



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2025

# ABBOTSWELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to the spring term!

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we embark on the spring term, we are excited to share with you the wonderful learning opportunities and activities planned for your children.

This term, each class will be diving into new and exciting topics. Our dedicated teachers have prepared engaging lessons that will not only enhance academic skills but also foster a sense of curiosity and love for learning. We are committed to providing a well-rounded education that helps each child find their sense of self through both academic pursuits and enrichment activities. In this newsletter you will find more details about your child's classes learning and also important information.

Please note that important dates and events for this term can be found on our website. These dates are subject to change, so we encourage you to check the website regularly to stay up-to-date with the latest information and read our monthly newsletter.

We look forward to a productive and inspiring term ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Benson



# Honesty and Kindness Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2025

## English

We have been following the Talk4 writing in Reception. Currently, we are looking at the 'The Little Red Hen' and the children have been learning the story, performing it and using expression. The children are going to be learning the structure of 'The Little Red hen' and writing key words, as well as building the children's confidence and skills up to writing independent sentences. The children will also be following a similar process with 'We're going on a bear hunt' this half term and other traditional stories.

## Maths

We are focussing on the composition of numbers, number bonds to 5 and comparing groups with one more and one less.

We will be solidifying our learning on subitising and cardinality from Autumn term. We will continue to practise our number formation, again solidifying what the children learnt in Autumn term.

## Class Information

PE is on Wednesdays each week and your 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.

For reading, please make sure you are regularly checking and filling in your child's reading record as this will support communication greatly.

Please could all of your child's belongings be clearly labelled, especially items like gloves and hats which can be lost easily.

## Other Topics this term

This term, our topic is Animals and the environment. We are going to be learning about David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg and the children will learn valuable life skills from this.

We will be exploring these topics in various fun and practical ways including making bread, watching eggs hatch and completing some live animal observational drawings.



# Confidence Class

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn 2024

In English, we are continuing to follow the Talk4Writing scheme. This encourages children to internalise a text and its features before writing their own version. This half term Year 1 will begin with the Jack And The Bean Stalk. The children will imitate the story by drawing a story map, creating actions and eventually writing a retell.

#### Maths

In Maths this term, year 1 will be exploring addition and subtraction within 20. They will begin to look at the value of tens and ones within a number. We will be using a concrete and pictorial approach where the children will be developing their independence in using a range of mathematical resources.

Please support your children at home by using Numbots (logins will be sent home soon).

The children will also be engaging in daily calculations to support their development in addition and subtraction within 10 and 20.

#### Other Topics this term

In science we will be learning about plants. We will be looking at common trees and plants and learning about their anatomy.

In History we will be exploring Neil Armstrong and the moon landing. In Art we will be exploring primary and secondary colours, how we can create different types of textures within our work and creating 3D sculptures.

In Computing we will be looking at Photography. We will be learning how to take photographs and investigating what makes a good photo.

#### Class Information

Homework will consist of:

· Daily reading

· Numbots

· Weekly spellings

PE is on Wednesday and Friday. On PE days, children may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing the correct coloured T-shirt, joggers, jumper in our school colours: red or black, and black plimsoles or trainers.

- Please ensure your child brings in their phonics book and reading record every day.
- Please ensure that your child brings in a named bottle of water for them to have throughout the day.
- Please make sure your child's jumper and cardigan has their name in it to avoid them getting lost.



# Determination Class

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn 2024

#### English

In English, we will be continuing to follow the Talk4Writing scheme. This encourages children to internalise a text and its features before writing their own version.

This half term Year 1 will begin with the Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be deepening our understanding of the text by acting out the story before retelling the story.

In reading we are exploring a non-fiction book called Roots, Stems, Leaves and Flowers where we will learn the structure of a non-fiction text and its purpose.

#### Maths

In Maths this term, year 1 will be exploring addition and subtraction within 20. They will be using their knowledge and skills of place value to help them add and subtract numbers to 20. We will be using a wide range of concrete resources to support them.

