



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.theabbeyprimary.co.uk Our Year group blogs will be updated with pictures and video clips of what your child has been getting up to in school.

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

What's going on this term?

Year 1 Topic - Kung Hei Fat Choi

This is a very exciting Term in Year 1, as we will be learning about the Chinese calendar, and how Chinese people celebrate their New Year – the year of the Dog! The children will be taking part in a Chinese Dance Workshop later on in the term. For science we will be investigating different sources of light, and gaining an understanding of physical properties of every day materials. Our artwork will involve us using different media to recreate images from the story 'The Willow Pattern'.

Year 2 Topic – Mrs Armitage on Wheels

There will be lots of investigating, designing, creating and evaluating in Year 2 this term. We will find out about different types of transport and then investigate toy vehicles before making a prototype chassis. Then we will be designing, making and evaluating a vehicle for Mrs Armitage. During our Science lessons we will be gaining an understanding of friction, and investigating how forces affect different materials. Kandinsky's artwork will be discovered and explored in order for the children to recreate his work with their own interpretation.

Important Dates for your Diary:

Monday 8th January 2018 – School led clubs start

Thursday 25th January 2018 (9.05am) - The Saxons Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st January 2018 (2.30-2.50pm) - Year 1 'Walk in Wednesday'

Monday 5th February 2018- Year 1 Chinese Workshop

Tuesday 6th February (3.00-4.00pm)– Year 1&2 Bingo Event

Headteacher: Mrs Renuka Popat B.Ed Hons., NPQH

Thursday 8th February 2018 (9.05am) – The Celts Class Assembly

Friday 9th February 2018 - School closes for Half Term

Monday 19th February 2018- School reopens.

Wednesday 21st March 2018 (2.30-2.50pm) – Yr 2 'Walk in Wednesday'

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*

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

Children should access all of the online resources regularly as teachers set ongoing activities

All passwords are located on the green password cards or written in your child's Reading Record

Active Learn: Spelling Bug/Bug Club

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

Teach your monster to read

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

MyMaths

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

Times Tables Rockstars

<https://trockstars.com/login>

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
Key Stage 1 Coordinator