



Abbots Farm Junior School

Learners for Life, Farmers Forever

Resilient, Ambitious, Reflective, Healthy Body and Mind

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break and we cannot wait to get stuck into this term's learning. The children have one term left in Year 3 and we want to make it as productive and as enjoyable as possible so that they are fully prepared for their journey into Year 4.

We are still continuing to embed the school's key values to ensure they are reflective, resilient and ambitious learners and we thank you for your continued support.

What's happening in Year 3 this term?

Maths

As we move into the Summer term, we will be continuing to secure the skills we have learnt over the previous two terms, as well as learning and developing new skills too. To begin with, we will be focusing heavily on fractions, before moving onto looking at time, shape and measurement of mass and capacity. Alongside this, we will still be further practising our times-tables and the inverse.

To support the children's learning with time, can you please encourage them to tell the time at home using both analogue and digital clocks. By wearing a watch they can also practise this life-long skill as often as possible.



English

During the Spring term, we were once again astounded by some of the fantastic writing the children have produced, especially their story openers. We could not believe the range of vocabulary, sentence structures and punctuation the children were using; their ambition was incredible and this was reflected in the writing they have produced.

This term, we will be exploring the text *Shackleton's Journey*, based on the true story of Ernest Shackleton. By using this text, the children will produce:

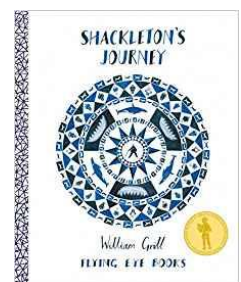
- Letter of application to be part of his crew
- Narrative looking at characters and settings
- Play script
- Recount


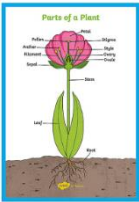
We cannot wait to see the writing the children will produce.

As well as this, towards the end of the summer term we will be using the text 'Quest' by Aaron Becker. This is the second story that we will be looking at by this author and it will be the perfect opportunity to see how the writing for year 3 has improved during the year.

We will also be continuing to develop children's grammar and punctuation skills throughout the term.

REMEMBER the library is open every day after school and the Y3 lunchtime slot is Monday 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>Topic</p>	<p>'The Great British Outdoors' is our final topic in Year 3. Throughout this topic, the children will learn all about the UK, its countries, counties and cities as well as the human and physical characteristics of different locations.</p> <p>Furthermore, we will be exploring our local area and the history of Abbots Farm. We will be using atlases, digital maps, the 8 points of a compass and orienteering skills.</p>	
<p>Science</p>	<p>For Science this term, our new topic will be 'How does your garden grow?' The children will be learning about the parts of plants, what plants need to grow and the life cycle of plants. This will link very closely to our topic and we will be spending a lot of time outdoors.</p>	
<p>RE/SRE</p>	<p>In our RE lessons, the children will be learning about what it means to be a Christian in Britain today, looking at the role of the bible, the church and how Christians and non-Christians spend their time.</p> <p>As you are aware, SRE lessons will commence in Summer 2. Your child will be learning about the human lifecycles and basic facts about emotional and physical changes during puberty.</p>	

Home Learning

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has completed a home learning project for the 'Transport' topic. The work produced was phenomenal and it was clear to see that a lot of effort had gone into completing these projects. We now can't wait to see the topic home learning you produce for the 'Great British Outdoors'

Our weekly home learning will continue to be set every Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday. There will be a strong focus on practising our spellings this term, therefore this will be a weekly task along with either a Maths or English based task.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning.

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

Class Assemblies at 3.00PM:

- Goldcrest – 9th May

- Wren – 13th June

Year 3 Open Afternoon – Monday 2nd July

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

Mr Robinson, Miss Marshall, Mrs Symes and Mrs Saturley