



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Year 5 and 6 Term 1/2 Project**

### **What unites humanity in our diverse world?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas; I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful cards and presents which were very much appreciated.

Please find attached an overview of the learning planned for terms 3 & 4 within our project of 'What unites humanity in our diverse world?' In this project we will be learning about Africa as a continent and more specifically, the country of Ethiopia. I am sure this will be both an exciting and interesting project complemented by the fantastic book we are reading, 'The Garbage King', by Elizabeth Laird. It contains many themes which we think will develop the children's thinking about the world and what links people together, whatever their circumstances. Key aspects we will focus on are the human and physical geography of the country along with issues such as poverty, homelessness and education. We will also be making comparison with the UK. The project opportunities are varied and we have already started off the term with a WOW day where the children did Ethiopian weaving and designing geometric patterns with compasses.

Our forthcoming WOW days across the two terms will include walking to and up Crook(s) Peak, a visit to the Waste Management Centre at Uphill and hopefully visitors who will teach the children African Drumming, African Dancing and Storytelling – how exciting!

We will end our project with a showcase of all our learning which will be shared with parents and members of the community. We will let you know the dates for all of these events, very soon.

If there are any parents or members of the community who would like to share anything they have related to Africa and/or Ethiopia, please let us know! It was fantastic to have a number of parents / grandparents who came in and shared their experiences, knowledge and artefacts in our previous project. It makes such a



difference to the children's overall understanding and enjoyment of what we are learning.

Homework continues to be set on a Friday and handed in on the following Wednesday. Spellings will now be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Homework will generally consist of a reading or writing task along with a maths task.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home and to discuss what they have read. Also, please encourage and support your child in the learning of the multiplication tables.

This term we are focusing on working conscientiously and respectfully. This means acknowledging that no-one has the right to stop others from learning by distracting them. The children are aware that this is being closely monitored to ensure that everyone can achieve.

We will continue to focus on having a 'growth mindset' and believing that everyone can succeed with hard work and determination. Things may be achieved at different times for different children, but with the right attitude – who knows what is possible?

Year 5 are an amazing group of children and I am really looking forward to the next stage of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of the year 5 team. We are always happy to hear from you to ensure your child is happy and enjoying school.

Please note that Miss Bell (our student teacher) will be leaving Year 5 to return to university on 1.2.18. The children have formed great relationships with her and have benefitted enormously from her support.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Rac and Mrs Gustar

