

Autumn term 2021 – Curriculum News



September 2021

We hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned as your child begins their final year at Abbots Green.

We kick-start our term with a History focus on World War 2 and The Battle of Britain. We will be studying the important timeline of events during World War 2, learning about rationing, evacuees, The Blitz and the impact on society. To consolidate our understanding, we are very excited to be visiting Duxford Museum this term – more information to follow. In Geography this term, we will first of all focus on settlements, land use and economic relationships before moving on to developing map skills and orienteering/fieldwork.

This half term, our Science topic will be Electricity and we will be learning about the components of a circuit and how to construct one which will then help us to create our very own electronic board game in Design Technology! After half term, we move onto the topic of Light. The children will be learning about how light travels, what colours make up the light we see and learning more about reflection and refraction.

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. Art modules this term will focus on drawing and painting skills.

Year 6 Staff

Mrs Heath

South Africa Class teacher
Monday, Tuesday, Friday.

Mrs Tarling

South Africa Class teacher
Wednesday, Thursday.

Miss Thurlow

Thailand Class teacher

Miss Loane

Year 6 teacher

Mrs Loker-Steele

LSA

Mrs Trueman

LSA

English

Our writing this term will be linked to our World War 2 topic which will start with a historical narrative inspired by the brilliant book 'Letters from the Lighthouse' which we will be reading in class. We will also be developing our diary writing as well as studying some WW2 poetry. After half term, we will be dabbling in a bit of Shakespeare and honing our explanatory text writing skills.

SATS

Another focus for Year 6 will be preparation for their SATs. This academic year, the SATs will take place during the week of **9th May 2022**. The children will be tested on their reading, maths, spelling and grammar. Writing assessments will be portfolio-based and will be teacher assessed in June.

Maths



This term, children will consolidate their understanding of number (place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will be learning about the order of operations and long division through a range of theory, problem solving and practical exercises. Also this term, children will be revising their fraction knowledge as well as learning about position and direction in geometry.

The aim is for children to be able to apply maths in a range of contexts. Children's knowledge and practising of times tables will be significant again this year as will their Mental Maths skills. Using Mental Maths strategies in real life situations at home would be hugely beneficial.

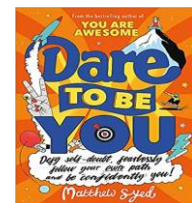
Home learning

From **Friday 17th September**, your child will be given a maths and English task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will have a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie and recorded in diaries. These will be tested on Mondays within sentences.

Reading is hugely important. It is expected that children will read at home daily and this will be individually signed by an adult in their planners a minimum of 3 times a week.

Recommended read



'Dare to be You' by Matthew Syed. Empower children to conquer doubt, follow their own path and love what makes them different!

Rainbow Challenges

- Design your own WW2 propaganda poster.
- Code breaking time! Make up your own code, write a secret message and then de-code it.
- Create a 20 minute fitness regime for a soldier. Follow it for 2 weeks, recording your heart rate before and after.
- Read a range of WW2 poetry and use it to inspire writing your own war poem.
- Create a WW2 inspired collage! You could include symbols such as poppies, medals or planes.
- Create a model of an Anderson shelter.
- Create your own map of a fictional place and include grid references as well as map symbols.



PE

Outdoor PE will be on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct kit on this day. Warm clothes will be needed; this includes a dark coloured jumper as children should not wear their school jumper for PE. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

Swimming will be our other PE session this term which will be on Wednesday mornings; we are really excited to be able to take them swimming this term!



Autumn Term Key Date

Deadline for applications for secondary school places: **31st October 2021**