



'It Really Does
Matter'

ABBOTSWOOD SCHOOL

'Helping **everyone** achieve their best'

Ringwood Road
Totton
Southampton
SO40 8EB

Telephone: (023) 8086 3159

Facsimile: (023) 8066 0134

E-mail: office at
Abbotswood.hants.sch.uk
www.abbotswood.hants.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr G. Moore

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Year 5 Home Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child's compulsory home learning starts today **Tuesday 22nd September**. Each class teacher will track the home learning so it is important you encourage your child to complete it each week. Home learning is a great way to see how well your child is getting on but also to spend time working with them.

Year 5 will have their home learning set and will need to hand their home learning in every **Tuesday**.



What does my child need to do?

Your child will be required to read three times a week at home, recording the book and pages they have read in their reading diary. Please could an adult from home then place their initials after the last entry. The children will have new reading diaries this year which have lots of useful information in the middle pages. Please check this out as it has 'Top Tips', Year 5 Spellings and explanations of grammar terms used in school to help you support your child.

When will my child's reading diary be checked?

Year 5 teachers will collect reading diaries every Tuesday. On collection, teachers will note down the number of entries your child has made and mark their diary. Your child will then bring their reading diary home to make their next three entries. Please try to get your child into the habit of bringing their reading diary into school **every day**. If they read with an adult in school, the adult will make an entry into their diary.

How will my child be rewarded?

In line with the school's space theme linked to our star values, each of your child's three entries will earn them a 'jump' into space. After a specified number of jumps (corresponding with a given number of diary entries), they will reach a constellation and earn a certificate.

As well as the rewards from the 'Space Race', your child will have the opportunity to be awarded with a 'Star Reader' lanyard to wear for the week. This will also give them the chance to help Mrs Duell scan books during their class library session the following week, along with getting 50 house points for their house!



What does my child need to do?

Each child will be required to play 5 'Garage' games a week. TTRS can be accessed on any device that can access the internet, including phones.

When will my child's participation on the website be checked?

Your child will have until Tuesday morning (at 8:45) on the day it is due to play their 5 games. They will have their next 5 games set from 3:15 the same Tuesday ready for the next week's home learning.

How will my child be rewarded?

Every child who plays their 5 games will go into a weekly raffle which will give them the chance to earn 50 house points for their house! There is also the opportunity for one child each week to win 'Star of the Week' which will earn them 50 house points and a special lanyard to wear in school. As a year group, the winning class will also earn hangout time that week if they play the most games.

The National Curriculum aims for all children to have a secure understanding of specific times tables at certain points in their schooling:

End of Year 2: children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables

End of Year 3: children should know their 3, 4 and 8 times tables

End of Year 4: children should know all of their times tables up to 12x12

The first stage is being able to count in the times table from zero before moving on to recalling them out of sequence. Children should also be able to recall the corresponding division facts i.e. $144 \div 12 = 12$.

Reading and times tables form the foundations for children's learning and regular, weekly practice will support them in their day to day learning.

We really appreciate all of the support that you can provide.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Miss Michelle Dunning
Year 5 Leader