

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 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! They will have the opportunity to walk to and home from school independently, have a school planner, be upstairs and be able to bring their mobile phone for safety reasons when walking to and home from school. Mobile phones will need to be turned off before they enter the building, likewise they should not be turned on until they have left the school site. The mobile phones will be kept in a box locked in the cupboard during the day.

This term, the children will be fully immersed in Ancient Greece in History and focus on Forces and Earth and Space in Science. The children will become experts in our spectacular solar system! 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.

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. RE will also be taught weekly, we start by looking into the Sikhism religion and we will also look at aspects of the Christian religion.

English Hold onto your hats! During the first half term year 5 are writing adventure stories. Our inspiration has come from the story of 'The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Rooket'. Ask your children to tell you about Barnaby's adventure! In the second half of term, children will be writing biographies and newspaper reports linked to our science.

A new spelling rule will be taught each week and spellings related to each rule will be provided on a half-termly spelling sheet. Please encourage them to practise these throughout the week. Children will be responsible for independently changing books and recording what they have read in their planners.

Year 5 Staff

Miss Hammond
Russia class teacher
(Mon, Tues, Wed)

Mrs Adjaye
Russia class Teacher
(Thurs, Fri)

Mr Brooks
Norway class Teacher

Mrs Taylor-Brown
LSA

Mr Crouch
LSA

Mr Newson
PE teacher

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 creating and interpreting statistical data and learning about perimeter and area. Children's knowledge and practising of times tables will be significant again this year.

Throughout the year, children undertake a weekly arithmetic test. This is an opportunity for children to become secure in common arithmetic strategies.

Home learning

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

It is expected that children will read at home and this will need to be signed in their planners by an adult at home a minimum of 3 times a week. Reading will equal rewards! Children who are unable to complete this will stay in with an adult at lunchtime for 10 minutes reading.

From **Friday 17th September**, your child will be set a Maths and English task to complete at home. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. Both pieces will be set on Fridays and due in on Wednesdays and will be on Showbie.

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 for ever.

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 must come into school in the correct PE kits as opposed to getting changed in school. PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our focuses will be rugby and football. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather as PE will mainly be outside.

Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child comes in wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part. We will also be completing the daily mile each day.