



The Abbey Primary School

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EYFS - Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your child for their first term of learning at The Abbey Primary School, we all look forward to working with you and your children.

Our first theme of the year is:

ME!

Our topic work this term will focus on the children getting to know and explore their new learning environment and of course getting to know each other. We will be learning school routines and all about our school community code based around the '5 Bees.' We will be discussing what we look like, our families, where we live and the things that make us special.

We will also be looking at the book 'The Magic Bed' which we will be using alongside drama strategies to develop the children's imaginations and use of language.

Please look at the school website www.abbeyprimary.co.uk for more curriculum information about the learning taking place in the Early Years. Each Year group also has a Blog which gives you an insight into what the children 'get up to' at school. There are also some suggestions on how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Reading

Never underestimate the importance of reading to your children. Every bedtime story you share develops your child's vocabulary and enhances their imaginations. This will help them throughout their years at school.

Reading books and keywords will be sent home towards the end of the term. Please support your child at home to read their reading book and to learn their set 1 keywords. Reading books will be changed weekly and keywords will be tested every two weeks. We expect that reading records will be signed and a comment made at least three times each week. Please ensure your child has a **book bag** to transport the books we send home and check daily for important information.

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

Homework

Your children will be coming home with a sound book which we will add new sounds to as we learn them. We encourage the children to recognise the letter sound and the letter name. Encourage your child to think of words that begin with the sounds and draw them on the appropriate page.

ICT Passwords

ICT passwords will be given out shortly. The children will then be able to access a wide variety of websites to support their learning at home. All of the websites are available via link from the main school page.

PE 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. The children will need to be able to undress and dress themselves independently.

Newsletters

Weekly school newsletters will be available to read online every Friday. Please access them through the school website as they contain important information and dates. If you would like a paper copy these will be available every Friday from 2.45pm from the school office.

Birthdays

As we are a healthy school we do not allow sweets and or cakes to be handed out in school. We celebrate all children's birthdays throughout the year in school.

Important Dates

EYFS School Visits – Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September

Full time school starts on Monday 10th September 8.40am

Friends Macmillan Coffee morning – Friday 14th September 8.40 – 9.30am

Reading Meeting and coffee morning for Early Years – 18th September – 9 – 9.45am or 2.15-2.50pm

Pebble painting sessions – Wednesday 26th September 3pm-4pm or 6pm-7pm

Tamba Roy Parent Session – Monday 1st October 2 – 2.45pm

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 Simmonds
EYFS Co-ordinator