

Hello Spring Term!

Happy New Year to you all - bring on 2025! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

In Year 6, this spring term, we will be moving onto our Explore Project and focusing on Geography through our Big Question of **'How is the world split and yet connected?'** The children explore in depth where they are in the world looking at maps on different scales. The sectioning of places is also explored including cities and counties. They explore a variety of maps and think through how height is marked on a map through the use of contour lines. They then learn about time zones and problem solve a number of scenarios to work out what time it is in different places in the world. Alongside learning about geographical skills and knowledge, the children explore the concept of global connections and how we can connect safely with others to make a difference by being kind to the world as a global community, respecting human rights and the environment.

Curriculum Focus

Class books: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf

Writing: Non-Chron. Report, Informal Letters, Narrative/Classic Poems, Narrative (Ghost Story/Suspense), Narrative (with integrated dialogue)

Mathematics: Decimals, percentages, algebra, perimeter, area and volume, ratio, shape.

PE: Badminton and Dodgeball

RE: What can we learn by reflecting on words of wisdom from religions and worldviews? What do sacred texts and other sources say about God, the world and human life?

Science: Animals, including humans (circulatory system) and Evolution and Inheritance.

D&T: Cooking and Nutrition.

Key Stage 2 SATs

Key Stage 2 SATs take place between **Monday 12th - Thursday 16th May**. These tests cover the core subjects of Maths, Reading and SPaG serving as a measure of a child's academic progress. Writing is teacher assessed. SATs aim to evaluate students' understanding of key concepts and skills acquired during their primary education. It is crucial to support and encourage children during this period, fostering a positive attitude towards learning and boosting their confidence as they navigate through these assessments. It is also important to remember that SATs are just one part of your child's learning journey. Your child's unique talents and interests are also promoted in subjects like art, history, physical education, music, and more. We encourage their curiosity and enthusiasm across all subjects.

Support Reading:

We are seeking volunteers to assist with reading across all year groups. If you are available to lend your support, please let us know. Your help can significantly improve reading development and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. We can be flexible with days and times.



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How can you support your children at home?

- **Reading:** There is still an expectation in Year 6 that children read every night as reading is the foundation for all other learning. To support their progress you can make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading. <https://www.abbeygatesprimaryschool.co.uk/reading-10/>
- **Spellings:** Children will be explicitly taught spelling patterns within class. Spelling lists are displayed on the website for each half term. They will be tested on the previous weeks spellings the following Friday. <https://www.abbeygatesprimaryschool.co.uk/spellings-2/>
- **Sticky Questions:** These questions encourage discussion. The Year 6 children will be given a different question each week and we will discuss them in class on Friday. Please take some time to discuss these each week. <https://www.abbeygatesprimaryschool.co.uk/sticky-question-7/>
- **Year 6 Homework:** Further information will follow about the year 6 spring term homework after the SATs parent info meeting. <https://www.abbeygatesprimaryschool.co.uk/sats-support/>

Year 6, Spring Dates

Thurs 9th Jan Y6 Parents SATs meeting (4:15pm-5:00pm)

Friday 24th Jan - DAaRT Graduation assembly to parents (9:10am)

Parent/Teacher Learning Reviews - date coming soon.

PE

Year 6 will take part in double PE on a Monday afternoon. I will be delivering PE this term, which I am very much looking forward to as I love my sport. Please could all children come to school in their PE kit on these days. It is also helpful if children do not bring earrings in on these days or are easily able to remove them. *Please ensure that their PE kit is in line with our school policy.*



CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help with any of the topics above? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a geography-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us...please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

Enrichment

In order for us to provide the materials required for DT, art, etc we ask for contributions to our enrichment fund. These can be made via the school gateway. We thank you in advance for your support.

We will continue to regularly update our class pages with relevant information and updates in regards to the amazing learning that will be taking place. As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a telephone meeting after school.

Mr Rich and Mrs Miles

