

Year 6

Our Year 6 children have had such a wonderful start to their last year at primary school! They have taken on new challenges and responsibilities with such enthusiasm and shown a continued love towards their learning. Our history topic 'We'll Meet Again' took us back to 1939, when Britain went to war with Germany. During this topic, the children have explored who was involved in the war; why children were evacuated; the importance of rationing as well as how the role of men and women changed in Britain during this difficult time. To immerse the children in the topic, we took a visit to Stibington, where they spent the day participating in role play drama, imagining they were children who had been evacuated to the countryside. During the visit, the children learnt what happened to children once they had been evacuated; jobs they completed during their time in the countryside and what their school life might have been like. Our class book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' has been a great stimulus for the children's writing and reading lessons throughout this term. During English lessons, they have written a setting description, diary entry, persuasive leaflet and a non-chronological report all related to their World War Two learning. We ended the term by studying 'The Christmas Truce' and the children wrote our own narratives. It has been wonderful to see such passion for their English work.

In addition to all our history learning, we have studied light and electricity in our science lessons and have explored why God is loving and holy in our RE lessons. We have continued to work hard on the four operations in our maths lessons as well as moving onto fractions. The children's perseverance within their learning has been fantastic and we are all so proud! From all of us in Year 6, we hope all our families have a happy and safe Christmas holiday and we look forward to welcoming all the children back in the New Year!



Sports Report

It has been a busy first two terms on the sport front, with all year groups receiving high quality PE lessons in a wide variety of sports. It has been great to observe the pupils learning new skills, developing physically and enjoying their weekly sessions. Selected pupils have also had the pleasure of working alongside a former Olympic swimmer, focusing on fitness. We have also had success outside of school in the local cross-country competition held in Spalding. Four teams of girls and boys from KS2 represented the school and performed magnificently in some very high standard races. We are delighted to report that the Year 5 & 6 boys' team demonstrated fantastic teamwork and perseverance and won their race; a superb achievement!

We are looking forward to Terms 3 & 4 and the pupils having the opportunity to participate in more sport, as well as teams being able to compete both in school and outside in a variety of competitions.



Kids' Club

At Kids Club in the Autumn term, we spent as much time outside as possible while the weather allows. The children have loved using the torches to explore light and dark and linked this to their science learning. We had so much fun making the Guy Fawkes for the Bourne Firework night. Some of us even got to see it go up in flames! In December the children made Christmas decorations to take home. The real highlight was decorating the tree in the KS1 hall. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas.



Our E-Safety learning began again in September learning about Self-Image and Identity, Health, Well-being and Lifestyle in October and during Friendship Week in November we focussed on Online Bullying. The children have also explored poems from 'Beneath the Screen' in Key Stage 2 linking to their themes, whilst in Key Stage 1 classes linked their learning to a range of stories including 'Trolls Stink!', 'Chicken Clicking!' and 'Webster's Bedtime'. In Year 6, we were lucky to have a visit from Neil Bontoft, Online Safety Officer, focussing on sharing images online and what children can do to keep themselves safe online. We cannot wait to celebrate Safer Internet Day next term on the Tuesday 7th February 2022 and our One Day Creative E-Safety Workshops. You may have seen our weekly guides for parents and carers from National Online Safety on our Facebook page and website. These provide a range of information and top tips to keep your children safe on different apps and games. We hope you continue to find these helpful, especially during the Christmas period. Have a safe Christmas!



Dates for your Diary

Last day of Term
Friday 16th December
3.15 p.m.

First day of Term
Tuesday 3rd January 2023



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Autumn Term 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a magnificent start we have had back at Bourne Abbey since September. We have begun our year focussing on the Christian Values of Creation, Respect and Reverence, Friendship and Peace. Four important areas that, alongside our Character Education trait of Motivation, the children have been practising superbly this Autumn Term.



