

Year 2SM Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child's learning at home and at school. Our topic this half term is **Polo's Adventures** linked to Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology.

Our long term plan outlines the activities and key skills that the children will be covering. When undertaking this work, we will be focussing on giving the children many opportunities to develop independent learning skills. You can view all of the exciting things we will be learning about on the long term plan. It can be accessed on the school website at www.bankfootprimary.co.uk

Reading

Reading a variety of genres and learning many skills in being able to respond to questions about reading, is our key focus.



An adult will listen to your child read at least once a fortnight. During these sessions your child will be asked a variety of questions, developing skills in interpreting texts and pictures. These are essential transferrable skills when undertaking independent tasks, responding to texts.

Reading at home is a very valuable support for your child. This regular reading at home will help improve your child's learning in all subjects. Please write a comment in their Reading Record Book and initial it.

When listening to your child read, just reading the words is not evidence of your child's understanding. Interact with the text; ask them questions about what they are reading; *What do you think might happen? How do they feel? What does this word mean?*

Geographers

As Geographers the children will be thinking about the countries different foods come from. They will discuss which factors help different foods to grow in these countries, such as climate. To link in with many areas of the curriculum, we will focus on the non-European country of China and look at the many contributions Chinese products and inventions have had on Western life. To round this off, we will celebrate Chinese New Year, creating and making Chinese crafts and foods.



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Historians

As Historians the children will learn about significant people in history such as Marco Polo's travels and all that the Europeans gained from the stories he brought back from China. We will also explore the life of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War.



Scientists

Spiritual Thinkers

For Religious Education we focus on a key question each half term which will require children to use deeper thinking to answer it. This term we will be focusing on food and discuss why some people in the world do not get enough food to live on in their daily lives and how others who do, can help. We will be looking at the foods that are special for different people in different religions.

Learn at Home

Teachers Involving Parents in Schoolwork



Children should be completing every part of the homework and spellings each week it is given. The quality of homework includes the presentation of the homework and the effort put into drawing pictures, finding information, using the Internet etc.

Homework is given on a Wednesday and is to be returned by the following Monday.

If you wish your child to do any additional learning, they can complete independent

research on any of the topics being studied.

The children are encouraged to enhance their learning by exploring a variety of learning platforms. Technology plays a significant part in our lives, then child could go onto the programs they are familiar with that we use here at school, such as **Education City, Hit the Button and IXL.**

Forth coming events

Remote Parent Consultation Evening

Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January

Close for half term

Friday 12 February 2021

Re-open –

Monday 22 February 2021

Finally...

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child. The school/home partnership plays an extremely important role in your child's progress and their learning journey.