

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2024

ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY



Welcome Back to Summer Term at Abbotsweld Primary Academy!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Abbotsweld Primary Academy for the start of the summer term! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the exciting term ahead.

As we embark on this term, we are eager to celebrate the academic achievements of our children in their end-of-year assessments. It's been wonderful to witness their growth and progress, and we look forward to recognising their hard work and dedication. In addition to academic success, we are equally committed to nurturing our students' physical development and positive wellbeing. Through a holistic approach to education, we aim to ensure that every child thrives both academically and personally.

We are thrilled to announce a new initiative aimed at enhancing our school community – the formation of a "Friends of Abbotsweld" group. This group will play a vital role in supporting fundraising efforts for the school and our children. Whether it's organising events, volunteering time, or contributing ideas, your involvement will make a significant difference.

If you're interested in joining this endeavor, we invite you to attend our coffee morning on Thursday, 9th May, at 9:00 AM. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the group's objectives and how you can get involved. If you're unable to attend but still wish to support us, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office, attention Mr. Summerford, via email.

Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for our children to thrive. We look forward to your participation and collaboration in this exciting venture.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Benson

COFFEE MORNING



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Start your day off right with a freshly brewed coffee and great company.

<https://www.abbotsweld.netacademies.net/>

Why?

Come join us for our Coffee morning, where we will be discussing FoA and be around for any questions you may have!

Miss Pearcey will be attending to answer any queries or questions regarding SEND provision also.

Where & When?

Abbotsweld Primary Academy

Main Hall - 9:00 - 9:30am

Thursday 9th May 2024.



Year 5 and 6 summer curriculum news

English

In English, the children will be consolidating a range of grammar features in their writing through a selection of texts. Beginning with writing their own spy story based on Alex Rider before moving on to using story and video clips as a stimulus. This will allow children to practise a range of grammar skills: complex sentences, prepositions, modal verbs, speech and ambitious vocabulary, as well as using formal and informal styles.

Maths

In mathematics, our focus this term is measurement, statistics, algebra and ratio, as well as revising previous learning. Children will work together to problem solve through investigations, using their understanding of various mathematical concepts. Times tables will help your child greatly —please try and practise these frequently with your child on TTRockstars.

Non-Core

History

This term, children will be studying Modern Slavery - particularly the impact of slavery in today's world.

Geography

Children will be doing a comparative study of England and Japan, looking at culture, lifestyle and also geographical similarities and differences.

Science

children will learn about Evolution and Inheritance, where they will look at how animals adapt and change according to their surroundings. Children will also revisit Electricity, where children will draw, make and test different circuits.

Computing

children will build upon their coding knowledge with Vector Graphics and creating questions in quizzes.

Class Information

Homework consists of spellings, TTRockstars, My Maths, daily reading and Learning By Questions. Spellings will be set weekly and will be tested the following week. Your child can access their maths homework online using their logins. Reading books will be changed weekly. PE will be twice a week, with a PE Coach teaching one session per week.

Please make sure your child brings their water bottles to school every day.



Year 3 and 4 summer curriculum news

English

In English this term we will be reading 'The Paperbag Prince' by Colin Thompson. We will be focussing on how to structure and compose diaries and a balanced argument, whilst applying all previously taught grammar rules. We will have weekly grammar and comprehension lessons.

As well as this, we will have daily reading sessions focusing on four key domains: retrieval, inference, vocabulary in context and summarising.

Maths

In Maths, we will be developing the children's understanding of fractions, decimals, statistics and geometry.

We will also do daily calculations to improve our maths fluency and weekly mental maths practise.

There will continue to be a focus on times tables this year. Please make sure your child is accessing TT Rockstars regularly at home.

Homework will consist of:

- Daily reading
- TTRockstars

On PE days, child may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing a T-shirt joggers, jumper in our school colours: red or black, and black plimsoles or trainers.

Reminders:

- KS2 pupils will not be provided with a snack and must bring their own healthy snack if wanted.
- Please ensure that your child brings in a named bottle of water for them to have throughout the day.

Other Topics this term

In History this term, we will be learning all about Ancient Rome. This will immediately followed by Geography learning on Italy as a European neighbour.

In Science, we will be learning about plants, other living things and their habitats.

In DT, we will be making pneumatic toys and in Art we will be learning about sculpture.

R&W will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Islam.



Year 1 and 2 summer curriculum news

English

In English this term year 1 and 2 will be continuing to follow our Talk for Writing scheme with imitating and innovating of different writing genres. We will be exploring traditional tales including the Three Little Pigs by internalising the text and then innovating on it by changing the characters of the story. We will then be introducing the Independent Application stage of Talk for Writing where the children will be writing their own traditional tale using the skills they have learnt.

Maths

In Maths this term year 1 and 2 will be continuing our topic of fractions. Year 2 will be continuing to explore quarters, thirds and halves and year 1 will be exploring halves and quarters by sharing and grouping. We will also be exploring measurement with length and height, mass and capacity as well as reading scales. As a class we will be continuing to concentrate on calculations daily and encouraging engagement in this through Numbots.

Other Topics this term

In History this half term we will be learning about the Prime Ministers from the past and present and their role. We will also be exploring the history of the beach over the last 100 years. In Geography we will be learning about the world including the different continent and seas around the world. In Science we will be starting our topic of animals including humans where we will be learning about different animals and the life cycles of animals.

Class Information

Confidence class PE days: Monday and Friday.

Determination class PE days: Monday and Friday.

Responsibility class PE days: Monday and Tuesday.