Our children continue to be their wonderful and magnificent selves journeying through our creative curriculum whilst our staff continue to work to plan engaging, challenging and imaginative learning journeys for them. Whether it is experiencing the Blitz with Year 6, escaping from Vesuvius in Year 4, being part of a mummification in Year 3 or visiting historic buses in Year 2, we know that through these learning experiences our children will continue to know more and remember more.

Speaking of adventures, we were both thrilled and fortunate to take part in Sci-fest this term with our children joining some thoroughly exhilarating shows and experiences. From awesome experiments to exotic creepy crawlies in school, there was something for everyone! Sci-Fest really is a wonderful local initiative that benefits many children in Bourne and the surrounding areas and we are incredibly grateful to all those involved in the organisation of it and the opportunities it provides us with.

Sci-fest was not the only event to have taken place this term. There have been class and year group visits, sporting events, open mornings, class assemblies, our first school disco for over two years and we even had some mysterious spies in school! However, a stand-out moment was to witness the live Nativity back at Bourne Abbey. I was astounded by the confidence, articulation and singing from our Reception children, who were absolutely stunning. They've settled so brilliantly into life in our school and we couldn't be prouder of them!

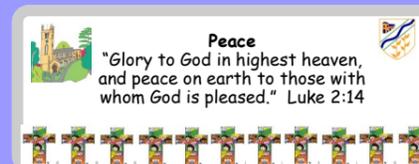
The Nativity is a reminder of the importance and meaning of Christmas. In his annual newsletter, The Bishop writes, 'At Christmas we celebrate that Jesus is born as a fragile baby. God comes down to our human size to become one of us.' That sense of belonging and family, which is so important to us at Abbey Academies Trust, shines through at this time of year and I hope you are all able to spend important moments together with loved ones this holiday, making special memories along the way.

As the first term draws to a close we would like to thank you all for being part of our school family, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and leave you with John Wesley's words...

'Do all you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.'

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone here at the school, we look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Mr Peter Bellamy, Head of School



A Christmas Blessing from Father Chris
O Lord, May we know the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
this Christmas.
Amen.



Dear Friends,

I am a Minecraft bishop. A ten-year-old fan of Minecraft has created my identity. I am an unusually big man, so he wanted to make me a big bishop, but all the human beings on Minecraft are the same size. I was pleased to be brought down to size. At Christmas we celebrate that Jesus is born as a fragile baby. God comes down to our human size to become one of us.

If God was prepared to do this, we see just how important it is to be really human. Minecraft is fun and creative, but I prefer to be seen as a person of flesh and blood who relates to other real people. God became a human being because God would never give up loving us. Not only at Christmas but all the year round I hope that we can see what being really human means. It means being loving and kind and being ready to be happy to know people very different from us and want the very best for them.

Of course we come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, colours and outlooks. By the time I was in Year 4, I was already 1.5m tall and I sometimes felt out of place and awkward. Maybe you feel the same for whatever reason. At Christmas we can be sure that Jesus is with us and likes us whatever we are like and loves us even when we don't love ourselves very much.

Yours ever in Christ,
The Rt Revd Stephen Conway
Bishop of Ely
Acting Bishop of Lincoln



Student Council have jumped straight back into a new school year with our usual enthusiasm and lots of great ideas to improve our school environment and raise money to support charities. This year, we are also thinking about our Character Education trait each term and we have had fun in our class meetings discussing questions related to Motivation. In November, we were thrilled to have raised an amazing total of over £600 for Children in Need – thank you all so much for contributing to this. We have also enjoyed dressing in yellow for Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness of mental health issues and of course, our fabulous Christmas Jumper Day to support Save the Children. Watch out for information about future events that Student Council will be organising in the New Year – you may need to get those recipe books out again!

Fantastic News! In October, Bourne Abbey was pleased and proud to be awarded our UNICEF Gold award reaccreditation. This means that our wonderful children, led by our amazing UNICEF ambassadors, were able to impress our assessor with their knowledge of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children were able to articulate their understanding beautifully and it was clear that our school really holds the rights of all children at its heart. Why not ask your child all about UNICEF and the articles that make up the convention?



