



# Abbots Farm Junior School

**Learners for Life, Farmers Forever**

Ambitious, Healthy Body and Mind, Reflective, Resilient

## YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Year 4! We are all excited to welcome the children back for their second year at Junior School. The children have made a really positive approach to their learning already and they are buzzing with enthusiasm. They have embraced our new school rules which are: We are kind, we are respectful and we always try our best.

### What's happening in Year 4 this term?

#### Maths

Throughout this term, the main areas we will be covering are:

- Place value and number
- Addition and subtraction
- Perimeter
- Multiplication and division

Multiplication table knowledge will be regularly developed and evaluated therefore please feel free to test them at every opportunity. Children can continue to practise their times tables through Times Table Rockstars. They should all have their own login details from Year 3. Please encourage your children to use this learning tool. We will have a **weekly times tables/mental maths test** on a **Thursday** and will be expecting children to work on these and practise them at home ready for our test. It is a national expectation that children should know all of their times tables by the end of Year 4.

#### English

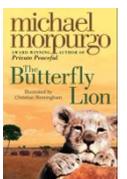
Within **English**, our focus text will be 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo, which is a wonderful book that will captivate the interest of the children.

As well as this key book, we will be using a variety of texts in which the children will develop their use of inference skills, understanding of a particular author's style of writing, writing non-chronological reports, biographies and short stories including character descriptions and story settings.

We will continue to develop children's grammar and punctuation skills and there will be a large emphasis on using accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation in writing.



**REMEMBER** the library is open every day after school and the Y4 lunchtime slot is Friday for you to choose new books and enjoy reading in our lovely library area! We will also visit the library as a class on a Wednesday afternoon.



<h2 style="text-align: center;">Topic</h2>	<p>Our cross curricular work for the term will be based on the theme <b>'Africa'</b>. This is a new topic to Year 4 and the children have made an enthusiastic start already. We will explore geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of Africa and compare with the United Kingdom. The study of the amazing animals and plants will link closely with our science topics.</p> <p>Between 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Science</h2>	<p>We will be covering the following 2 Science topics this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In our <b>habitats</b> topic, we will explore classification of living things and our local environment.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In our <b>Teeth and Eating</b> topic we will identify the different teeth and their functions, explore the digestive system and construct and interpret a variety of food chains.</li> </ul>  </div>

## Home Learning

Home learning this term will be completed in our new lined exercise books. The topic based home learning on Africa accompanies this letter and we can't wait to see what the children do.

Weekly home learning sheets will continue to focus on times tables (weekly practise sheet and Times Table Rockstars), reading, spellings and an English or Mathematics task. It will be set on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday. Parental involvement is regarded as a positive way to support your child's learning away from school and we have really appreciated any feedback you have written on the home learning sheets.

Key Dates	
<p><b><u>Class Assemblies at 3:00:</u></b></p> <p>Sparrows (W4) – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>Robins(B4) – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Y4 Open afternoon – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b><u>Other Dates:</u></b></p> <p>Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens– Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</p> <p>Parents evenings – 23<sup>rd</sup> October</p>

**Remember to keep an eye on the school website [www.abbotsfarm.co.uk](http://www.abbotsfarm.co.uk) and follow us on Twitter @abbotsfarm to keep up to date with the latest events 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

Mrs Beech, Mr Wolsey, Mrs Jones and Mrs Issitt

