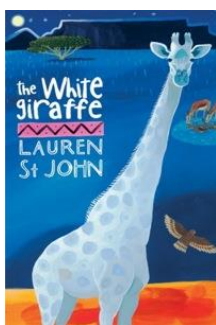


Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back after a well-earned holiday. Last term, the children worked extremely hard and learned lots about Viking History.

The children have just started their new topic 'Out of Africa'. We will be using the class reader; 'The White Giraffe' by Lauren St John throughout our topic.



The Medium term plan outlines the activities and key skills that the children will be covering. This can be found on the Teachers2Parents app and also accessed on the school website at www.bankfootprimary.co.uk In order to develop their independent learning skills, we offer all children the opportunity to have their say about what they would like to learn about a topic. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel that you wish to comment on the medium term plan.

PSHCE

This term we will be focusing on 'Going for Goals.' The main aim of this topic is to set achievable targets for pupils to work towards.

Geographers

As Geographers we will be studying how to read maps using scales and locate countries. Children will learn to identify continents, oceans and rivers. We will look at specific countries within Africa, focusing mainly on weather, climate and culture.

Historians

As historians, the children will be using the internet, books and newspaper articles to research detailed information related to a particular event and people in history. We will be looking at different accounts of history to understand why these can give a positive or negative view of people in history. During this unit children will be taught organisational skills to carry out independent research on William Wilberforce. Children will use their research to plan and write a biography.



Artists and Design Technologists

We will be using a variety of skills and techniques to produce artwork this term. We will look carefully at pattern, colour, texture, line tone and use these skills to represent moods and images in our artwork. Children will also use the internet to research art from other countries and compare their work to evaluate and gather ideas for improvement.

Scientists

As Scientists, we will study the size and power of different electrical circuits. The children will be planning and carrying out their own investigation using electrical components. We will be looking at how circuits are used in fairground rides. We will also look at motors and attach them to our theme park rides to make them move. Children will also record results and draw conclusions from scientific findings.

Spiritual Thinkers

Bankfoot Primary School understands the importance of the children needing to acquire core knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and practices of the religions and worldviews which not only shape their history and culture, but guide their own development.

This term we will be focusing on the religions: Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.

During the half term, we will be discussing, *'How can religious meaning be expressed through art?'*

Musicians

As Musicians, the children will use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and chanting rhymes. They will play tuned and un-tuned instruments. The children will have opportunities to listen with concentration and understand a range of high-quality live and recorded music. They will also have the opportunity to experiment with a range of sounds.



Linguists

As linguists, pupils will be focussing on asking questions in Arabic and saying statements about: family, friends and food. In French, we will be focussing on food, school and clothing.

Health & Fitness advisors

The children will continue to develop their fitness through games and competition. The children will follow rules to attack and defend against teams.

The children will set targets on how to improve their strength and stamina in team games such as basketball and handball.

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

www.educationcity.com/

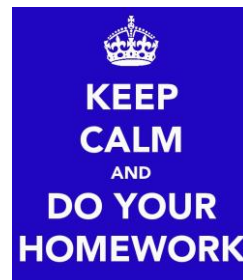
www.ixl.com

www.grammar-monster.com

www.mathematics-monster.com

www.mathsmagician.com

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



Safety

Last term, all children were given a '**Road Safety Talk**' to make them aware of the how to cross the road safely and help everyone, including adults travel safely, preventing dangerous situations.

Children at Bankfoot Primary School use the **Internet** on a regular basis through a range of resources to enhance their learning. We want to ensure children get the most from technology as well as enjoying it, by encouraging responsible online behaviour.

Pupils at Bankfoot Primary School are always encouraged to share any worries and concerns about anything with an adult. All children took part in an Internet safety workshop. We encourage children to, '**Tell, Tell, Tell**', in order to keep themselves and others at safety at all times! This has enabled children to mature quicker and take a quick approach to reporting any concerns they have; getting ready for the wider world.

Safer internet day

Safer Internet Day aims to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Below are some useful websites with advice for parents and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/



We will be continuing our work in investors in pupils by developing the '*pupil's voice*' and its impact throughout our school. We plan to do some questionnaires in our community to find out how we can best involve our local residents in topic issues in our school.

Forth coming events

Year 6 Class Assembly - Friday 24 January 2020

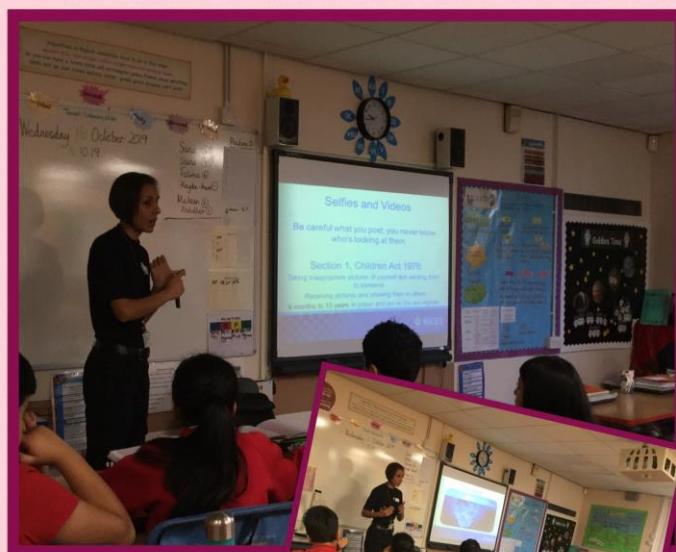
Parents' Consultation Evenings - 14 and 15 January 2020

End of term - Friday 14 February 2020

Spring Term 2 Starts – Monday 24 February 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 please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 6 team.



*Online
Safety
session
with PC
Sam*



PIC•COLLAGE



We used up-cycling techniques to create a range of resources to help bring our sea creatures to life! It was a team effort of collecting, cleaning, painting, cutting and

PIC•COLLAGE