



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 Miss Shocklidge, Mrs Fawdon and Mrs Griggs into 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 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.

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

Homework

We are setting a high expectations this year in regards to homework. The children will be receiving 3 pieces of My Maths homework each week and this will be recorded in their homework diary. We also expect the children to spend 10 minutes each day practising their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars (If you need any assistance with login details to either My Maths or Times Tables Rock Stars please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.) At the end of each topic the children will complete their Homework Journal showing what they have learnt in a creative way.

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, Times Tables Rock Stars, 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 aim to continue to improve the children's enthusiasm and love for reading. As a school we have invested in a lot of new books and our new library is fully up and running. All children will be given an opportunity to take out a book and a weekly chance to change this. 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.abbeyprimary.co.uk provides curriculum information about your child's year group.

Important Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 10th October 2018- Harvest festival performances (10.00am and 2:00pm)

Wednesday 17th October 2018 – Year 4 Parent Information Evening – Residential 6:00pm

Friday 19th October 2017 - School closes for Half Term

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