

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2

Happy half term!

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break. Next half term is set to be full of exciting learning opportunities for our Year 6 pupils. Read on to find out more!

Key dates and information:

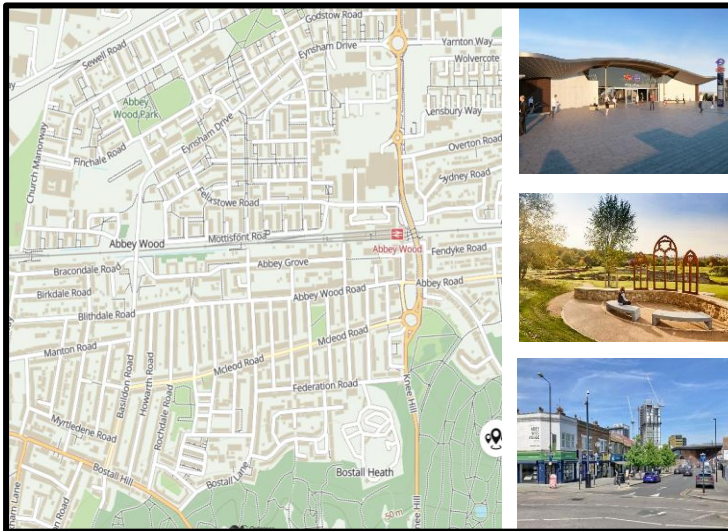
- **Light Up The Sky** – Friday 13th November
- **Monday 30th November** – INSET day
- **Carols in the Playground** – Thursday 17th December
- **Last of this half term** – Friday 18th December (half day)

PE

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for their lessons.

Year 6 will have PE on Wednesdays.

In autumn 2, Year 6 will also be taking part in Forest School on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please ensure they have wellies/old trainers and old clothes in school to change in to for these sessions. As the weather is getting much colder, they will also need a warm coat to wear!



Our History Enquiry

In history this half term we will be investigating the question: **Who is British?**

We will be creating our own docuseries exploring the contributing factors to what it means to be British, investigating historical patterns and changes in our local community.

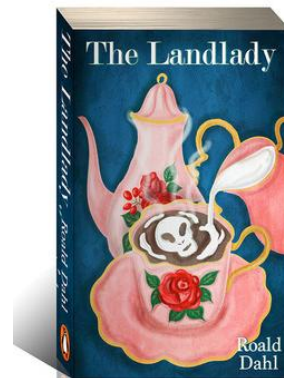
In our docuseries we will need to:

- explore similarities and differences between different cultures found in Abbey Wood,
- include an interpretation of a range of sources about the past of British culture found in Abbey Wood, and
- use appropriate historical terms to describe patterns and changes in our local area.

OUR CURRICULUM

English

Our core text this half term is Roald Dahl's *The Landlady*. We will be writing a dual narrative through which we will consider two different perspectives of the same story, followed by a formal letter of complaint. Through these units, we will be developing our use of grammatical features such as adverbials, the subjunctive form and the use of passive voice. We will also be learning how we can use a range of cohesive devices that will make our writing easier to read and flow smoothly.



Maths

During our maths lessons this half term, we will be learning about fractions. We will begin by learning how to identify equivalent fractions and how we can order and compare them. By the end of half term, we will have also learned how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. We will continue our work on arithmetic throughout the half term as well. We will be focusing on multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000, adding and subtracting decimals and using formal written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Science

We will be continuing our learning about Animals Including Humans, focusing on how our choices impact the way our bodies function. We will explore the effects of diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle on our health. We will learn how different foods affect the heart, how drugs and cigarettes influence the body, and how exercise helps to keep the circulatory system healthy. By the end of the unit, we will use our scientific knowledge to explain how everyday choices can help us maintain a healthy body and mind.

RE

During our RE lessons, we will be focusing on different faiths in Greenwich. We will explore how faith and belief communities have changed over the past 50 years as well as how life in Greenwich has been enriched by faith diversity in the borough.

Computing

In computing, we will be developing our understanding of digital literacy by exploring computer networks, communication and how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

How to support your child at home...

- Speak with local friends and family to learn about how Abbey Wood has changed in the last 50 years. You could also use google to find old photographs and compare them with what it is like now.
- Visit the Science Museum (it's free!) and explore the human body exhibits.

Important things to practise at home:

- READING! This will have an incredibly positive impact on progress across the curriculum.
- Times tables – children are expected to recall all facts up to 12 x 12.