Balgreen Primary School

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Term Ahead: November 2026 - Primary 6

Dear Families,
Welcome Back, I hope you had a lovely summer! We are looking forward to getting to know you this year so please come across and say hello! We hope that you will find the information below useful.

Literacy and English	Numeracy and Mathematics
Our focus in Literacy and English this term will continue to encourage and develop reading for enjoyment, vocabulary building and strengthening comprehension skills. We will be continuing to read and discuss *Varjak Paw* by S.F. Said, exploring the characters, events and themes of kindness and perseverance in the story. In writing, we will be developing our skills in writing newspaper reports linked to our topic of the Stuarts and Tudors. Our focus will be on learning to use effective language and organise detailed information into paragraphs. Our grammar lessons will support this, focusing on the power of three, parenthesis and relative clauses and prepositions. Our spelling work this term will focus on revising and learning new spelling patterns and rules. We will continue to build confidence in spelling unfamiliar words in our everyday writing. The weekly spelling words can be found alongside the homework grid.	In numeracy, we will be developing our understanding of multiplication and division, including multiples, factors, prime numbers, and square numbers. This will also include learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. As we move through the term, we will be exploring fractions, learning how to recognise equivalent fractions, compare and order fractions, and concert improper fractions into mixed numbers. We will also be exploring money and how we use it in our everyday life. The topics covered within this are budgeting, using bank and debit cards, understanding profit and loss, discounts, and foreign exchange. Mental agility and problem solving will be an important part of our learning throughout the term. Pupils will have regular opportunities to practice their number skills, find effective strategies, and develop confidence when working with numbers.
Learning Across the Curriculum	**Administration**
This term, P6 will be learning about the Stuarts and Tudors as part of our Social Studies topic. We will explore the history of the Stuart and Tudor families, including life at the royal courts, the Gunpowder Plot, Mary Queen of Scots, and Elizabeth I, and the reign of James VI. We will also investigate life in 16th-17th Century, including royal life, crime and punishment, and the differences between rich and poor. In Health and Wellbeing, we will develop our understanding of the Zones of Regulation. We will explore ways to recognise our emotions and find strategies to manage our emotions and feelings. We will also be learning about winter celebrations and traditions around the world, learning about their origins, cultural significance, customs, and traditions associated with them. We have also explored the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), using the rights to establish our class routines and expectations to reinforce a positive learning environment.	**P.E:** will take place on Tuesdays with our PE specialist Mr Murray. **Outdoor Learning:** will take place on Thursdays in our woods. Children must come to school in appropriate clothing with waterproof coats and footwear. **Homework Grid:** Please look at the homework grid to find activities which will support the learning taking place in class. **Padlet:** *For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below.*

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.
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