



## **The Abbey Primary School**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the first half term! We hope that your children are now settled in their new class and are enjoying the new school year.

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

##### **Year 3**

This term the Year 3 topic is 'Who were the greatest builders?' This unit is a history based unit. The children will have the opportunity to look into the history of Britain. Working through in chronological order they will look in depth at The Stone Age and The Iron Age and how things changed between these two periods. An in depth study of the Ancient Egyptian times is also included in this unit which will also include using some geography skills locating Egypt an understanding what Egypt is like. Throughout all learning this term, the children will be focussing on the Abbey Skills unit 'It's up to me!' this enables them to develop the essential skills required to become independent learners and take responsibility for themselves and their learning.

##### **Year 4**

This term the Year 4 topic is 'Why do we speak English at school?' This unit is a history based unit. The children will have the opportunity to look into the history of Britain. Working through in chronological order they will look in depth at how language changed as a result of historical events including The Norman Conquest and subsequent invasions by The Romans, The Anglo-Saxons, The Scots and The Vikings. The children will have the opportunity to look at artefacts and what they teach us about the past. Throughout all learning this term, the children will be focussing on the Abbey Skills unit 'It's up to me!' this enables them to develop the essential skills required to become independent learners and take responsibility for themselves and their learning.

#### **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 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

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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?**

Now we are fully into the swing of the school year we would like to ensure that the children read and complete their homework. The children should be able to talk to you about what they have been learning and explain in detail how they have been doing this. Any opportunities for the children to apply their learning outside of school are beneficial. We are also introducing a new initiative to help improve times tables. The children will be encouraged to access Times Tables Rockstars on a daily basis and their password will be the same as their My Maths login which they should be familiar with.

### **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. At the forthcoming TLC meetings we will be sharing a bookmark with you to help with questions to ask when reading. 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.abbeyprimary.co.uk](http://www.abbeyprimary.co.uk) provides curriculum information about your child's year group.

### **Important Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017** - Walk in Wednesday – Year 3 (In Hall)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017** - School photographs

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017** - Walk in Wednesday – Year 4 (In Year 4 Classes)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017** - TLCs 3.30 – 7.00pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – TLCs 4.00 – 7.30pm

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017** - Friends Movie Afternoon 3.00 – 4.30pm

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017** – Flu Vaccinations

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017** - Chartwells Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017** - School closes 3.00pm

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018** - School re-opens 8.40am

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 Co-ordinator