



# 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 with 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



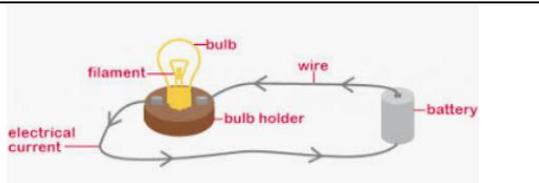
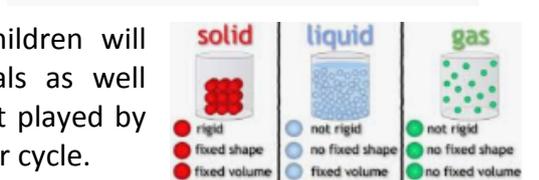
Multiplication table knowledge will continue to be a focus so please continue to support your child with this at home using the multiplication sheets and Times Table Rockstars. We will continue to have **weekly times tables/mental maths tests** on a **Thursday** for those children still learning their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

#### English

Within **English** we will be studying the book *Traction Man* in which the children will develop their use of inference skills, understanding of a particular author's style of writing, story writing and persuasive advertisements

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 letters, recounts 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 Thursday 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><b>Topic</b></p>	<p>Our cross curricular work for the term will be based on the theme <i>'Anglo-Saxon Invaders'</i>. This will help deepen their knowledge and understanding of historical events that had an effect on Great Britain and Europe. They will begin to understand the role of an archaeologist to piece together information and create a picture of past life in an Anglo-Saxon village.</p>	
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>We will be covering the following Science topics this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our <b>Electricity</b> topic will involve making circuits and investigating conductors and insulators.</li> <li>• In our 'States of Matter' 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.</li> </ul>	 

## 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. 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 **Wednesday**. 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><b><u>Class Assemblies at 3:00pm:</u></b>            Robins(B4) – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May            Sparrows (W4) – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Y4 Open afternoon – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2-3pm</p>	<p><b><u>Other Dates:</u></b>            Anglo-Saxon Day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</p>

**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**



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