



## Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

### Welcome to Year 6!

The children have made a fantastic start to Year 6 and have already shown great maturity, enthusiasm and determination towards their learning. Our first topic is 'Explorers and Adventurers', where we will be learning about different journeys of discovery and the courageous people who undertook them. The homework sheet will give you some ideas on topic-based activities you can complete with your child to support their learning at home.

### Your Year 6 Team

<b>Miss Newman</b> Birch Class Teacher Year 6 Team Leader	<b>Miss Marcelle</b> Linden Class Teacher	<b>Mr Tuthill</b> Elder Class Teacher	<b>Mrs Stone</b> <b>Miss Aoumeur</b> Elm Class Teachers
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*Please check the website for more information.*

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please wait until the class have been dismissed at the end of the day or phone the school office to arrange an appointment.

### PE

#### PE kit

Your child must wear their PE kit to school on their PE day and keep it on all day. As children are entering puberty and are engaging in physical activity, please encourage your child to use antiperspirant. PE kits should consist of:

- Black knee-length shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Plain t-shirt in the colour of their house team
- Jumper for when doing PE outside (children may use their school jumper as long as it is on top of their PE t-shirt)
- Black pumps or trainers (no bright laces)

#### PE Days:

**Elm:** Wednesday and Thursday

**Elder:** Tuesday and Friday

**Birch:** Monday and Friday

**Linden:** Thursday and Friday

## Our value for September is Unity

We expect pupils to show our School Values within and outside of school.



### Families at Bannockburn

If you can offer to support the school with events, run uniform sales, fundraise through school fairs and community events, this would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to offer your time and be a part of the FAB team, then please get in touch by emailing; [workingtogether@bannockburn.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:workingtogether@bannockburn.greenwich.sch.uk)

## What will my child be learning?

**English:** We will be writing warning stories focusing on our use of figurative language to describe settings. Some book recommendations to support your child with their writing are:

- The Explorer/Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
- The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie
- Bright Storm by Vashti Hardy

**Maths:** We will be developing our knowledge of place value by learning to read and write numbers up to seven digits. We will also be refining the speed and accuracy at which we can use written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. These methods will then be used to support our problem solving. In addition, we will practise finding common factors, common multiples and prime numbers. Later in the term, we will also explore fractions, including comparing and ordering them.

**Reading:** Focusing on developing our retrieval skills, we will be reading a range of texts including *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill.

**Science:** Our Science topic is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be classifying plants and animals according to shared characteristics.

**RE:** In RE, we will explore the different religions in Greenwich and how they have changed over time. We will also learn about local places of worship and discuss the range of religious beliefs within our school community.

**DT:** We will use computer-aided design (CAD) to create a piece of equipment that meets the needs of an explorer.

**PE:** Aerobics and Football

**Humanities:** We will be exploring South America, investigating the human and physical characteristics of the Amazon Rainforest. We will also be investigating the question, '*What impact does exploring new territories have on habitats?*'.

**Computing:** In Computing, we will continue to develop our understanding of e-safety by exploring how media can influence us and learning how to manage our digital footprint.

## Rewards

We are a school with high aspirations for pupils and every single child at Bannockburn is given the opportunity to achieve their very best. We also expect the children to show our school values in every area of school life.

If we notice children trying their best to show our school values, there are many rewards they can earn. These include:

- Photocopied work to take home and share
- House points
- Invitations to reward trips
- Merit certificates which are given out on a Friday

Please speak regularly to your child about how they are showing the school values in and around their classroom.

Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle with their name clearly labelled and a snack of fruit or vegetables to eat during morning play. Please wash their bottle thoroughly before refilling each day.

Please ensure your child brings a labelled, waterproof coat with a hood every day, even if it is sunny in the morning!