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Dear Children, Parents/Carers

Year 6 newsletter for Autumn Term 2

Welcome back from your half-term break! We hope you are all feeling refreshed, and that you are looking forward to another fun-filled term. In this letter we outline what is coming up this half term.

Last half term, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Abbey Circus Air Raid Shelter, which brought our learning about World War II to life. As ever, a huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who gave up their time to support us. We really couldn't do it without you!

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 4th December – HSA Christmas Fair afterschool. The year 6s have been asked to help with some Christmas games for this event. We will be talking to the children about this nearer the time.

Maths: Working with fractions (equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and calculating with fractions).

English: This term we will continue to link our English work to WW2. We will start by looking at Anne Frank and comparing her diary style to our informal diary last half term. We will also write a biography about Anne Frank and her experience in the annex. We will then read a picture book called Rose Blanche.

Science and Humanities: All units will be based around a question which aims to inspire the children. In science this question will be: *How do we see?* as we learn about light and shadows. We will begin our new Geography topic, '*What are natural resources and why do we use them?'* where we will be exploring natural resources, sustainability and trade.

PE- Dance (Monday) and a further PE session with Premier (Thursday afternoons). We ask that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. *Please note that there may be sessions in dance which will take place outside*.

RE- The children will be exploring how life can be seen as a journey and how different religions celebrate key events within life. E,g, Baptism in Christianity or the Sacred Thread ceremony in Hinduism.
Computing- This term the children will be completing our iProgram unit. We will be programming our own games.

DT: We will be researching, planning, building and testing structures this half term in the form of model WWII shelters. *Please note, children will most likely require cardboard from home to create their designs.*

Homework- The children will be expected to read regularly throughout the week, discussing the content and expressing opinions on what they have read. We also expect the children to access EdShed at least 4 times a week to practice their weekly spellings. Spelling tests will be on a Thursday. Children should also practice their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars for 15 minutes across the whole week (not per day). There will also be an optional topic-based homework once a half term, details of which will be given nearer the time.

We understand that some families like to do revision materials at home as a way of practicing for the tests in May.

However, we kindly requests that you **do not use the official 2024 or 2025 SATs papers from previous years.**
These papers form a vital part of our preparation and assessment in the build up to SATs – helping us see which areas of the curriculum may need to be revised. Any pupils with inflated scores will mislead this preparation and mean that the children are not as equipped as they could be.

If you have any questions about this term, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, please feel free to email either of us at Year6@abbeyroadprimary.co.uk.
Thank you.

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Elder class teacher

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Oak class teacher