



Abbots Farm Junior School

Learners for Life, Farmers Forever

Ambitious, Healthy Body and Mind, Reflective, Resilient

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

A huge welcome to Year 3 children and parents. We hope you had a fabulous and restful Summer holidays. We are looking forward to an exciting term and continuing the hard work that has already begun in the first two weeks. All of the year 3 staff would like to say a huge well done to all of the children, who have settled in superbly at Abbots Farm Junior School. Keep it up!

During this first term we will endeavour to embed the school's key values to ensure the children are reflective, resilient and ambitious learners as well as following the school rules which are:

We are Kind, we are Respectful and we always Try our Best.

Your child has been given a planner that we would like them to take home and bring into school on a daily basis. This can be used to record any reading that is done at home and in school, as well as a form of communication should any issues arise.

What's happening in Year 3 this term?

Maths

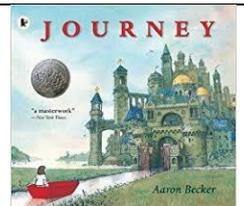
This term we will be focussing our maths on place value and addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. Children will be looking at improving their problem solving, fluency and reasoning skills in a variety of different areas within maths. We firmly believe everyone can succeed in maths and positively encourage all children to challenge themselves and learn to accept that mistakes will be made, but we can learn from them. To support the children's learning with time throughout the year, can you please encourage them to tell the time at home using both analogue and digital clocks. By wearing a watch they can also practise this life-long skill as often as possible.

English

The Journey is the text we will be following this term and we are very much looking forward to following this with the children and are excited to see what work they will produce. The book will give us lots of opportunities for the children to engage themselves in their learning through role-play, drama and writing.

The next book we will be looking at is Stone –Age boy, which will make links with our history topic.

REMEMBER the library is open every day after school and the Y3 lunchtime slot is Monday for you to choose new books and enjoy reading in our lovely library area! We will also visit the library as a class at least once a week.



Topic

This term our creative curriculum theme is 'Ancient Britain' where we will be looking at how Britain has developed and changed from the Stone-Age to the invasion by the Romans. As part of this topic, we will be having some visitors in for a day and the children will be spending the day immersing themselves as a Stone –Age child.

Between 5th – 14th November, we will be commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1. The children will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the week to learn about this important period in history. If you have any memorabilia from this period we would love for your child to bring it into school to share with their class. We will also have a day where the children can dress up as someone from the era. We will send more information about this week closer to the time.

Science	<p>Science this term will begin with the children investigating rocks and soils, and to kick-start the topic we will be joined by some members from a Geology Organisation to really get the topic 'Rocking'!</p> <p>Next half term our Science topic will be 'Opposites Attract'. The children will be looking at magnets and carrying out a variety of investigations to make lots of different scientific discoveries of their own.</p>
RE/PSHE	<p>In our RE lessons, the children will be learning about what it means to be a Christian in Britain today, looking at the role of the bible, the church and how Christians and non-Christians spend their time.</p> <p>During our PSHE lessons, we will be focussing on 'Friendships' and 'New Beginnings' whilst also developing the use of our Key Values.</p>

Home Learning

This term there will be a new set of projects sent out, linked to our new Ancient Britain topic, and we are excited to see the work the children will produce. Please remember this is voluntary and we do not expect all the children to complete all of the tasks. However, we absolutely love receiving the fabulous projects that are completed at home.

Our weekly home learning will be set every Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday. There will be a strong focus on practising spellings over this term, therefore this will be a weekly task along with either a Maths or English based task.

Every Friday there will be a lunchtime homework club for any children that want additional support or time.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning and please don't hesitate if you have any questions.

Key Dates

Class Assemblies at 3.00PM:

Parents coffee afternoon – Wednesday 19th September

Goldcrest – Wednesday 24th October

Wren – Wednesday 14th November

Open Afternoon – Tuesday 16th October

Remember to keep an eye on the school website www.abbotsfarm.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @abbotsfarm to keep up to date with the latest news and information.



We hope that the information in this letter will help you to assist your child with their learning this term. If you wish to contact us for any reason, please feel free to speak to the office to arrange a time.

Best wishes

Mr Robinson, Mrs Bostock, Mrs Symes and Mrs Saturley