



Abbots Farm Junior School

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YEAR 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

What a great start to the year the children have made in their new Y6 classes! We are all very pleased with how well the children have settled in to their learning and look forward to an exciting, productive and fun-filled year ahead.

What's happening in year 6 this term?

Maths

This term in maths, we will be focusing on these main areas.

- Number and place value – numbers up to 8 digits, negative numbers and rounding
- Prime, square and cubed numbers
- Calculation strategies and problem solving
- Factors and multiples
- Fractions – ordering, simplifying, calculation with fractions, comparing fractions to their decimal and percentage equivalents.

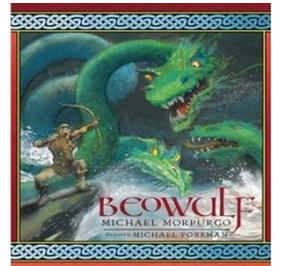


English

Our first unit of work in English is linked to the story of Beowulf. Children will be writing a battle cry and a battle scene before moving on to write their own version of the story.

We are then going to look at texts linked to our WW2 topic, in particular a brilliant text called Rose Blanche. They will be writing a diary entry, focusing on the difference between formal and informal language and a narrative extract too. They will also look at newspaper reports and balanced arguments linked in to our WW2 topic.

We are particularly focusing on spellings this term, as we know how important this is when we get to the final writing assessments at the end of the year. We will also be continuing to introduce the children to a wide range of new grammar and punctuation skills.



REMEMBER the library is open every day after school until 4pm and the Y6 lunchtime slot is Tuesday. We will also visit the library as a class at least once a week.

Science

In addition to the science covered in our Hawaii topic, we will also be covering some stand-alone science units this term.

- Through the 'Let It Shine' topic, children will learn about light, how it travels, reflects and refracts.
- In our 'Classifying Critters' topic, the children will learn how to use classification diagrams to help them identify unknown plants and animals.



<h2 style="text-align: center;">Topic</h2>	<p>We have a new topic for the first half term, based around Hawaii, focusing on key geographical language to develop their understanding of the world and how to use maps. We are also linking some of our science work in to this topic, by looking at adaptation and we will also be investigating volcanoes.</p> <p>Between 5th – 14th November, we will also 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 nearer the time.</p>	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">PE</h2>	<p>PE = Mondays in W6 and SJ6 Games = Wednesday in W6 and Friday in SJ6</p> <p>Please ensure children have both indoor and outdoor footwear available in case needed. If the weather is cooler, children may bring a tracksuit to wear with their kit.</p>	 <p>Finally, we will be starting our WW2 topic towards the end of this term and continuing with it in the Spring term. We will be finding out about key events that happened during the war, focusing specifically on The Blitz and the lives of evacuees. We will also be using it as an inspiration for some of our Art projects and our writing.</p>

Home Learning

Home learning will be sent out weekly for maths and English. In addition, a termly optional topic-based homework sheet will be sent out to allow the children to complete more flexible and creative tasks should they wish to. Homework will be given out on a **Friday** morning to be handed in the following **Wednesday** and we will often go through the work together in class to reinforce the learning and support with any areas the children have found trickier. Additional home learning support will be available on Friday lunchtimes in Mrs Webb's room. Further information about home learning can be found on the inside cover of your child's home learning book, but as always, please do not hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

Key Dates	<p>Remember to keep an eye on the website www.abbotsfarm.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @abbotsfarm to keep up to date with the latest events and information</p> 
<p><u>Blackbird class assembly:</u> Wednesday 26th September 3pm <u>Songthrush class assembly:</u> Wednesday 5th December 3pm <u>Y6 open afternoon:</u> Friday 19th October 2pm <u>Manor adventure:</u> Monday 8th- Friday 12th October <u>Christmas carol concert:</u> Wednesday 12th December <u>Christmas Fair:</u> Friday 14th December 3:20pm</p>	

We hope that the information in this letter will help you to assist your child with their learning this term. As always, if have any questions or queries about any events or issues, please feel free to speak to the office to arrange a time.

Best wishes

Mrs Seneschall-Jones, Mrs Webb, Mrs Warneck and Mrs Sandall

