



The Abbey Primary School
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Key Stage 1 - Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an amazing summer holidays; sharing lots of experiences and making lots of memories.

What are we going to learn about this term?

Year 1 Topic – All About Me!

Our topic this term has a science focus. We will be finding out lots of information about ourselves; identifying similarities and differences between babies, toddlers, children and adults. We will be naming and labelling parts of the body, and thinking about ways in which our senses help us.

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.

How can you support your child at home?

Reading

Reading needs to be fun and exciting. Try to set a time and routine where you can hear your child read or let them listen to you read. 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**.

'The more you read, the more you will know. The more you learn the more places you will go.'
Dr Suess

Teach your monster to read

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

This amazing online resource allows children to consolidate, and develop their phonic knowledge. The children are always full of excitement when they tell each other about their achievements. (Login details are on the front of your child's reading record book).

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

Spellings

In Year 1 and Year 2 the children have daily sessions of 'Letters and Sounds', where they learn phonics, spelling patterns and high frequency words. The activities will help the children to read, write and spell the words they are learning. Children can find writing a real challenge; they need encouragement, support and praise for their efforts. In order for them to become a successful writer they need to be able to spell accurately. At The Abbey Primary School, your child will learn the rules and conventions of the system and the spelling strategies needed to become a confident speller.

Spelling is difficult-challenging hard.

Let's not settle for easier word choices because we are unsure how to spell- we encourage adventurous and exciting words to be used in our writing.

Spelling Bug/Bug Club

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

The children are able to apply their phonics' knowledge while listening to, or reading a story from Bug Club. They will be able to develop their grammatical skills while working through the pre-set exercises. (Login details are on the front of your child's reading record book)

ICT Passwords

Passwords for the children to home access MyMaths, Purple Mash and Espresso will be sent home. If your child has mislaid their password card then please ask your child's class teacher. These are excellent, age appropriate, free learning resources and we encourage you and your children to take full advantage of these.

Homework

Homework is an extension of your child's schoolwork, and we have high expectations for presentation and the level of work. We always praise effort and creativity when it comes to homework. Homework will be set weekly, as well as daily reading. Please find below our expectations for KS1 children.

Year 1:

Subject: English/Maths weekly

Subject: Reading daily

Year 2:

Subject: English weekly

Subject: My Maths weekly and TimesTable Rockstars

Subject: Reading daily

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, is essential for this. All jewellery must be removed prior to coming to school.

Reminder

Please use the school website throughout the year for any information regarding your child's year group/class.

www.abbeyprimary.co.uk

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

If you have any questions regarding our topic work and homework please speak to your child's Class teacher at the end of the school day. We are more than happy to help!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th September 2018 – Friend's Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.40am – 9.30am

Wednesday 26th September 2018 - Meet the teacher – Pebble painting 3pm – 4pm and 6pm – 7pm

Monday 1st October 2018 – Tamba Roy Parent information session 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Friday 19th October 2017 - School closes for Half Term 3.00pm

Yours sincerely,

Miss Crawford
Key Stage 1 Coordinator