



The Abbey Primary School

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EYFS Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year, we hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable Christmas break. We look forward to hearing about the children's celebrations over the festive period.

The following unit that the children will be studying this term is:
What is the weather today?

Our topic work this term will focus on Arctic animals, the book 'Stanley's Stick' and Pancakes. We will be exploring Frozen Planet which will involve watching clips from the BBC series to find out about the animals habitat. We will research the different animals that live there and how they survive in the cold weather. Whilst reading the book 'Stanley's Stick' we will be searching for our own stick and then using our imagination to create our own adventures. This will then lead into a week of focusing on 'windy days' where the children will be making their own kite alongside the rest of the school. The Romans and Vikings will have to design, make and evaluate their kite. We will end the term exploring Pancakes where we will of course be making our own in our role play café. We will be looking forward to finding out which topping the children like best.

Please look at the school website www.abbeyprimary.co.uk for more curriculum information about the learning taking place in the Early Years. There are also some suggestions on how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Reading

Please support your child at home to read their reading book and practise their keywords. Encourage children to recognise their keywords within their reading books by sight. Please ensure that you sign and or comment in children's reading diaries when they have been read with.

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Homework

Children are still being encouraged to recall taught letter sounds as well as letter names. Children will begin to learn digraphs this term. These are two letters which make one sound. Children will need to identify them in words and use them in their writing. E.g. **chip, feet, shut.**

Teach your monster to read / Active Learning

All children have been issued with usernames and passwords for these sites. We will be encouraging the children to log on and access these websites within school. Please continue to encourage your child to use these free resources at home as well.

P.E. Kit

P.E. will take place on Friday mornings for both classes. Please ensure that all of the children's clothes are labelled and that their P.E. kit is in school on this day. Earrings must be removed.

Home Observations

During TLCs, parent observations were given out, we ask that you please jot down things that you have observed so that we can add it to your child's profile. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like more sheets although observations can be noted on any piece of paper. Once completed hand to one of the Early Years team. Thank you for your co-operation.

Important Dates

Walk in Wednesday – Wednesday 28th February 2018 2.30-2.50pm

Friends Bingo Event – Monday 5th February 2018 3.00-4.00pm

If you have any questions regarding our topic work or 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

Mrs Kearney
EYFS Co-ordinator