Please send your child into school wearing the correct PE kit on these days.

Please continue to listen to your child read daily and comment in their reading record. Please encourage your child to engage with Numbots and TTRockstars are home to help develop their calculation and multiplication skills. If your child is in year 1 they will be sitting the Phonics Screening Check after summer half term, the week commencing 10th June. It is essential that they are practicing reading words at home to help them be successful in this. Please encourage them to use the Phonics at home booklet they have received.



EYFS summer curriculum news

English

We have been following Talk4 writing in Reception. Currently, we are looking at the 'Jack and the beanstalk'. We have been imitating the story with actions, as well as structuring the story. We will be innovating the story and changing the character and the ending. Next half term, we will be looking at the story 'The enormous turnip, as well as Elmer.

Maths

In maths, we have been working on becoming confident with our number bonds to 5 and some to 10, as well as subtraction. We have been working on one more and one less. We have started to learn about time. We will be looking at halving, sharing and doubling and begin to look at numbers higher than 10. We are going to be practising subitising, money and the position of numbers.

Other Topics this term

This term, in understanding the world, we are looking at how plants grow. We will be planting our broad bean plants and learning and discussing how plants grow and what is essential to the process. After half term, we will be looking at changes.

Class Information

Please continue to read with your children.

PE is on a Tuesday, please send your child to school in their correct PE kit.

Please could children come to school with the correct school uniform. Shoes should be black and trousers should be black or grey. If hair accessories are worn, they should be white, red or black.

Thank you for your support.



REMINDERS

To support the safety of our children during Physical Education (PE), we would like to remind parents that earrings should not be worn on these specific days. The physical activities involved in PE may pose a potential risk for accidents and injuries related to earrings.

It is therefore crucial that earrings are removed before the school day begins on PE days.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to the overall well-being and safety of our students. We understand that safety is a top priority for all parents, and your adherence to this guideline will help create a secure environment for everyone.

I would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality. School starts at 8:45 am, with doors opening at 8:35 am.

Being on time is not only a key factor in your child's academic success but also contributes to the smooth operation of the school day. It ensures a positive start for everyone involved.

School trips are an important part of the Abbotsweld experience. They are chosen to provide our children with opportunities of growth, learning and exploration beyond the classroom.

They not only extend the curriculum but offer unique experiences that may not be accessible otherwise.

In order for trips to take place we ask for parents to support us on the days but also financially. We understand that times can be financially challenging and we are committed to working with you to support with this in a number of ways:



ATTENDANCE



WORK TOGETHER

Have above 96% attendance.
Go on holiday during school closures.
Make non-urgent medical appointments OUTSIDE the school day.
Telephone the school as early as possible on each day of absence or lateness.

If contact has not been made before s/he returns to school please send a note.
National guidelines mean that we will not be able to authorise such an absence.



APRIL'S ATTENDANCE...

★	Respect	97.77%
★	Empathy	97.46%
★	Confidence	96.58%
★	Courage	96.41%
★	Equality	96.24%
★	Resilience	96.1%
	Kindness	94.73%
	Determination	94.25%
	Responsibility	93.03%
	Honesty	92.99%
	Independence	92.51%

OUR SCHOOL TARGET IS FOR ATTENDANCE TO BE ABOVE 96% OR ABOVE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE OUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL...

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

EVENTS

April

15th Inset Day
16th Return to School
17th Swimming for Group B Begins
18th MyHappymind Parent App Workshop
19th Curriculum Letters
23rd St George's Day
30th Phonics Workshop for Parents at 8.45

May

KS1 SATs all Month
6th Bank Holiday
9th Parent Coffee Morning with SENCo
13th-16th KS2 SATs
17th Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
20th Choir Rehearsal for Harlow Music Festival
21st & 21nd Movie and Munch Evening
24th Finish for Half Term

June

W/C 10th Y4 Multiplication Check
W/C 10th Phonics Screening Check
10th Return to School
12th Y6 BBQ and Games
14th Summer Parent Workshops
18th Y6 Harlow College
18th Y6 Church Visit
20th School Photographs- Class
20th Harlow Music Festival
21st Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament
25th June Sports Day
27th Year 6 Transition Day

July

2nd Reserve Sports Day
4th y6 Music Studio
5th Anniversary of NHS
5th Year 5/6 Production- Play in a Week
10th Class Swap
9th End Of Year Reports
10th Curriculum Evening 4-5pm
11th Year 6 Super Silent Disco
12th Year 6 Residential
17th Year 6 Dinner and Dance
18th Year 6 Leavers Assembly
18th End Of Term- 3.45pm finish



ONLINE SAFETY



WHATSAPP



WE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF A WHATSAPP GROUP CALLED 'ADD EVERYONE YOU KNOW' OR 'ADD EVERY 1 U KNOW'. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN AND TO ADD ALL THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE AIM OF ATTRACTING OVER 1000 MEMBERS. GROUP POSTS HAVE INCLUDED THE USE OF INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND REQUESTS TO UPLOAD NUDE PHOTOS.

IF YOU REQUIRE SUPPORT WITH THESE APPLICATIONS PLEASE CONTACT MR SUMMERFORD.

ALTERNATIVELY YOU MAY FIND THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES USEFUL TO SUPPORT KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE:

[HTTPS://WWW.INTERNETMATTERS.ORG/](https://www.internetmatters.org/)

[HTTPS://WWW.NSPCC.ORG.UK/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/)

[HTTPS://WWW.THINKUKNOW.CO.UK/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

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