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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you to a new and exciting academic year. We are sure you are excited to see your children enter their final year at Abbey Hey and end this chapter on a high, especially after two difficult years. We do not want the children to worry as the first term of the year will be spent gap filling and recapping on prior knowledge taught in previous years.

This half term, Year 6 will have a History focus. We are learning about Anglo-Saxons using archaeological skills to find out what can we learn about them, from what we see today.

Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary, and information about your child's learning in class.

Our learning:

- In English, we will be looking at two quality texts and using these to create our own writing through the examining of the features and styles of these well-known books. The first is *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling. It is set in 1926, Newt Scamander has just completed a global excursion to find and document an extraordinary array of magical creatures. In writing, we will be creating our own creatures and writing information texts. The second text is *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. In writing, we will be writing our own fantasy quest stories!
- Our focus in our Reading lessons will be the skill of retrieval.
- In Maths, we are focusing on number and place value up to 10 million. After this, we will move onto the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- In Science, we are studying Physics with a focus on Electricity. We will be investigating variations in series circuits by comparing and giving reasons for variations in how components function, associating the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells and recognising symbols in a circuit.
- In History, we will be studying Anglo-Saxons. We will look at the famous archaeological site 'Sutton Hoo,' and use archaeology to find out what can we learn about the Anglo-Saxons from what we see today.
- In P.E, we will be studying dance, using controlled movements to show clarity, fluency and accuracy.
- In Art, we will be developing an understanding of calligraphy as a graphic art form.



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building up drawings of whole or parts of items and embellishing decoratively using layers of materials.

- In Music, children will be using the theme of challenging journeys in life. We will look at a selection of songs with thoughts of change and transition and bind them in an optimistic and uplifting song cycle performance.
- In PSHE, we will be answering the question, “What are the barriers to my learning and how can I overcome them?”

Please support your child at home in ensuring they know their times tables fluently, that they are reading each day independently and to you and that they have opportunities to be read to by an adult.

You can also use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test their recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

Homework:

Reading homework and a list of spellings will be sent home each Friday for the children to complete over the weekend in preparation for the following week's reading learning and spelling test. Links to Spelling Shed and LetterJoin are available on the website to support your children further at home. Please ensure that your children are completing these tasks weekly. You can take pictures of the children's work and send it through ClassDojo so that their hard work can be celebrated in class.

Children are expected to read at home either independently or to an adult at least three times a week (depending on their confidence and fluency). Children will be given two reading books from school which they will then be able to take a quiz on at school.

Children are also expected to spend some time on Timetable Rockstars weekly practising their times tables, this can be done on an iPad, tablet, laptop, computer or phone. If your child does not have access to one of these, please let their teacher know so that we can send home a paper copy and allow them time in school to access the website.

PE:

6 Oak - Friday

6 Elm - Friday



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6 Cedar- Wednesday.

This year, children can still come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. As we can now teach a full indoor and outdoor curriculum, children must wear the appropriate PE uniform: When children have outdoor games, they can come in their outdoor PE kit and shoes. When children have gym or dance, they can wear their indoor PE kit (shorts and t-shirt) under their outdoor PE uniform to school.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 6 Team