



# Abbots Farm Junior School

**Learners for Life, Farmers Forever**

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## YEAR 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

**Wow! Only 1 more term left in Year 6! But what a term it promises to be!**

With SATs just around the corner, as you would expect, much of our work in Y6 this term will be based on revision of key skills in Maths and English, and supporting children with any areas that they may still feel less confident with. We wish the children all the best with their forthcoming tests and hope that they now simply view them as a chance to try their best and be proud of their achievements.

Although we have the SATs creeping ever-closer, there are also lots of exciting things planned for this term to ensure that the children build many more 'Farmers Forever' memories to take with them. This is the term when emotions will also start to kick in for many of the children (and parents) as we think about preparations for transition to their new schools and of course, later in the term, begin our rehearsals for our Leavers' Production – always a show not to be missed (so long as you have your tissues at the ready!)

**Well done Y6 for making it this far and we hope you enjoy your final term as 'Abbots Farmers'.**

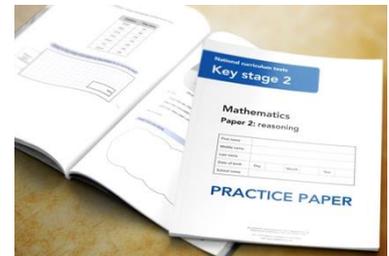
### What's happening in year 6 this term?

#### Maths

To begin the term, we are going to cover some shape/measures skills whilst revising prior knowledge linked to these areas, including:

- Volume
- Measuring, drawing and calculating angles
- Identifying nets

We will also be working through lots of SATs-style test papers and regularly practising our arithmetic skills to ensure that children have memorised the methods that will underpin so many of the questions they will be faced with in their SATs test.

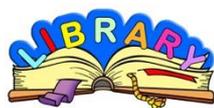


#### English

For the first few weeks of this term, we will really focus on the grammar, punctuation and spelling elements of the English curriculum, to ensure children are as prepared as possible for the SATs tests. We shall also be focusing on more complex texts in reading to increase the children's exposure to higher-level vocabulary and prepare them to tackle unknown words and trickier questions that may come up in the SATs tests.

In addition to this, we will have a strong focus on writing in the weeks following the SATs tests, linked to several different texts:

- Explanation writing based on **Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions**
- A short suspense story called **The Dare** based around drama activities.
- Letter writing based on a book called **The Princess Diaries**



**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.

<b>Art</b>	<p>In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Summer term, we will be carrying out our whole school Art Week again. In Y6, we will be studying the work of French sculptor Niki de Saint Phalle – a great chance to get creative (and a bit messy), making and painting our own models.</p>	
<b>Science</b>	<p>We will be covering the following 2 Science topics this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the '<b>Let It Shine</b>' topic, children will learn about light, how it travels, reflects and refracts.</li> <li>• In our '<b>Classifying Critters</b>' topic, the children will learn how to use classification diagrams to help them identify unknown plants and animals.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, we will also be delivering our SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) curriculum in the Summer term. Please take time to talk to your child about what they have discussed in school and any issues or concerns that may arise.</p>	

## Home Learning

Thank you to all the children who have been working hard on their SATs preparation folders for home learning - it is really making a big difference and helping you to feel confident in your abilities as we head towards the tests. This will continue until SATs. However, there are a number of children consistently not bringing these folders in – organisation and managing homework for themselves is a key skill that children will need for secondary school and the work that we have provided for them is so vital for preparing them for their SATs tests. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that home learning is completed and brought back into school each Monday.

## Key Dates

**SATs week:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May  
**Y6 memories and open afternoon:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 14:00  
**Year 6 leavers production:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 13:45  
**Leavers BBQ and disco:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

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 @abbotsfarm to keep up  
 to date with the latest  
 events and information



We hope that the information in this letter will help you to assist your child with their learning this term. Thank you for your continued support this year and we look forward to spending one final term with your children. 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, Miss Clarke, Mrs Warneck, Mrs Tyler and Mrs Sandall