

Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter

AMAZING ANIMALS

We hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child's learning at home and school.

When undertaking this work, we will focus on giving the children many opportunities to develop independent learning skills.

Our school website can be accessed at www.bankfootprimary.co.uk

Promoting British Values - Statutory Requirement

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

Democracy – children will discuss fair ways to decide on the roles that children play our class assembly.

Rule of Law – through the anti-bullying week, children will discuss the impact that bullying can have on others and how serious it is.

Individual Liberty – children will continue to work as independent learners to build confidence, valuing their individual efforts and achievements.

Tolerance - children will learn how to work as a team and appreciating that others may have different opinions and ideas.

Mutual Respect - children will learn about Christmas festivals and celebrations that are important to some people and how they can demonstrate tolerance and respect to others.

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC)

Spiritual

The children will learn how they can explore their creativity through art and design.

Moral

They will think about the decisions they make and how they are responsible for the choices that they make.

Social

They will learn how to show respect for one another and what kind and unkind behaviour looks like.

Cultural

They will learn that we can share in the cultural celebrations of others, such as Christmas.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing

The children will learn about how to stay safe within the home and outside. They will discuss the people who help keep them safe. They will learn what to do if they get lost and what to do if they need to make an emergency call.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will take place from 13th - 17th November 2023 and has the theme Make A Noise About Bullying. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique in our own way.

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Readers

As Readers, children will focus on developing their phonic knowledge as a main strategy for reading words. They will also start to use VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Sequence) to support their reading comprehension. Our core story this half term will be Elmer.

Writers

As Writers, the children will continue to develop their handwriting skills through regular practice. They will focus on basic sentence structure, such as using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They will learn how to use ideas in stories and adapt these to create their own narratives. They will create a non-fiction fact file about a chosen animal.

Mathematicians

As Mathematicians, the children will learn place value and calculation up to 20. They will use their prior knowledge of numbers up to 10 and apply to greater numbers. They will also learn about shapes and patterns.

Scientists

As Scientists, the children will continue to observe seasonal changes and the weather. They will learn about different groups of animals. They will look at the structure of animals and identify the similarities and differences. They will look at animal diets and find out what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores eat.

World Science Day

World Science Day for 2023 is on Friday 10 November 2023. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage children and encourage their interest in science and discovery. We will be having a morning of science to promote the importance of

science in our daily lives and the benefits it brings to society.

There will be an opportunity for children to purchase items on sale from the gadget box on the day which will have a range of gadgets, gizmos, curiosities, toys and games.

These will range from £1 to £3.

World Science Day:

Exploration and Discovery: Encourage your children to explore the world around them. Take a nature walk, visit a science museum, or simply observe the plants, animals, and phenomena in your backyard. Foster a sense of curiosity by asking questions together.

Question and Discuss: Encourage your child to ask questions about the world around them. Even if you don't know the answers, explore them together. Discuss the importance of the scientific method and how it helps us find answers.

Spiritual Thinkers

We follow the Bradford Agreed Syllabus.

This term, the topic is '**Who brought messages about God and what did they say?**' The children will listen to a variety of stories from the Christian faith and think about the important messages that can be taken from them. They will find out the traditions of Christmas and listen to the Christian story of the birth of Jesus. They will be given opportunities to make comparisons with other religions.

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Geographers

As Geographers, the children will continue to study the school environment and local area for changes. They will make links with their science work and continue to monitor weather patterns and seasonal change, recording temperature, rainfall and daylight hours.

Historians

As Historians, the children will reflect on their own personal chronology. They will create a timeline of their own lives and think about memorable things that have happened. They will have opportunities to compare their own childhoods with their parents and grandparents.

Artists

As artists, the children will learn about painting and printing techniques. They will learn how to mix primary and secondary colours effectively and how to use a variety of brushes to create a variety of paint effects.

They will look at the work of Jasper Johns and Clarice Cliff and their use of painting with colour.



Design Technologists

Children will learn different paper techniques and apply this to creating an animal.

Computer Scientists

The children will continue to develop skills in information literacy. They will continue to develop keyboard skills and use the internet to retrieve digital content. They will learn how to use a program called Paintz to create digital artwork..

Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk>

Musicians

As Musicians, the children will use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and chanting rhymes.

Drama

Through the topic, The space around me, the children will learn how to take on the role of different characters and act in front of an audience.

Health and Fitness advisors

During PE, they will learn basic golf skills. They will learn how to hold a club and aim at a target.

Through gymnastics, they will learn to travel in a variety of different ways, balance using different body parts and put a range of movements together to create a sequence.

Forth coming events

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 November 2023

World Science Day

Friday 10 November 2023

Odd Socks Day - Anti-bullying week

Monday 13 November 2023

Year 1 Cinema visit

Wednesday 15 November 2023

Year 1 Class assembly

Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 8.30am

Staff inset day (school closed for all children)

Monday 27 November 2023

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Phonics workshops

Tuesday 28 November at 2.00pm

Wednesday 29 November at 8.30am

School closes

Friday 15 December 2023

School reopens

Tuesday 2 January 2024

Reminders

School uniform

Please remember to clearly label your child's clothes and pumps.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Learning

As you can see from our newsletter, we have a broad and varied curriculum.

Our individual and class targets help children to identify their next steps and how to achieve them.

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. Children are encouraged to be welcoming and positive to visitors.

Attendance and punctuality

We will promote the importance of regular attendance and punctuality and discuss how missed days and late arrivals have an impact on learning.

We want to increase the number of children with 100% attendance and punctuality each half term.

Be on time every day, every week!

Class management

All the children are expected to show respect for things in the classroom and around school. They are all involved in making sure the classroom and cloakrooms are kept tidy and safe.

Alongside this, specific roles are given to children on a rota. As we want to develop children's awareness to environmental issues, some of the specific jobs are to make sure that the lights are turned off when the classroom is empty and that the class recycling bin is emptied appropriately.

We are always pleased to share children's personal achievements in and out of school.

A display board is located in the classroom where children's efforts are acknowledged and regularly changed to maintain motivation levels.

Induction

We have completed our class induction booklet and this is now displayed on our Investors in Pupils display for visitors to view and for any new children that may start our class.

Finally...

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1 team.