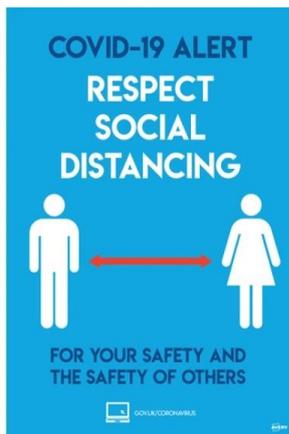


Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to year 6. We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting year. All the children have settled well into their new classes and they are already getting used to their new 'socially distancing' routines.



Over the next few weeks, children will be setting themselves new targets in Reading, Writing and Maths. As part of the remote learning in school, pupils will become familiar in using Google classroom and other platforms such as: Education City, My Maths, Ed Shed etc.

All passwords for these platforms and the Medium Term Plan can be found in your child's learning from home book.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child focuses on these key skills when completing homework tasks and follows schedules set. You should find these useful in supporting your child's learning, If you have any questions in relation to these targets, schedules or learning, we will be happy to discuss them with you.

During this first half term in Year 6, pupils having been working hard to consolidate any gaps missed in Year 5 (due to the Covid 19 pandemic) as well as focussing on our mental Health and wellbeing. Pupils will have much of their work set on chromebooks for them to

become familiar with accessing and submitting learning.



## Changes to school times

Please note that there have been some changes to the school timetable and school day.

Opening times: school gates open at 8:20am  
School closes: the end of the day is 2:40pm  
Please note Fridays are early closures at 12noon. Pupils will be expected to continue remote learning at home accessing google classroom from the chrome books provided.

Please follow the socially distancing signs around the school grounds. We appreciate everybody's effort in keeping children, staff and the community safe.

## Promoting British Values – Statutory Requirement

Bankfoot Primary School 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 of different backgrounds have influenced and shaped our history during October – Black History month.

**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. In particular, the new socially distancing laws introduced in England this year.

**Individual Liberty** – In our New beginnings topic, we will be promoting raising self-esteem and confidence by managing our own emotions and mental wellbeing.

**Democracy** – this term, we will be discussing many social issues such as Covid 19, recycling, funding and child poverty.

## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

We aim to offer a curriculum focussed on promoting pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development and 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 worth and that of others.

The range of opportunities provided for pupils in our school helps to develop their self-esteem, confidence, participation, creativity, reflection

and independence. We ensure that assessment and feedback values pupil' work and/or effort, and that they are offered many activities to develop teamwork, leadership skills and self-reliance.

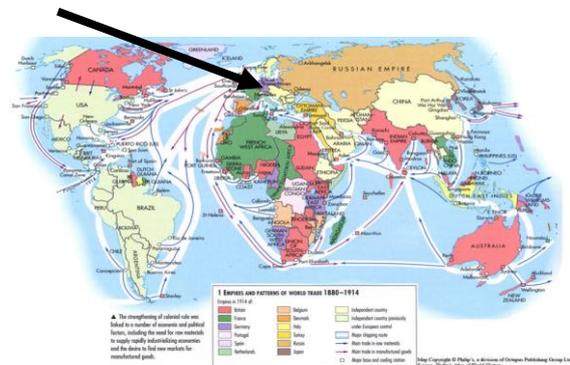
## PSHCE

This term, we will be focusing on the topic: **'New Beginnings.'** We will be sharing our thoughts and feelings about starting a new class/year group. We will also consider how we can manage our own feelings and emotions in the current climate. We will have opportunities to share worries through the chambers of feelings box. We will also continue to remind ourselves about how to continue our outstanding behaviour, following the new socially distancing rules and to look at ways to

ensure that every member of the class feels safe, valued and respected.

## 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, continents and rivers by reading scales on maps and in Atlases. We will be looking at countries around the world and discuss how they have been impacted by changes of an environment.



## Historians

As part of Black history month, we as historians, will be researching inventors who have contributed to today's lifestyles.



## Artists and Design Technologists

As artist, the children will demonstrate a range of Art and Design techniques, including drawing and painting. We will use shading to create cartoon portraits as well as usings a variety of water and oil based paints to create Autumn images.

## Musicians

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

## Scientists

As Scientists, we will be exploring different types of materials, reversible and irreversible change. Children will have the opportunity to investigate soluble matter through experimentation.

Children will record scientific findings on Google classroom and use their chromebooks to access work set on Science knowledge and understanding.



## Physical Development and Movement

This half term, we will concentrate on the importance of physical exercise to our health and well-being. We will increase our fitness by taking part in relay activities as well as partaking in team games such as bench ball, football, basketball.

## 501 Books

To increase our love of reading and exposure to a variety of text, we will be taking home 501 novels as well as our reading books this term. We will be writing comments in our reading records that reflect VIPERS questioning

techniques (**V**ocabulary, **I**nfERENCE, **P**rediction, **E**xplanation, **R**etrieval and **S**ummarize).



We appreciate your support in helping your child read as many of these books listed in their reading records. The children will continue to read these books and build on their comprehension, understanding and fluency in order to challenge themselves further in high school.



## WORKING TOWARDS INVESTORS IN PUPILS

The Investors in Pupils programme provides a unique pupil participation framework for all schools and education settings nationally.

## Rewards

In year 6, we give the children lots of opportunity to celebrate their successes throughout the day. We have golden time weekly on a Thursday afternoon, where the children can spend some free time in class or outside celebrating their hardworking week. Class points, table points house points, Top speller and conduct awards all provide opportunity to celebrate achievement, children's good behaviour and conduct within school. As part of investing pupils, Year 6 staff and pupils will decide upon further rewards for pupils for a variety of areas such as: 100% attendance, outstanding behaviour, excellent organisation and homework.

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To celebrate pupils' personal achievements outside of school, we will encourage children to share wider achievements such as: Karate winners, sports competitions, swimming achievements etc to inspire other pupils to partake in extra curricular activities.

## Roles and Responsibilities

To increase pupils' independence, allocated roles and responsibilities will be given to year 6 pupils. Roles such as:

- Chromebook monitors
- Book monitors
- Milk monitors
- Eco saver monitors

## Speak out. Stay Safe - Tell! Tell! Tell!

Please remind the children the importance of being good to themselves and to others. We want the children to feel happy, safe and secure. We want our children to have the courage and strength to say no!

If there is ever a problem or they feel uncomfortable, please remind them to speak out. They must tell, tell, tell: tell a teacher! Tell a parent! Tell a responsible adult!

## Year 6's Targets and mission statements:



As the new year 6 children, we pledge to be exceptional students, role models and ambassadors to the younger children, parents and others members in our community.

We aim to be a proud year 6, who demonstrate maturity, hard work and a resilient work ethic.

We will all strive to achieve success together and fulfil outstanding progress and attainment in our last year at Bankfoot Primary School.

We will make the most out of the year, become independent learners and well-prepared for high school.



## 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.

Break up for half term – Friday 23 October 2020

Return back to school – Monday 2 November 2020

## 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



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please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 6 team.