RECEPTION

What a SUPER term!

The Reception children started their learning adventure with our topic 'Superhero Me', using their superhero powers and skills to solve lots of exciting learning missions. Every Superhero needs to start the day with a yummy breakfast, so we tasted different superhero cereals and used lots of amazing adjectives to describe the taste. At our Superhero Graduation Celebration, the children shed their disguises and came to school dressed as their favourite Superheroes! A particular favourite activity was the Superhero training camp, where we used physical skills to complete lots of challenges. But then, someone else needed our help... It was Supertato! We listened carefully to the story, created a story mountain and wrote captions to retell the story and free Supertato from the Evil Pea. Finally, we used our imaginations and creative skills to create our own Supertato. Amazing work! Moving into Term 2, we extended our learning about the world, food and seasons by celebrating the Harvest. We thought of ideas for a prayer to thank God for the Harvest and the Seasons. We shared the story, "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper before reading and writing our own recipe and making our own delicious soup! We went on an Autumn walk around school to find beautiful Autumn leaves and spent a very busy morning building hedgehog houses to help look after local wildlife. We were so excited to use real hammers and screwdrivers with Mr Pateman! The highlight of this term was undoubtedly the Reception Nativity celebrating the birth of Jesus, "Wiggly Nativity." The children were amazing actors, super singers and dazzling dancers. The Reception Team would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.



What a brilliant term we have had here at Abbey Ark. The

children have all settled in beautifully and have been getting to know one another, making new friends and familiarising themselves with their routines.

Our 'Awesome Autumn' topic has been an ongoing theme throughout the term, where the children have been exploring the change in season, creating some wonderful autumnal artwork, and getting out and about in the great outdoors! The run up to Christmas has been very exciting for our children! We have welcomed our families in for our Stay & Play Session, where the children were able to demonstrate their fantastic singing skills, we have been engaging in all things festive and we enjoyed our amazing Abbey Ark Christmas Party! We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January when we will be kick starting our new topic 'Wonderful Winter!'



Year 3

Year 3 has truly been amazing! What an astonishing start to Key Stage 2 we have had. Our everyday learning has been jam packed with imaginative lessons that have had us all fixated. In Term 1, we travelled the seven continents of the world and experienced real-life earthquake techniques. We honked like the geese to collect facts about the three main volcanoes and watched in shock as they each erupted. We have been challenged by Sir David Attenborough himself to understand and improve the devastation that plastic pollution is having on our unique planet. We have learnt a variety of new skills to ensure that our invention is taken seriously. In our persuasive writing we have used the rule of three, persuasive starters and emotive language.

We have travelled once again in Term 2, however this time we travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt. It all began with the cursed tomb of Pharaoh Rameses. To escape the curse, we took on roles from the hierarchy pyramid. Servants, pyramid builders and crafts people were just a few. A highlight for all of us was the time spent following the after-life rituals in costume during our breath taking Partake Theatre Company experience. We laid our hands on real-life artefacts and used our sense of smell to investigate herbs and spices. Our laughs could be heard from the other end of the school when our teachers told us that we would be mummifying tomatoes. Why? To learn the gruesome process of mummification of course. I think it is safe to say that we have worked our little socks off this term and deserve a big rest! Merry Christmas to you all from the Year 3 Team.



Year 4

What a fantastic Autumn term Year 4 have had! We have loved travelling back in time to immerse ourselves in our Veni, Vidi, Vici topic, to explore the question:

"What is the legacy of the Roman Empire?" To our surprise we have found that the Romans were not so rotten! We have learnt all about the importance of the Roman army in developing the empire and have studied the skill of Roman road designing to create roads that still exist today. We have discovered that the Romans are responsible for many amazing inventions such as, cement, place names, central heating and even influencing the architecture of our buildings.