Please support your children at home by using Numbots.

The children will also be engaging in daily calculations to support their development in addition and subtraction within 10 and 20.

#### Other Topics this term

In science we will be learning about plants which links to our English topics. We will be exploring different types of plants, their features and how they grow.

In History we will be exploring Neil Armstrong and the moon landing. The children will discover when the moon landing happened and its significance in history.

In Art we will be exploring sculptures. We will be using paper and card to create our own abstract sculptures.

#### Class Information

Homework will consist of:

- Daily reading
- Numbots
- Weekly spellings

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# Empathy Class

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### Autumn 2024

#### English

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In addition, we will focus on oracy, where children will share and present their ideas confidently and succinctly.

#### Maths

In mathematics, our focus this term is on multiplication and division as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. Throughout the term, students will explore and investigate higher level application of mathematical concepts, such as statistics, as well as developing their skills in reasoning and problem solving.

Please encourage your child to practise TTRockstars frequently throughout the week.

#### Other Topics this term

History - This term, the children will be learning about Parliament. Working as historians, the children will ask questions about what Parliament is and its role within society. They will have the wonderful opportunity of meeting Harlow's MP Chris Vince, where they will be able to ask questions and extend their classroom learning. Geography - Children will be learning about Natural Resources, including renewable energy and how we use natural resources. Science – Children will learn about Light: how light travels and how shadows are formed. Children will experiment with mirrors and changing the direction of light.

#### Class Information

Homework will consist of spellings and TTRockstars. Spellings will be sent home weekly (every Tuesday), ready for the test on the following Monday.

PE is on Monday and Thursday. On these days, your child may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing joggers and a jumper in our school colours: red or black.



# Courage Class

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring 2025

#### English

In English Writing, this term we will be reading 'Hansel and Gretel' by Anthony Browne. We will be focusing on Setting description and Dialogue. We will have daily spelling and handwriting lessons.

As well as this, we will have daily reading sessions focusing on fluency and developing a deep understanding of both Fiction and Non-fiction texts.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will begin with learning how to use written methods of multiplication and division. This will lead into an extended unit on fractions.

We will also do daily calculations to improve our maths fluency.

Please support your child in learning their times tables up to 12x12 at home, to reinforce their learning in school. Please contact me if you or your child are unsure on how to access TTRockstars at home to support this.

#### Other Topics this term

In Geography, we will be studying mountains around the world. We will be specifically looking at the technical language used when discussing mountains, how they are formed and climates found in mountainous areas.

During Science this term, we will be learning about forces. We will learn about pushing and pulling forces, with a strong focus on magnets.

For Art, we will be studying Egyptian art and will be designing an authentic Egyptian scroll.

#### Class Information

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings
- TTRockstars

PE is on Monday and Friday. On PE days, your child may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing their house colour T-shirt, joggers, jumper in our school colours, red or black, and black plimsoles or trainers. Earrings to be taken out.

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.



# Resilience Class

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In addition, we will focus on oracy, where children will share and present their ideas confidently and succinctly.

#### Maths

In mathematics, our focus this term is on fractions, decimals and percentages, including converting from one form to another. Throughout the term, students will explore and investigate higher level application of mathematical concepts, such as statistics, as well as developing their skills in reasoning and problem solving. Please encourage your child to practise TTRockstars frequently throughout the week.

#### Other Topics this term

History This term, the children will be learning about Parliament. Working as historians, the children will ask questions about what Parliament is and its role within society. They will have the wonderful opportunity of meeting Harlow's MP Chris Vince, where they will be able to ask questions and extend their classroom learning. Geography - Children will be learning about Natural Resources, including renewable energy and how we use natural resources. Science – children will learn about Light: how light travels and how shadows are formed. Children will experiment with mirrors and changing the direction of light.

#### Class Information

Homework will consist of spellings and TTRockstars. Spellings will be sent home weekly and do not need to come back into school. Children will be tested weekly. PE is on Monday and Thursday. On these days your child may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing joggers and a jumper in our school colours: red or black.



