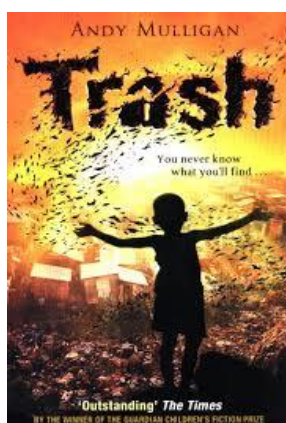


Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back after a well-earned holiday. During the last half term, the children have been very busy catching up with missed learning. This term our new topics Brazil.

This term, our new topic is 'Brazil.' During this topic, we will be using the class reader, 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan. The medium 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 their independent learning skills. We aim to cross curricular link all subjects so that children develop a breadth of knowledge, understanding and skills.

Promoting British Values - Statutory Requirement

At Bankfoot, we will promote British Values, defined by the government as the following: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

We will be challenging pupils in debates where they will have the opportunity to express their opinions on the fundamental British Values below.

Tolerance - children will discuss how famous/influential people who are of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds have influenced our History.

Mutual Respect - children will be taught the importance of respecting their own religion as well as others.

Rule of Law - we will explore the importance of following rules and laws within institutions and societies.

Individual Liberty - We will be encouraging children to look after their wellbeing, share their feelings and follow the correct procedures to report any concerns.

Democracy - this term we will be discussing many social issues such as working conditions and child poverty.

Geographers

As Geographers, we will be studying how to read maps using scales and how to locate countries. Children will learn to identify cities, oceans and rivers by reading scales on maps and in Atlases. We will be looking at countries within South America and how the changes of an environment impact on the people that live there.

Historians

As historian, we will be studying the world's countries; using cultures to focus on the UK (including wider locations). We will also be looking at how traditions have changed over time and make comparisons to those of a different country.

Artists and Design Technologists

As artist, the children will demonstrate a range of Art and Design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture using a range of materials. As part of our topic – Trash, children will collect junk materials to produce a piece of Artwork in the style of junk modelling artist Jane Perkins.

Scientists

As Scientists, we will be studying how living things adapt to their environment. Children will explore how different habitats provide for basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other. We will use the local environment; especially the school garden regularly



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throughout the year to observe living things to learn and compare their life processes.

Spiritual Thinkers

We aim to offer a curriculum focussed on promoting pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development whilst suitably preparing them for life in this school, their next school and beyond. The climate and ethos enables pupils to grow and flourish, become confident individuals, and appreciate their own worth and that of others.

As spiritual thinkers, in RE we will be focussing on sacred text. We will be considering the importance of the text and making comparisons across many religions.

Musicians

As Musicians, the children will have the opportunity to experiment with a range of sounds, they will play tuned and un-tuned instruments. Pupils will have opportunities to listen with concentration and understand a range of high-quality live and recorded music.

Health & Fitness advisors

The children will continue to develop their fitness through invasion games. The children will set targets on how to improve their strength and stamina in team games such as football.

We will be continuing to focus on our well-being and how to ensure we are both physically and mentally healthy for the year ahead.

Medium term Plans and Learning Targets

The children are aware of their targets and have discussed with adults what they need to work on. The Medium term plan will be available on our school's website.

You can support your child through using the suggested websites below:

www.educationcity.com/

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/

www.grammar-monster.com

www.mathsmagician.com

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Behaviour

Children are to always behave their very best at all times. Children know that this contributes to their learning and creates a positive school ethos. Children are taught to be considerate and supportive of each other.

Investors in pupils

As we continue our investment into the pupils, we have given the year 6 children roles and responsibilities in school. Many children take their role seriously and have shown great maturity. Thank you!



Forth coming notifications

Due to the outbreak of Covid 19, trips for this term have been cancelled.

We will update parents with all Covid 19 updates via school to parents text services.

Please note if your child becomes ill at school, we will contact parent(s) or next of kin to collect their child at school and you will be advised to ring NHS on 111 for further medical instruction.

Your child will be provided with online or paper-based tasks to complete as part of any home learning as well as on Friday afternoons early school closures.

Break up for Christmas – Friday 18 December 2020

Return back to school – Monday 4 January 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. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 6 team.



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