BANNOCKBURN
Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

In Autumn 1, we had a brilliant time learning about South America through our topic *'Explorers and Adventurers'.* If you would like to see more of what we have been learning, please visit our school blog which is accessible from the school website under the 'News and Information' tab.



The children explored the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon Rainforest, immersing themselves in the fascinating environment.



All classes enjoyed their trip to the National Maritime Museum, where the children discovered a range of famous explorers and learned about their fascinating adventures.



In Design and Technology, we used Computer-Aided Design (CAD) to create our own devices tailored to the needs of an explorer.



Our topic for Autumn 2 is *The Mighty Maya*. We will be discovering how archaeologists use artefacts to learn about this fascinating civilisation, exploring the daily lives and rituals of the Maya people, and finding out why they are renowned for their incredible art, architecture and calendar.



Diary Dates:

Winter Fair: 9th December 2026 (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Winter Performance: 16th December 2026
Last day of Winter Term: 18th December 2026
First day of Spring Term: 4th January 2027

What will my child be learning?

Our new topic is The Mighty Maya which links to our learning about South America in Autumn 1.

English: We will be writing 'meeting tales' – short extracts that bring together characters with contrasting personalities or backgrounds. As part of this unit, we will explore how authors create and develop these differences to make their writing more engaging and dynamic. Later in the term, we will be learning about the features of newspaper reports and using these to plan and write our own.
Maths: We will be building on our understanding of long multiplication and developing our confidence in multiplying and dividing fractions. We will also be exploring the properties of different shapes and learning how to plot and translate them on coordinate grids.
Reading: To support our writing, we will be summarising newspaper reports as well as giving our opinions using references to the texts to support our answers. Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes per day – it is one of the best ways to improve vocabulary which is essential in Year 6. They can record their thoughts and responses to what they have read in their Homework Books.
Science: Our Science topic is *Evolution and Inheritance.* We will be learning about some key theorists such as Mary Anning and Charles Darwin.
RE: We will be learning about Buddhism, exploring Buddhist places of worship and discovering more about the importance of religious pilgrimages.
Art: We will be building on our wire sculpture skills from Year 5 to design and create Mayan-themed totem poles, inspired by the art and traditions of the Ancient Maya.
PE: This term in PE, we will be taking part in exciting football matches to develop our teamwork and match skills. Indoors, we will explore paralymic sports, learning how to play boccia and understanding its rules.
Humanities: Some of the questions we will be answering include 'How did the Maya communicate?', 'What did the Ancient Maya believe in?' and 'What happened to the Ancient Maya?'
Computing: We will be using online programmes to develop our coding skills.

Weather:
As it gets colder, please ensure your child brings a labelled, waterproof coat with a hood every day - even if it is sunny in the morning! If you need help with labelling clothing or equipment, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Last half term, we were so impressed by the creativity and effort that went into the Year 6 homework projects. It was a real pleasure to share and celebrate some wonderful examples during our class assemblies. The DT projects, in particular, were fantastic and showed great imagination and skill! We hope you will take a moment to look through the latest homework activities and enjoy discussing them with your child.

Our Value for November is KINDNESS

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."



Reminder: Please remember to send your child into school with a named water bottle every day.