



# Abbey Hey Primary Academy

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Dear Parents

This half term, we will have a geography focus, learning all about mountains and volcanoes. Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class. This will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

Our learning:

- Our focus in Reading lessons will be the skill of retrieval, inference and sequencing.
- In Writing, we will be writing emotive stories and non-chronological reports.
- In Maths we will be continuing to learn about multiplication and division.
- In Science, we will be learning about plants, focusing on the reproduction of them and how their seeds are dispersed.
- In Geography, we will be learning all mountains and volcanoes, how they are formed and what it is like to live near one.
- In P.E. we will be focussing on wall and net games (tennis/volleyball etc.).
- In DT, we will be learning about mechanisms.

Attached to this letter are the Knowledge Organisers related to this term's learning to give you more detail on what the children will be learning. These show the facts that we hope all children should be able to recall at the end of the term. You could use them to 'test' your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

## Homework

Homework will be given out each week on a Friday and should be completed by Tuesday and returned to school. Alongside this, links to learning websites will be available on the Year 3 page of the school website. Homework in Year 3 consists of a few different things:

- Spellings and handwriting are a big focus for us this year and we are lucky to have access to some new online resources which will be set as part of the homework. Log in details for [SpellingShed.co.uk](https://www.spellingshed.co.uk) and [letterjoin.co.uk](https://www.letterjoin.co.uk) will be available in the front of your child's reading record.
- Times Table Rockstars is a fabulous online program that we use to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts. The children have all been given log ins to this. It is very repetitive at the beginning while it assesses where each child is and then sets a program for them. It can also become very competitive in school as we set up 'rock battles' between classes. In our experience, short burst of regular practice is more effective than spending hours once a week.
- Conquer Maths is a great website that we will be using for pupils to practice the skills that they have learnt in Maths each week. Log in details for [conquermaths.com](https://www.conquermaths.com) will be available in the front of your child's reading record.
- Children should be reading at home at least 4 times-per week in preparation for their Accelerated Reader quiz. Developing a love of reading helps people in so many ways, not just with their work in reading but also in writing and topic lessons. Children will receive dojo's when they have 3 parental comments in their reading record.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you. The easiest way to contact us at the moment is via [ClassDojo](https://www.classdojo.com) where we will help you as much as we can or arrange to meet you after school in a socially distant way.

## **PE days:**

Jay – Thursday

Robin – Thursday

Wren – Wednesday

Please ensure that your child wears their P.E kit to school on their PE day.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Yours sincerely,  
The Year 3 Team**