



## **The Abbey Primary School**

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### **Lower Key Stage 2 Topic Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! We hope that you have had a fun-filled summer. We welcome Mrs Howard and Miss Hollingworth to Lower Key stage 2. We hope the children have had a relaxing summer break and are ready for a year packed full of learning.

### **What will we be learning this term?**

#### **Year 3**

This term Year 3 will be learning all about electricity and magnets in a unit called 'Bright Sparks'. This is a science based unit where the children will explore hands on with different scientific equipment, learn about circuits, materials which conduct and insulate electricity and importantly how to stay safe with electricity. They will investigate with magnets and identify which materials are magnetic. Throughout all learning this term, the children will be focussing on the Abbey Skills unit 'Learning with Others' this enables them to develop the essential skills required when working in a group.

#### **Year 4**

This term Year 4 will be learning all about light and sound in a unit called 'Audio Visual'. This is a science based unit where we will explore all aspects of light including shadows, the science of how we see, reflection and refraction. As well as light the children will investigate sounds looking in detail at how sounds are made, how we hear and how to insulate sound. Throughout all learning this term, the children will be focussing on the Abbey Skills unit 'Learning with Others' this enables them to develop the essential skills required when working in a group.

### **What will your child need at school?**

In KS2 we encourage the children to be independent and responsible for their own belongings and their learning. All children need to have their reading book, reading record and homework diary in school every day. All classes will have PE for an hour, twice a week and we recommend their PE kit is in school every day. This needs to include a house

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

coloured or white T-shirt, black PE shorts and either plimsolls or trainers as stated in the school dress code. As the weather gets a little colder they will also need suitable clothing for outdoor PE . Homework needs to be completed and handed in on time as shown in the table below, the tasks they are set will be recorded in their homework diary.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Day given out</b>	<b>Due in</b>
My Maths	Monday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Monday

**Topic Homework** This will be given out at the end of a topic.

### **How can you help your child at home?**

Many activities can help your children to apply their learning at home such as playing games, paying in shops, weighing ingredients for baking, reading instructions for a recipe. The children can also be supported on My Maths where there are a range of activities and homework tasks they can complete, with the much coveted trophy still available on a weekly basis. We highly recommend the children use the range of online resources available to them regularly. Links can be found on the school website to My Maths, Bug club, Espresso and Purple Mash. If your child has any problems logging into any of these please let your child's class teacher know.

### **Reading – you can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book.**

This year we want to promote the children's enthusiasm and love for reading. As a school we have invested in a lot of new books and hope the children will be inspired to read a range of texts. We expect the children to read regularly at home (3 times a week to an adult) and their reading record will be checked on a weekly basis by their class teacher. As well as listening to the children read it is also beneficial to ask the children questions about what they have read to ensure they have a clear understanding. We also recommend that the children read a range of texts including newspapers, magazines, online articles, and e-books as well as their school reading book.

### **Where can I find further information?**

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

Also the school website [www.theabbeyprimary.co.uk](http://www.theabbeyprimary.co.uk) provides curriculum information about your child's year group.

### **Important Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 20th September 2017** - Maths Meeting 3.00pm – 4.00pm and 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017** - Harvest festival performances 9:30am and 2:00pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017** - Year 4 Parent Information Evening – Grendon Residential 6:00pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017** - School closes for Half Term 3.00pm

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!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Benjamin  
Lower Key Stage 2 Coordinator