



Welcome to Year 6! We hope you are excited about your final year at Bankside; we are poised to ensure this pivotal year is filled with learning, fun, and adventure. Our aim is to uphold the highest expectations, ensuring that every child experiences success every day. We will also be working hard to equip your children for the next stage in their academic journey: secondary school. Thank you for your ongoing support; we look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Important Dates:

- 30th September – V1 IntoUniversity
- 14th October – V2 IntoUniversity
- 15th October – Parent/Carers Evening
- 4th November – V3 IntoUniversity



Our PE Days:

Monday and Thursday



Our book changing days:

- Monday – Library
- Friday – Levelled reading book



Homework:

- Maths – daily
- Reading – daily
- SPaG – (to start soon) daily



Literacy:

Autumn 1 - Letters from the Lighthouse

We're writing a letter from the government to parents in London to persuade them to evacuate their children to the countryside to evade the Blitz. We will then write a letter in a much less formal style as a contrast. We will use relative clauses and parentheses.

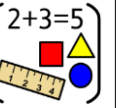
Autumn 2 – Leon and the Place Between

We will begin by writing a diary entry, using hyperbole to embody a character. We will then start our new book and use it to write a 'portal story'; our character will be transported to a magical place for an adventure. This is a chance to expand our vocabulary and create powerful descriptions.



Maths:

In Autumn Term, we ensure our children's Mathematical foundations are really solid. We begin by exploring place value of numbers up to 10,000,000 and their relationships to each other. We then work hard to master written methods of calculation for all four operations of maths. In the second half term, we will spend a lot of time using fractions; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing with them, as well as converting between fractions and decimals and finding fractions of amounts. We will be fractions experts in no time!



Science:

Autumn 1

Violet Base will explore the circulatory system. We will learn about the heart and its functions, with the chance to dissect a real heart! We will also learn about the components of blood, and explore how to keep our hearts healthy through diet and exercise. A really fun, hands on topic.

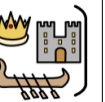
Autumn 2

Next we will learn about evolution and inheritance, learning the process of fossilisation and using fossils to learn about living things from millions of years ago. We will also research the many different ways that animals and plants have adapted to suit the environment in which they live.



History:

Violet Base have a fantastic topic to begin the school year: World War II. We will consider the events leading up to the outbreak of war, the impact it had on different groups of people from all around the world, and the legacy it leaves behind, including the lessons to be learned by us in modern day Britain. There are lots of opportunities for discussion, exploration of videos, photographs and artefacts, and practical activities such as making our own Anderson shelters and cooking using war-time rationed recipes.



PSHE:

Our first focus is on human rights; we will learn about migration (including the experience of refugees) and the potential causes and consequences of homelessness before delving into the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is an important exercise in empathy, plus a chance to engage with very pertinent current events. As we will learn, rights also come with responsibilities, and our children will consider their responsibilities to themselves, others and the world.



PE:

We are very lucky to have the Jason Robinson Foundation working with us again this year; they will be with us until Christmas helping us to play tag rugby. We will be honing essential footwork techniques, helping us to improve our agility and coordination. Additionally, the children will learn the basics of sending and receiving, crucial skills for various sports. These activities not only enhance physical abilities but also encourage teamwork and communication among peers.



Religious Education:

We will be exploring Judaism, discovering how Jewish people celebrate growing up with Bar Mitzvah ceremonies. Alongside this, we will be considering the responsibilities we must all take on as we grow up. Additionally, we will be exploring how commitment is shown in Sikhism, by learning how the Khalsa was formed and how Sikh people today live their lives: an important chance to learn more about the lives and beliefs of people who may differ from ourselves.



Computing:

Children will continue to build on the coding skills they have learnt in Year 5. By gradually creating longer and more complex algorithms, we will begin to see how computer games are developed and the pain-staking work that goes into such a process. Alongside this, we will continue to develop the children's awareness of internet safety, teaching them how to navigate the web, including social media, in a way that keeps them safe and happy.



Art:

To coincide with our WW2 topic, we explore the work of two contrasting artists: LS Lowry and Charles Alston. We will emulate elements of both of their art by creating a WW2 propaganda poster which will require us to develop our use of perspective, cross-hatching and lettering to create an impactful large scale drawing. This is a great exploration of both technique and art history. We are also very lucky to be visiting Leeds Art Gallery this term through our IntoUniversity focus week; we look forward to being culture vultures!



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