



Abbots Farm Junior School

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YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

It's Year 5! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new year group and we look forward to getting to know you all far better this term. The information below includes all the details of our curriculum and calendar. The move to upper school can seem like a big step as the day is a bit different, we are on the other side of the school and the children are settling in to their new classes. However, there are so many exciting activities and topics planned so we are sure the children will show us their ambitious sides and thrive in Year 5!

What's happening in Year 5 this term?

Maths

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

- Number and place value – ordering, rounding, counting
- Addition and Subtraction – including formal written methods
- Statistics
- Multiplication and Division – including larger number
- Perimeter and Area



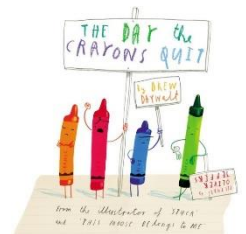
We will also continually be pushing the children to apply these skills in a number of practical, real-life contexts and in some tricky problems and investigations.

In addition, we will continue to have **weekly times tables/mental maths tests** and will be expecting children to work on these and practise them at home ready for our test.

English

Within English we will be focussing on several different text types:

- Letters in role based on a picture book called *The Day The Crayons Quit*
- Non-chronological reports inspired by Sir David Attenborough
- Descriptive writing based on *Journey to the River Sea*



REMEMBER the library is open every day after school and the Y5 lunchtime slot is Thursday for you to choose new books and enjoy reading in our lovely new library area! We will also visit the library as a class at least once a week.

Topic

Our fully immersive topic this term is *Brilliant Brazil*. This is such a vibrant and exciting topic, we hope the Y5s enjoy learning about it as much as we will enjoy teaching it. We will be developing our map skills and identifying physical and human features of this fascinating country. While Carnival Art, Samba Music and food technology projects will enable us to experience Brazilian culture. After half term, we shall explore the Amazon and learn about the ecology of rivers and rainforests. This term our topic will also cover elements of Science, as we investigate the life cycles of Amazon insects, mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians. All of this learning will be enhanced by our trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Monday 22nd October.

World War One

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.

Home Learning

Home Learning is sent out every week. The children will receive a new home learning book with guidance on Year 5 Home Learning expectations. Reading, Spelling and Times tables practice is still encouraged and expected. Please share any feedback in the Home Learning book. Termly Topic Home Learning is also set and includes a variety of creative activities. Although this is optional, we have received many fantastic pieces from children who have thoroughly enjoyed more practical tasks and are keen to celebrate their work. As always, although we encourage children to complete these tasks at home, we are available during the week to offer additional support/resources if needed during our lunchtime Home Learning Club.

Other Information

Class Assemblies at 9:05:

Chaffinch (T5) – Wednesday 3rd October
Starling (A5) – Wednesday 21st November

Other Dates:

Parents Evening – Tuesday 23rd October
Y5 Open afternoon – Monday 15th November

The children have Games on a Thursday afternoon. We will endeavour to be outside as often as possible to please ensure your child has warm clothing and trainers. PE is on a Friday. Kit should be kept in school and will be sent home half-termly.

We would also like to inform you that Miss Trainer teaches T5 on Fridays. This is to enable Miss Tate to fulfil her role as our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Both teachers regularly liaise to ensure the children receive a consistent approach to their teaching and learning. 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,
Miss Abel, Miss Tate, Miss Trainer, Mrs Briggs, Miss Bright and Mrs Tyler