We also visited Peterborough Museum where, like true archaeologists, the children were able to handle real Roman artefacts to discover what life was like for those who lived during this period of time. We have certainly taken a journey through time: the rise of the Roman Empire, the devastation and rediscovery of Pompeii and of course most recently, learning about Roman food. Our challenge was to research and develop a Roman recipe - Paupers Pottage. As food technicians, we learnt about the origins of our ingredients, tasted and chose the flavours we most liked; practised preparing and chopping our vegetables and finally tasted and evaluated our stew. A delicious experience for most! Of course, the children should be so proud of their achievements in our year group assembly 'Veni, Vidi, Vici'. The performance saw the children work incredibly hard to learn lines, stage directions and they sported some awesome costumes- well done everyone! We are very excited about what is in store for next term, our topic of 'Home is where the heart is' is set to be a rollercoaster of explorers, lost protagonists, and heart-warming moments. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.



Year 5

The Vile Victorians has been a fantastic first topic for us and we have covered so much: the lives of the rich and poor, the Industrial Revolution, the workhouse, plus school life. All of this was truly brought to life with our Victorian experience day in school and our visit to Gressenhall. The children's wonderful costumes and classroom experience have really helped them understand what life may have been like for Victorian children. How times have changed! We also looked at the Victorian inventor Brunel and designed and constructed bascule bridges as part of our D&T project. We investigated the life of William Morris, a famous Victorian artist and undertook some printing based on his style of repeated patterns and nature. We've also worked closely with our PE partners Inspire+ and been fortunate to participate in assemblies focusing on motivation, perseverance and mental wellbeing. This has been an action-packed term with many exciting activities happening to support our classroom learning. We can't wait for next term! All of the Year 5 team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and restful Christmas break.



Year One

What an amazing start to the year we have had! The children have all settled into Year 1 brilliantly and have shown they all have the 'WOW Factor' in so many ways.

Our term's topic 'Once Upon a Time...' started with a fairytale day that saw the children dressed as their favourite characters from all of the most exciting fairytales. A real highlight was combining our English learning with Design and Technology as we made gingerbread men and then had the opportunity to taste our marvellous creations too. Baking gingerbread men helped us to write our own instructions about how to make them.

As part of our science learning we have talked about germs and how easily they can spread. This has helped us not only when we were baking but also to understand the importance of hygiene. We absolutely loved using glitter to see just how easily germs can be spread.

We cannot wait to see the children's excitement for our next adventure 'Into the Unknown...' Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in January. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Year One!



Year 2

What an incredible start we have had in Year 2! We have most definitely been 'off to great places,' as part of the topic 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!'. During term one we learnt about transport from the present and in the past. We developed our historical enquiry by using iPads to research and our observational skills to examine primary source artefacts, when learning about Raymond Mays. A 'wow' moment was one sunny September morning when we were exceptionally lucky to have the privilege of seeing a collection of vintage cars. The children made observational drawings, asked questions and learnt technical vocabulary about the vehicles. We used this knowledge to design, construct and evaluate a 3D model car of our own! Then we had a fantastic trip to the Delaine Buses Depot. The children loved learning about the history of Delaine and looking at how the buses have changed over time. A highlight was going through the bus wash!

We started term two travelling across the stormy sea to the fictional Isle of Struay, where the children learnt about island life through the captivating Katie Morag stories. A highlight has been our Katie Morag cross-curricular activities. We created a tartan patterned skirt for Katie Morag, baked scrumptious Scottish biscuits and identified the human and physical features of Scottish Islands and Bourne, using our map skills. During Friendship Week, we studied the text Katie Morag and the Tiresome Ted. We thoughtfully reflected on the qualities needed to be a 'good' friend, showcasing the Christian Values of Friendship and Compassion.

We can't quite believe how quickly this term has flown by but we have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. All of the Year 2 team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

