



Welcome to an exciting new autumn term! We are thrilled to have your children back and ready to embark on a year filled with joy, learning, and new adventures. Our aim this year is to uphold the highest expectations, ensuring that every child excels and embraces the values of being a Bankside Best student. Together, we'll foster a love of learning that will set the foundation for their future success. Thank you for your ongoing support; we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with your amazing children!

Important Dates:



Flu Vaccinations 2/10/25
Parents/Carers Meeting– 14/10/25

Our PE Days:

Yellow 1 – Wednesday & Friday
Yellow 2 – Wednesday & Friday
Yellow 3 – Wednesday & Friday



Our book changing days:

Return book on Thursday.
New book sent out on Friday.



Homework:

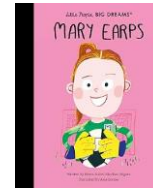
Read and sign planner 3 times a week.
30 mins of Numbots.



Literacy:

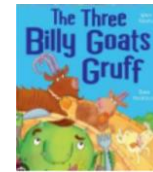
Autumn 1

We'll be creating a fact file about the inspiring Mary Earps. We will research her life and present the information with headings and sub-headings. We'll focus on using capital letters, full stops, lots of adjectives and conjunctions to make our work shine!



Autumn 2

We will be diving into the world of traditional tales, focusing on the beloved "Three Billy Goats Gruff." Students will explore expanded noun phrases and conjunctions while crafting their own versions of the story, enhancing their creative writing skills in a fun and engaging way!



Science:

Autumn 1

Yellow Base will explore the fascinating world of animals, focusing on humans and their life cycles. Students will learn about basic needs, the importance of healthy eating, and how our bodies work. It's going to be an exciting term of discovery and hands-on activities!



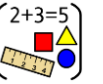
Autumn 2

We will be diving into the fascinating world of living things and their habitats. We'll explore various environments, identifying different species and understanding how they adapt. It's going to encourage curiosity about the natural world around us!

Maths:

Autumn 1

Yellow Base will delve into the exciting world of place value! They'll learn how to recognise the value of each digit in two-digit numbers and develop their understanding of tens and ones. It's a fantastic way to build a strong foundation for future maths learning!

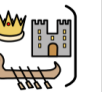


Autumn 2

We will explore addition and subtraction, investigating both mental and written strategies. We'll also be getting hands-on with 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties and recognising them in the world around us. It's an exciting term ahead for our young mathematicians!

History

This autumn, Year 2 is diving into an exciting history topic that explores the infamous Gunpowder Plot! We'll be uncovering the events leading up to that fateful night in November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and his conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. The key figures involved, the reasons behind the plot, and why we celebrate Bonfire Night each year will all be part of our exploration. Through storytelling, activities, and discussions, our young historians will gain a fascinating insight into this pivotal moment in British history. Here's to a fantastic term ahead filled with curiosity and discovery!



PSHE:

In Autumn 1, we'll be focusing on "Careers and Money." This unit is all about helping students understand the importance of financial literacy and exploring various career paths. They'll learn about budgeting, saving, and making informed financial choices, which are crucial skills for their future.

Moving into Autumn 2, we'll shift our attention to "Friends and Family." This unit aims to foster understanding of healthy relationships and the value of support systems in our lives. Students will engage in discussions around friendship dynamics, family roles, and how to build meaningful connections with others.



Religious Education:

We will be exploring the ways in which Muslims and Christians celebrate Christmas. We've delved into the various traditions and customs associated with this festive season, including the significance of nativity scenes for Christians and the importance of giving to charity in Islamic culture. We will engage in activities, such as storytelling and role play, to help them better understand these celebrations. We're excited to witness their growing appreciation for diverse cultures and beliefs, fostering a sense of respect and curiosity in our classroom.



Design & Technology

Autumn 1

We will be making delicious flapjacks by researching recipes, designing creative packaging, and evaluating their final products. It's a scrumptious way to develop their skills in cooking and creativity!

Autumn 2

We will be researching, designing, and creating their very own animal finger puppets. The children will express their creativity, develop their crafting skills, and evaluate their finished puppets. Can't wait to see their creations!



PE:

We're focusing on some exciting PE activities! We will be honing essential footwork techniques, helping us to improve our agility and coordination. We'll also be working on one-legged balance, which is fantastic for developing stability and strength. 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.



Computing:

Children will dive into the exciting world of sequencing in computing! They'll explore how to break down tasks into smaller steps, enhancing their problem-solving skills. They'll learn to create simple algorithms using everyday scenarios, like making a sandwich or planning a journey. We'll also introduce them to basic coding concepts using fun platforms that make learning interactive and enjoyable. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop logical thinking and creativity while having a great time with technology



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