

Growing Together, Learning for Life



**BANNOCKBURN**  
Primary School

**Welcome back from the whole of the Year One team. We hope you had a lovely rest during half term. We are pleased to have you back.**

### Dates for Diaries

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
School closed.

Last day of term: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Back to school: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

**Our new topic book is:**



### Reminders:

#### P.E kits.

Children come to school in their P.E kits. This is a house coloured top, plain black bottoms and black trainers. Please speak to class teacher for P.E days.



### English

In English we will be focusing on a rags to riches tale called 'The Extraordinary Gardener'. We will be looking at the language and dialogue within the book and how we change our voices when speaking within character. We will continue our learning on how to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and descriptive language.

You can help: By encouraging your child to speak in character when reading at home with them. Get them to think about how their voice, face and body language changes with different emotions.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be working on multiplication and division. Our focus will be on 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will recap solving addition and subtraction problems and practise solving word problems. We will also be exploring finding missing numbers with objects, on number lines as well as using the whole part model.

You can help: By encouraging your child to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Get them to count objects as well as dividing objects around the home into groups of 2s, 5s and 10s. You can also ask them to count and subtract numbers using everyday household items (socks, fruits, toys, money etc.)

## Science

In Science we will be researching different types of Plants and trees. We will be exploring the structure of different plants as well as recognising and describing the differences between wild and garden plants.

**You can help:** By talking about plants that you may have at home, in your garden or those you notice when you walking around the local area. How are they similar? How are they different? What do they need to grow? How do trees support us?

## Humanities

This term we will be exploring weather and seasons. We will be learning about different seasonal weather and comparing the weather in the UK to the weather in Costa Rica. We will learn about plant life in both the UK and Costa Rica and how climate has an impact.

## Art

This term we will be learning how to use different media such as pencils to sketch and print to create art. Once we have used techniques such as squeezing, pinching and scoring with our Styrofoam we will then print contrasting colour on top of the background to complete our designs.

## R.E.

This term we will continue to learn about Sikhism. We will be finding out about the core beliefs and how Sikhs follow their faith. We will also be learning about - Guru Gobind Singh, the 5 Ks and Akhand Path.

## Reading Journals

The single most important thing you can do to help your child at home is to take time to sit and read books with your child. Every little helps. Encourage your child to look at the pictures and talk about what they can see and what they think might happen next.

## P.E.

This term we will be learning about yoga and balance. We will be introducing tennis, teaching children basic skills of gripping a racket, striking a ball, aiming a target and returning a shot.

If you have any questions or would like some ideas on reading at home, your child's class teacher is very happy to help, please just ask.

### **ARTICLE 12:** You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



**Because EVERY CHILD in the world has one thing in common. THEIR RIGHTS.**

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## Phonics:

We teach systematic synthetic phonics using "Essential Letters and Sounds". To find out more about the teaching of Phonics, please see the link below.

<https://essentiallettersandsounds.org/>

We continue to look forward to working and learning with you and your children over the year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year One Team, we are always happy to help.