



Abbots Farm Junior School

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YEAR 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! What a great start to the year SJ6 and W6 made in the Autumn term! We were all very pleased with how well the children settled in to their new classes and rose to the expectations of being in Y6. We can't believe we only have 2 more terms to enjoy teaching your children until they take their next steps on to Secondary school.

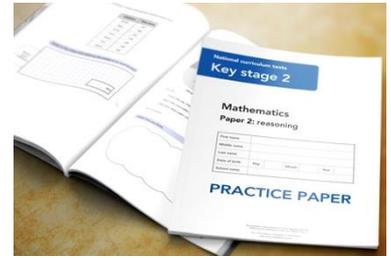
What's happening in year 6 this term?

Maths

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

- Multiplying and dividing with decimals
- Using percentages
- Measures, Algebra and Ratio.

We will also be starting to look at SATs-style test papers and practising ways to understand and tackle questions, to enable children to feel confident as they approach the tests next term.



In addition, we are going to have short **weekly arithmetic tests** to help prepare children for their SATs arithmetic paper and support them with any areas they are finding particularly tricky.

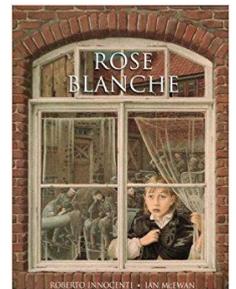
English

Within English we will be focusing on several different texts linked to our WW2 topic:

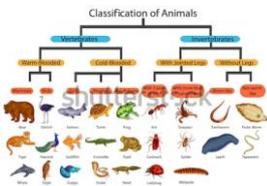
- newspaper reports about the Blitz
- Writing in the role of an evacuee based on **Goodnight Mr Tom** and **Ronnie's War**
- diaries and a narrative text based on a book called **Rose Blanche**
- a persuasive speech



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 Y6 lunchtime slot is Tuesday 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.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Topic</h2>	<p>Our topic for this term is World War 2. Previous Y6s have loved this topic and judging by their enthusiasm already, we are sure this year will be no different. We will be finding out about key events that happened during the war, focusing specifically on The Blitz and the lives of evacuees. As well finding out about the History of WW2, we will also be looking at the artwork of Ronald Searle, who was a prisoner of war during the war and used his art as a way of recording and sharing his experiences. Finally, in DT, we are going to look at rationing, seasonality and origins of different produce and then use this to design and make some war time recipes.</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"> • Through the 'Electricity' topic, children will develop a deeper understanding of circuits, the different elements that can be used and how the output of a circuit can be changed. They will also learn to draw circuit diagrams. • In our 'Classification' topic, the children will explore the use of different classification charts and diagrams and look at the different ways in which living things can be classified.  

Home Learning

Well done Year 6 for the high volume of home learning being handed in on time! Some of you have also been working really hard on your topic-based home learning and it looks like you have had lots of fun trying new things and finding out interesting information!

For the first half of the Spring term, home learning will continue to be sent out weekly and will be based on specific English and Maths activities. There is also an optional selection of WW2-related topic home learning activities which your child may wish to complete.

However, after half-term, things will change slightly as we follow a more focused revision period leading up to the SATs tests in May. 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 Friday lunchtime.

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 events and information



Key Dates

<p><u>Class Assemblies at 9:05:</u> Songthrush (W6) – Wednesday 13th February Blackbird (SJ6) – Wednesday 20th March Y6 Open afternoon – Thursday 7th March</p>	<p><u>Other Dates:</u> WW2 trip to Beaumanor Hall – Monday 11th March Parents evenings – Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th Feb</p>
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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 Seneschall-Jones, Mrs Webb, Mrs Warneck and Mrs Sandall