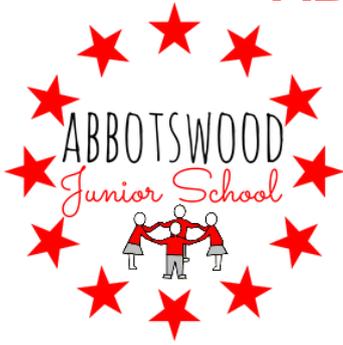


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Year 5 and 6 Summer Term Newsletter

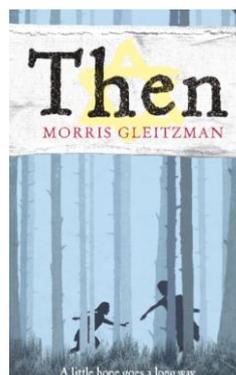
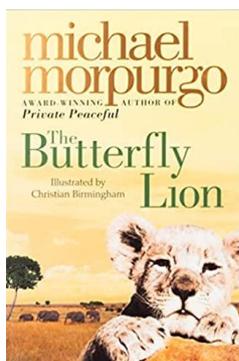
Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term offers an exciting array of topics and opportunities which we are excited to share with all the children. We are incredibly proud of how resilient and flexible the children have been this academic year so far. Many children have faced the challenges of COVID disrupting their learning but all the teachers have been so impressed with how engaged the children have been in their learning.

Curriculum

This half term, Year 5 are immersing themselves in the book 'Butterfly Lion.' They will be getting musical by learning different rhythms with drums, exploring the landscapes of Africa and using the emotions from the text to write their own chapter.

Year 6 will be stepping back in time and continuing to learn all about WW1. They will be immersed in the book 'Then' by Morris Gleitzman - a book which captures all the different emotions of war. Using their skills learnt from DT lessons, the children will be creating their very own WW1 car and you will be invited to come in to support the children.



Home Learning



All children in year 5 and 6 are expected to play 5 games on Times Tables Rock Stars and 5 games on Spelling Shed each week. We have been so impressed with how much participation has increased in upper school during the spring term and can see how much impact this is having in the classroom. Times Tables and spellings play a vital role in your child's education so the more games they play, the more successful they will be in the classroom.

Book Bingo

Book Bingo aims to promote and nurture a love of reading. However, it is also designed to ensure that children are challenged by the books they are reading. With the increased expectations of the new curriculum, the texts children are expected to read and respond to are much more demanding. We therefore hope the reading list for Book Bingo gives you an accurate picture of the expectations for Year 5 and 6.

The aim is for children to read a book from the extensive list and complete a relevant activity from the Book Bingo Challenge Grid. Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes will then be awarded to children. These will then be celebrated in assemblies every half term when children achieve their certificates. In addition to prizes at the end of Summer Term, children will receive House Points as they progress through the challenge.

Trips



Year 6



Next half term, Year 5 will be experiencing the force at Paultons Park! They will be spending a day exploring the rides and taking part in a forces workshop. Year 6 will have the opportunity to become budding entrepreneurs and take on the role of creating their own business. You will be invited in to see all the businesses in action!

Wristbands



Congratulations to those children who have been awarded with one of their STARS wristbands during the spring term. Year groups focussed on the values of aspiration and respect last half term. It is brilliant to see so many children now sporting their red or green bands!



This half term, the children are learning about stretch with the aim of working towards their blue wristband. In the next half term, the children will be able to earn any of the wristbands each week.

PE

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate PE kit on their PE and OSA days. Below is a guide as to what they should and shouldn't be wearing in school:



Healthy Snacks



Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to eat at break time. A number of children with severe nut allergies attend Abbotswood – **we are therefore a nut-free school** and ask parents to not provide their child with nuts as a snack or for lunch at school.

Dates

Dates for Year 5 Spring Term		
Date	Event	Parent Helpers Required?
May		
Thursday 26th	A Twist in the Tail outcome	Yes
June		
Friday 24th	Abbotswood Book Day	-
July		
Monday 4th	5VE + 5EL Paultons Park	Yes
Wednesday 6th	5SW + 5MC Paultons Park	Yes
Thursday 7th	Transfer to new classes	-
Friday 8th	5AP + 5JD Paultons Park	Yes

Dates for Year 6 Summer Term		
Date	Event	Parent Helpers Required?
May		
9th - 12th	SATS	-
Friday 13th	Production launch	-
16th - 19th	Enterprise Week	-
Friday 20th	Enterprise Outcome	Yes
Thursday 26th	Car Making Day	Yes
June		
Tuesday 7th	Simon Chadwick Illustration morning	-
Friday 24th	Abbotswood Book Day	-
July		
6th, 7th + 8th	Transfer Day to secondary schools	-
Monday 4th	Year 6 Tent Day	-
Thursday 14th	Leavers' event	-
18th + 19th	Production	-
Wednesday 20th	Year 6 Reward Day	-

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Vigar
Upper School Leader – Years 5 and 6.