

# Autumn term 2024 – Curriculum News



September 2024

We hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned as your child begins Year 5 at Abbots Green. Year 5 marks the beginning of Upper Key Stage 2 which means there are a few changes in store for your child! This term we will be introducing Upper Key Stage Two planners; these will be used to record reading and for communication between home and school.

This term, the children will be fully immersed in Ancient Greece in history lessons where they will learn about life during this period, including their beliefs, democracy and the Olympics. In science, we will focus on Living Things and their Habitats, and Earth and Space. The children will become experts in our spectacular solar system, which will culminate in a fantastic trip to the National Space Centre! In Art, they will be looking at the work of Hundertwasser and using a variety of skills and techniques to apply their knowledge and work in the style of this artist. In DT, children will be exploring the properties of materials and fabrics and how these can be recycled and repurposed.

PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus heavily on the world in which we live in and having a sense of belonging. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In French, children will learn vocabulary relating to holidays in different places and trips out. As part of our exploration of world religions, we will look at Sikhism and the role Sikhs played in the WWI war effort.

We are looking forward to continuing the use of iPads to enhance and enrich our exciting curriculum and further developing the ways we can use these tools to support the children's education.

**English** Application deadline! We start the term by writing formal letters of application when applying for a position of responsibility in school. Later on in the term, we will be building on the children's knowledge of Ancient Greece to write an adventure story written in the third person perspective, set in another culture. We end the term writing biographies based on significant figures linked to our Science learning of Earth and Space.

A new spelling concept will be taught each fortnight and spellings related to each concept will be on Spelling Shed for the children to use both in school and at home. Please encourage them to practise these throughout the week as the children will have weekly spelling dictation to check they are applying these concepts.

## Year 5 Staff

### Miss More

Russia class teacher  
(Monday - Thursday)

### Mrs Hughes

Russia teacher  
(Friday)

### Mrs Heath

Norway class Teacher  
(Monday, Weds, Friday)

### Mrs Adjaye

Norway class Teacher  
(Tuesday, Thursday)

### Mrs Fitchett

LSA

## Maths



This term, children will be learning and consolidating their understanding of number (place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) through a range of written methods, problem solving and practical exercises. The aim is for children to be able to apply different maths in a range of contexts. Also, this term, children will be developing their understanding and knowledge of fractions. Children's knowledge and practising of times tables will remain of significant importance this year. Any support you can give at home will be much appreciated.

This year, children will undertake a weekly arithmetic test. This is to support children in becoming secure in arithmetic strategies; these vital skills can then be applied to reasoning and problem solving.

## Home learning

From **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, your child will be set maths and English task to complete at home. These tasks will relate to learning in the classroom. Both pieces will be set on a Friday and due on a Wednesday.

In spellings, children will learn a new spelling concept every fortnight and there will be an alternating Showbie/Spelling Shed home learning task related to the spelling concept being taught in class.

Reading continues to be hugely important this year! It is expected that children will read at home for at least 15 minutes every day; this will need to be individually signed in their planners by an adult at home a minimum of 3 times a week. They have a new bingo book selection to choose from as well as 'Ready Reader' books available.

## Rainbow Challenges

Research and then write about an Ancient Greek God or Goddess.

Investigate how many miles it is to travel to each planet from Earth. Can you convert it to kilometres?

Design a football-skill based activity for a small group to take part in. Remember to write down the skill you are focusing on and to draw a diagram

Have you ever read any Greek mythology? Now is your chance!

Draw a Greek inspired landscape. This might include architectural or natural features.

Write a diary entry as an astronaut of your choice!



## PE

On PE days, children will continue to come into school in their PE kits. PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Our focuses will be Outdoor Adventure Activities (OAA) such as orienteering and map skills as well as Tag Rugby, Badminton and Fitness. PE kit must be the Abbots Green sports top or a **plain** white t-shirt and then black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms. No branded sportswear please. Please see the school website for more details. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. We will also be completing the daily mile each day.

## Recommended reads!



'Wizards of Once' Cressida Cowell. Once there was Magic, and the Magic lived in the dark forests. Until the Warriors came....

This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison.



Told in verse, in first person, this is the touching story of an extraordinary friendship, that changes two boys' lives forever