# Respect Class Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2025

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## Maths

In Maths, we will begin with learning how to use written methods of multiplication and division. This will lead into an extended unit on fractions.

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## Other Topics this term

In Geography, we will be studying mountains around the world. We will be specifically looking at the technical language used when discussing mountains, how they are formed and climates found in mountainous areas.

During Science this term, we will be learning about forces. We will learn about pushing and pulling forces, with a strong focus on magnets.

For Art, we will be studying Egyptian art and will be designing an authentic Egyptian scroll.

## Class Information

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings
- TTRockstars
- Daily Reading

PE is on Monday and Tuesday. On PE days, your child may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing their house colour T-shirt, joggers, jumper in our school colours, red or black, and black plimssoles or trainers. Earrings to be taken out.

Reminders:

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# Independence Class Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2025

## English

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## Maths

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## Class Information

Homework will consist of:

- Spellings
- TTRockstars

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Reminders:

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## Other Topics this term

In Geography, we will be studying mountains around the world. We will be specifically looking at the technical language used when discussing mountains, how they are formed and climates found in mountainous areas.

During Science this term, we will be learning about forces. We will learn about pushing and pulling forces, with a strong focus on magnets.

For Art, we will be studying Egyptian art and will be designing an authentic Egyptian scroll.



# Responsibility Class Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2025

## English

In English, the children will be learning to apply a range of vocabulary in their writing through a selection of texts.

Beginning with the book, 'How to Catch A Star' by Oliver Jeffers, we will produce our own wishing stories with a focus on changing the setting.

Then we will be focusing on the book 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey, we will produce a non-fiction text which will link to our history topic about Space.

## Maths

In mathematics, our focus this term is on multiplication and division and fractions.

Throughout this term children will be exploring the different methods of multiplication and division, using their timetables to support their learning.

The second half of the term will focus on fractions, where children will use their timetable to support their learning.

## Other Topics this term

**History** This term, the children will be learning about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing. Working as historians, the children will ask questions about the moon landing and how the astronauts got to space.

**Art** This term, the children will be learning about Sculptures. They will be exploring how to make 3D sculptures using different techniques and learning about different artists!

## Class Information

Homework consists of spellings, daily reading and Times Tables Rock Stars. Spellings will be given every Monday and will be tested the following week. Reading books will be changed every Monday.

PE is on Wednesday and Friday. On this day your child may come into school in their PE kits. Please make sure they are wearing joggers and a jumper in our school colours: red or black.



# Equality Class

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#### Maths

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#### Other Topics this term

History This term, the children will be learning about Parliament. Working as historians, the children will ask questions about what Parliament is and its role within society. They will have the wonderful opportunity of meeting Harlow's MP Chris Vince, where they will be able to ask questions and extend their classroom learning. Geography - Children will be learning about Natural Resources, including renewable energy and how we use natural resources. Science – children will learn about Light: how light travels and how shadows are formed. Children will experiment with mirrors and changing the direction of light.

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# Perseverance Class Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2025

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## Other Topics this term

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Art This term, the children will be learning about Sculptures. They will be exploring how to make 3D sculptures using different techniques and learning about different artists!



# Partnerships

"My name is Eva and I am a Trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioner for Mind in West Essex. My role involves working closely with children, young people and their families to promote wellbeing and good mental health. I am very excited to be working with staff, students and families at Abbotsweld on Thursdays, and I am looking forward to being part of your school community. "



# Fundraising time

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<https://hertsandwestessex.ics.nhs.uk/news/health-services-remain-extremely-busy-help-us-help-you/>

Hospitals in Herts and Essex are very busy. If you need help for minor illnesses or injuries, go to your local pharmacy first, visit NHS 111 online or call 111 where they can direct you to the best service. Only call 999 if you have a life or limb threatening emergency.



## Health services remain extremely busy – help us help you

The NHS in Hertfordshire and west Essex remain under extreme pressure. Learn how to get the help you need from the right place.

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