



# Abbey Hey Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be starting a new academic year with full class sizes. We would like to thank all the parents and children for being so adaptable and understanding with the slight changes that we have had to put in place in school. It is understandable that pupils may have slight worries about their learning after such a long break from school. 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.

Our start/end times:

- All of Year 5 will come through the main gate at **9:00am** (unless they have pre-booked breakfast club)
- All of Year 5 will leave through the main gate at **3:15pm** (those with permission can walk home by themselves)

Our Topic for this half term is **Ancient Rome**. We will be using our prior knowledge of the Romans to explore the Ancient civilisation which spanned over 1000 years.

Our learning:

- In Reading, our class texts will be *Tuesday* by David Wiesner. The key skills that we will be focussing on are retrieval and inference.
- In Writing, we will be painting pictures with words. This means that we will be using a picture book as our stimulus for our Writing.
- In Maths, we are beginning with a place value unit which places lots of emphasis on recapping previous years' learning.
- In Science, we will be developing our scientific enquiry by observing changes to properties of materials.
- In History, we will be exploring the Ancient Rome civilisation and discussing the changes from monarch to empire.
- In R.E. we will be exploring Christian and Muslim views on why they think God exists.
- In P.E. we will be working on fitness and stamina through a variety fitness drills.

Support at home:

- Children will still be provided with a reading book from school. We would appreciate if the children could read at home with an adult at least 2 times a week. This will boost their reading stamina ready for our texts in class. Reading books will be quarantined and wiped down before being passed on to another child.
- Homework will be provided on an online Sway each work. It would be fantastic if an adult could help share what they are learning in school with someone at home. Laptops will be provided on a Thursday lunchtime if access to the internet is a problem outside of school.
- Attached to the letter is 3 knowledge organisers. Adults at home could help familiarise their children with the vocabulary before it is taught in the lesson.

PE:

- Maple and Sycamore have P.E. on a Tuesday.
- Rowan have P.E. on a Friday.



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- In accordance to our risk assessment, children will do P.E. in their school uniform for the first term, as we will not be changing in school. On the day of their P.E. lesson, the children can come into school wearing their trainers.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Dojo who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team

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