



The Abbey Primary School

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EYFS - Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for an exciting term of celebrations! We trust you all had a restful week and the children are looking forward to seeing their new friends once again.

Our themes for this term will be based around the following:

Light and Dark and Celebrations.

Our topic work this term will focus on the children developing and building on their achievements from last term. We will continue to develop your children's understanding of our community code the '5 bees.'

We will also be looking at the book 'The Magic Bed' which we will be using alongside drama strategies to develop the children's imaginations and use of language. We did not manage to fit this in last term and so will start this the first week back. Be sure to ask your children where the 'Magic Bed' took them!

We will be discussing what and how we like to celebrate and find out about how Hindus celebrate the festival of Diwali.

We will be learning about the Christmas Story and with that we will be very busy learning songs and words for our Christmas Nativity.

Please look at the school website www.abbeyprimary.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, keywords and sound books are now being sent home daily. Please support your child at home to read their reading book and to learn their 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 at least 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

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think of words that begin with the sounds and draw them on the appropriate page. Look out for other homework that will be sent home throughout the term when we feel it appropriate.

Please ensure that book bags are in school – the children need their sound book, reading book and reading record every day. Thank you for your support with this.

ICT Passwords

These have been stapled to the inside cover of your child's reading record. The children can now 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.

Important Dates

Monday 6th November 2017 - School Photos

Monday 13th November/Wednesday 15th November 2017 - TLCs (Parents evening: a discussion between your child, you and your child's class teacher)

Monday 20th November 2017 - EYFS Movie Afternoon 3.00 - 4.00 pm

Tuesday 28th November 2017 - EYFS Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 6th December 2017 - EYFS Christmas Concert 10.00am (Preschool children and babies allowed)

Thursday 7th December 2017 - EYFS Christmas Concert 2.00pm (NO preschool children or babies allowed)

Tuesday 13th December 2017 - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December 2017 - school closes 3.00pm

Thursday 4th January 2018 - school re-opens 8.40am

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
Acting EYFS Co-ordinator