



The Abbey Primary School

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Key Stage 1 Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for yet another action packed, busy half term in the lead up to Christmas. Please make sure you keep up to date with our weekly news regarding your child's year/class on our school website: www.abbeyprimary.co.uk

Alternatively, check our Facebook page for updates and news by liking our page.

What's going on this term?

Year 1 Topic – Hello, I'm New Here!

Our topic for this term has a science and geography focus. We will be investigating the school and the surrounding area, and finding out about the human and physical features in our environment. In science we will begin to understand the difference between animals; thinking about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Year 2 Topic – Pride of Place

This half term, Year 2 will be following a history based theme all about The Great Fire of London. We will find out about Guy Fawkes, The Gunpowder Plot, and also how and why the Great Fire happened. We need to explore the Great Cheese Mystery- what it is? We will also be thinking about local history, and will be learning about The Great Fire of Northampton.

Alongside this, both year groups will begin practising for our Christmas Performance. It is the expectation that the learning of lines is ongoing homework in the build up to the performances.

What's New?

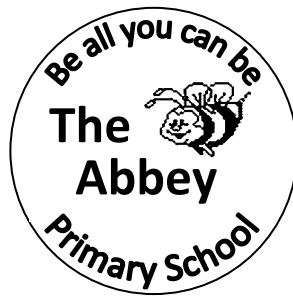
Times Table Rockstars

We are introducing a new times table initiative. This is so exciting and will inspire the children to become their very own ROCK LEGEND. It aims to improve your child's mental recall of the times table and division facts. Times Table Rockstars enables them to generate points to change the status of their avatar. What's even better is the login details will be the same as MyMaths so the children should be familiar with them. Your child should be encouraged to access this resource daily.

ICT Passwords

If your child has mislaid their password card then please ask your child's class teacher. All our resources are excellent and should be encouraged to take full advantage of them.

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Important Dates for your Diary:

Monday 6th November- School photographs
Wednesday 8th November- Y2 SATs meeting (2.15pm)
Monday 13th November - TLCs (3.30 - 7.00pm)
Wednesday 15th November - TLCs (4.00-7.30pm)
Tuesday 21st November- Prospective Parents Open Morning (9.15-10.30am)
Tuesday 21st November – Year 1&2 Friends Movie Afternoon (3.00-4.00 pm)
Wednesday 22nd November - Y1 Phonics meeting (2.15pm)
Tuesday 28th November – Flu Vaccinations for EYFS to Year 4.
Wednesday 6th December- KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm (pre-school children/babies allowed)
Thursday 7th December- KS1 Christmas performance 10.00am (No pre-school children/babies allowed)
Friday 8th December- KS1 Christmas performance 10.00am (No pre-school children/babies allowed)
Wednesday 20th December- School closes for Christmas 3.00pm

Spelling Bug/Bug Club

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Teach your monster to read

<http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

MyMaths

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

Homework

Homework is an extension of your child's schoolwork, and we have high expectations for presentation and the level of work. Homework will be set weekly. Please find below our expectations for KS1 children.

English, Maths or Topic

Set: Every Wednesday

Due in: Following Monday

Reading Reminder:

We encourage all parents/carers and grandparents to **read daily** with their children at home to further develop their child's reading skills. Please can we remind you to **date, sign and make a positive comment** regarding your child's reading in their **Reading Record**.

Remind your child to ask their teacher to change their book regularly.

A book is a dream that you hold in your hands – Neil Gaiman

PE Kit:

There is an expectation that children have their PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (**house coloured or plain white t-shirt and dark shorts**). The children will be having PE outside whenever possible, so the correct footwear, along with appropriate clothing (**dark non-logo tracksuit**), is essential for this. All jewellery must be removed prior to coming to school.

If you have any questions or queries regarding anything from the above, please speak to your child's Class teacher at the end of the school day. We are all more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Mr Scott

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