



# Abbots Farm Junior School

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## YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

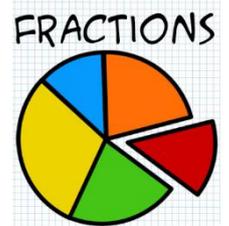
Welcome to 2019! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and successful New Year. We have been incredibly proud of how well both BT5 and T5 have settled into Year 5. All of the children have fully embraced our immersive curriculum and created some wonderful *Farmer* memories. We are looking forward to seeing this continue this term and are already spotting lots of children demonstrating our key values and school rules. A great start so far!

### What's happening in Year 5 this term?

#### Maths

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

- Multiplying and dividing using a formal written method
- Using, calculating and understanding fractions and decimals



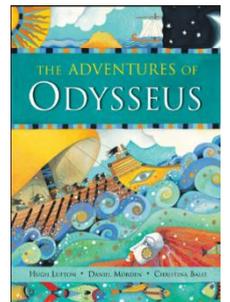
We will also continually be pushing the children to apply these skills in a number of practical, real-life contexts and in some tricky problems and investigations.

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

#### English

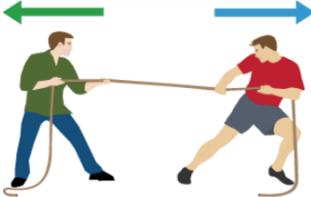
Within English we will be focussing on several different stimuli:

- Narrative and suspense writing inspired by the short film *Alma*
- Exciting newspaper reports describing the Trojan War
- Writing our own Greek Myths using different versions of *Odysseus*



We will also be continuing 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 Y5 lunchtime slot is on a Wednesday 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.

<p><b>Topic</b></p>	<p>Our main topic this term is the Ancient Greeks. 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 finding out about key events that happened during this period of history, focusing the culture and the impact the Greeks have had on modern day Britain. Some of our class stories will also be based around the Greeks (The Adventures of Odysseus). As well finding out about the History of Ancient Greece, we will be using it as an inspiration for some of our Art and DT projects and our writing. We are also going to be visited by Timezone to fully immerse the children into this time period.</p>	
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>We will be covering the following Science topic this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the 'Material World' topic, children will continue to investigate different materials and their properties.</li> </ul> <p>The children will also be investigating the early scientific discoveries of Ancient Greek thinkers and the impact of their discoveries on modern Science and Mathematics.</p>	



## Home Learning

Well done Year 5 for the high volume of home learning being handed in on time! We have been blown away by some of your efforts into your topic home learning and hope you enjoy the next selection of activities. Home learning will continue to be sent out weekly and will be based on specific English and Maths activities, as well as the required Reading, Spelling and Times Table practise. There is also an optional selection of Ancient Greek topic home learning activities which your child may wish to complete. 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 on a Wednesday lunchtime.

## Key Dates

<p><b>Class Assemblies at 9:05:</b>          Chaffinch (T5) – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February          Starling (BT5) – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April          Y5 Open afternoon – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>Other Dates:</b>          Parents evenings – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February</p>
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As you are already aware, Mrs Brant and Miss Trainer are sharing the responsibility of BT5. Therefore, T5 will now be taught by Mrs Mehta on a Friday. 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 Tate, Mrs Brant, Miss Trainer, Mrs Briggs, Miss Bright and Mrs Mehta

**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**

