

Autumn 2020 – Termly Topic Update



September 2020

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. It is so lovely to be able to welcome the children back into school.

Our topic this term is World at War. We will be studying the important events of World War 1 as well as focusing on brave and courageous heroes. We will also learn about World War 2 after half term where they will be learning about the social and political impact on Britain.

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 own electronic board game!

PSHE will be taught weekly this year 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.

Another focus for Year 6 will be preparation for their SATs. This academic year, the SATs will take place on the week beginning 10th May 2020. The children will be tested on Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. Writing assessments will be portfolio-based and will be teacher assessed in June.

English

Our writing this term will be linked to our World at War topic which will include diary writing, a biography and a narrative inspired by the books Private Peaceful and Letters from the Lighthouse.

A new spelling rule will be taught each week and spellings related to this rule will be written in your child's spelling book. 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 each week. Ideally children should be enjoying their reading on a daily basis.

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 different 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

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 Fridays within sentences. Children will also continue to bring home a list of statutory spellings to learn each half term.

It is expected that children will read at home and this will be signed in their planners a minimum of 3 times a week.

Each week 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.

Rainbow Challenges



Design your own WW1 propaganda poster

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 WW1 poetry and use it to inspire writing your own war poem

Compare British and German war planes and create a fact file.

Create a model of an Anderson shelter

Interview a family member/friend about their war experience and then present your findings.

Feel free to share these soon through your new Showbie classroom!

PE

PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays and are both outside (weather permitting). Mr Newson, an external specialist P.E. teacher, will be teaching athletics and Mr Brooks will be teaching hockey this term. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct kit on these days. 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.



Year 6 Staff

Mrs Heath

South Africa Class
Assistant Head teacher.

Mr Brooks

Thailand Class

Miss Hammond

Year 6 teacher
Monday – Wednesday

Mrs Tarling

Year 6 teacher (Thursday)

Mrs Price

HLTA
PPA cover

Mrs Smith

LSA a.m.

Mrs Cragg

LSA p.m.

Mr Newson

PE teacher

Autumn Term Key Dates

Half Term
Week beginning 26th October.

As we start a new school term, we are keen to share dates for the year ahead. We aim to be as creative as possible to ensure that we share your child's learning experiences with you in a safe way.

Initially, instead of cancelling dates, we will be choosing to inform you of upcoming dates and details as soon as we can confirm more.

W/b 2nd November 2020 - Mock SATs week.