time.

We are going to start the term with our visit to West Lodge Farm. We have also planned to walk to the miniature Trains at Delapre Park, where the children will have opportunities to ride on steam and electric trains. Please see below for dates and ensure that children are wearing appropriate footwear on these dates. We will also welcome a return visit from the animal charity Blue Cross. The children will receive a talk on how to stay safe around dogs and what to do if a dog approaches and they are scared!

Please look at the school website [www.abbeyprimary.co.uk](http://www.abbeyprimary.co.uk) for more curriculum information concerning 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.

**Blogs** - Please check the link on our school website to stay up to date with the many exciting things your children get up to on a regular basis. Each Year group has their own blog.

### **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**

Please continue to support your child in recognising taught digraphs and trigraphs. Encourage the children to recognise these within the words and spell them correctly when independently

writing. The children will continue to bring home their writing book each week. 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 and Teach your monster to read**

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

### **P.E. Kit**

P.E. will continue to take place on Friday afternoons 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. We will of course be practising races ready for our sports morning.

### **Home Observations**

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

### **Important Dates**

**West Lodge Farm Visit - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO POLLING DAY – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Blue Cross dogs to visit EYFS – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – AM**

**Early Years walk to trains at Delapre – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – AM**

**Summer Fete – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 3.00 – 4.00pm**

**EYFS Sports Morning – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 9.15 – 9.45am (4<sup>th</sup> July if Wet)**

**EYFS Profile meeting with parents Vikings Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**EYFS Profile meeting with parents Romans Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Transfer afternoon – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**School Finishes – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

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