

BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL Belong Believe Achieve

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Year 3 and 4 Term 1 & 2 Project Extraordinary Engineering

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term!

Please find attached an overview of the learning planned for Terms 1 and 2. We have a series of questions that we will be answering as the project unfolds and the children will also have opportunities to add their own ideas and questions to extend the project further and we will be answering the following question that underpins it.

Which was hardest to build: The Great Pyramid or Clifton Suspension Bridge?

After two weeks working on achieving excellence and the importance of having good wellbeing, we are looking forward to a very exciting term which starts off next week looking at the historical engineering in Banwell and on Tuesday morning we will be going on a fact finding trail. The focus after that will be on Brunel and his fantastic inventions and our trip on Wednesday 2nd October is visiting SS Great Britain and walking across the Clifton Suspension Bridge. We launch the 2nd part of the project about the structures that were built by Ancient Egyptians after half term with a dress up day on 5th November.

Parents are invited to our Exhibition of Learning, including a screening of the children's documentaries on Friday 6th Dec at 2pm. If there are any parents or members of the community who have any skills that they could share with us to help our understanding of any aspect that links to the project, we would very much appreciate your input.

You are also invited to an afternoon to find out all about Year 3 and 4 on Wednesday 16th October at 2.30pm.

The children will be getting homework on Fridays that will need to be completed and handed in on the following Wednesday. Please work with your children to develop their love of reading by sharing books with them as well as hearing them read. The children also need to be using Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars to help boost their spelling and tables- they will have their logins in their homework books. The children will be able to access the internet through homework club if needed. It is worth noting that Year 4 will be taking a government Multiplication Tables Check in June so it is important that the children do practise little and often up to 12 x 12 of all tables with instant recall. If there are ever problems with completing homework, please let us know straight away.

Our PE days are usually Monday and Thursday and children must have a PE kit in school all week.

The children have already had a fantastic start to the year and we are looking forward to having a brilliant year.

Year 3 and 4 team