



Abbots Farm Junior School

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YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer Term! We are pleased to inform you that children have made a fabulous start to their learning already. As last term, the children have lots to look forward to with their learning. We are confident that every child will continue to try their hardest with the remaining time they have left in Year 4. Children all embrace the key values in their daily school life. We really appreciate the parental support children have received so far this year with home learning, times tables, spelling practise and reading and please keep up with this support to prepare your child for the excitement and challenges of Year 5.

What's happening in Year 4 this term?

Maths

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

- Decimals
- Measurement - Money and Time
- Statistics
- Properties of shape and position and direction

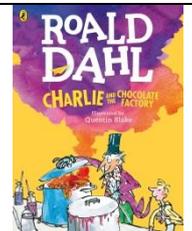


Multiplication table knowledge will continue to be a focus so please continue to support your child with this at home using the multiplication sheets and Times Table Rockstars. We will continue to have **weekly times tables/mental maths tests** on a **Thursday** for those children still learning their tables. We now have an increasing number of children that know all of their times tables which is fantastic!

English

Within **English**, our focus text will be 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl, which will really engage our children into the topic of Chocolate.

As well as this key book, we will continue to be using a variety of texts in which the children will develop their use of inference skills, understanding of a particular author's style of writing, writing explanations, non-chronological reports and biographies. We will also be continuing to develop children's grammar and punctuation skills and there will be a large emphasis on using accurately it in their writing. **A reminder our library is open every day after school and the Y4 lunchtime slot is Friday for your child to choose new books and enjoy some relaxing reading time! We will also continue to visit the library as a class at least once a week.**



<p>Topic</p>	<p>Our cross curricular work for the term will be based on the theme 'Chocolate'. We will explore how particular localities have been affected by cacao production. They will use maps at a variety of scales to locate the position and geographical features concerned with cacao growing. We will find out about the history of chocolate and the importance of fair trade. There will be an exciting design focus to our topic in which the children will get to make their own chocolate brand and bars.</p>	
<p>Science</p>	<p>We will be covering the following 3 Science topics this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be continuing with the 'Materials' topic, the children will investigate changes in state of materials as well develop a clear understanding of the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. • Our Electricity topic will involve making circuits and investigating conductors and insulators. • In our habitats topic, we will explore classification of living things and our local environment. 	

Home Learning

Weekly home learning this term will continue to be completed in our home learning books. Thank you for the time and effort your children put into completing their home learning. The topic based home learning on the Ancient Egyptians has been a great success and we can't wait to see what the children do for the new topic home learning on Chocolate. We have already been fed with some delicious tasty chocolate treats! Weekly home learning sheets will continue to focus on times tables (weekly practise sheet and Times Table Rockstars), reading, spellings and an English or Mathematics task. It will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned on the following Thursday. Parental involvement is regarded as a positive way to support your child's learning away from school and we have really appreciated any feedback you have written on the home learning sheets. If your child is unsure of how to complete their home learning, please ask them to bring it back into school for it to be explained further.

Key Dates	
<p><u>Class Assemblies at 3:00pm:</u> Sparrows (W4) – Wednesday 11th July Robins(B4) – Wednesday 2nd May</p> <p>Y4 Open afternoon – Tuesday 3rd July</p>	<p><u>Other Dates:</u> Cadbury World Trip – Tuesday 15th May</p>

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 Beech, Mr Wolsey, Mrs Jones and Mrs Issitt

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



