



This Week:

Happy New Year! It is great to see the children settling back into school life so quickly; fully absorbed in learning and playing together. It seems that they have all had a good break and I hope you did too! In assembly this week, we thought about New Year; the opportunities and unknown ahead for 2026. We learnt about how Christians might be celebrating the 6th January 2026 either as Epiphany, King's Day, 12th day of Christmas or Christmas Eve! We also listened to a story about a hippo and a chocolate cake to help us think about our Brookland Value of Honesty.

This week year 6 studied an action-packed film: Pigeon Impossible, where Agent Beckett struggles to complete his mission because of the unhelpful pigeon. From launching a rocket to stealing a scrumptious bagel, I was very excited to write a sequel. Here it is a section from my Big Write: "And he was face to face with his archnemesis. Irked Agent Beckett furrowed his brows; he knew the pigeon had a tasteful craving for destructive chaos." Myla 6L

Here are a few more of year 6's Big Writes today:

Agent Beckett sprinted stealthily through the road, receiving a mischievous briefcase. Eagerly, he opens the briefcase and finds a picture of a picture of a bird. Fury engulfed him! Charon 6P

A glowing pigeon arose from the rocket. Pablo the pigeon was back and this time stronger. I've been expecting you Mr Pigeon." Ollie 6D

Agent Beckett. "You want it?" "Well, you have to fight for it!" All of a sudden, Pablo Pigeon started to do taekwondo. As fast as lightning what seems to be an innocent pigeon, turns into a black belt pigeon! Ella 6D

As the luminous sun burned down, the nonchalant Agent Beckett walked along the busy city in New York. As Agent Beckett stopped for his snack break next to The Statue of Liberty. Secretly the mischievous pigeon watched his mortal enemy while perching on a branch. "You shall not ruin my plan again" said the pigeon! Toby 6L

Agent Beckett eager to find the pigeon ran into the dark corridors to search for that crazy bird. "I wonder if he is in the control room." While he did that, he remembered the first encounter. It was in the royal chamber. They were fighting! Harry 6L

Confidently the man walked. He made sure that he had everything he needed including a tranquilizer to spray in case anything ruins his mission. Beckett went into the room where the crown is located." Hosna 6P

Just as Agent Beckett was going to stop the bomb and save the pyramids, something landed on his shoulder. It was the beaked animal. Oblivious, the man tilted his head and sat down on the hot sand. Tara 6L

"Oh darn, the factory is closed!" said the pigeon. "I have a plan." Distressed, he went to the back & saw a window, but it was closed. "Why does everything have to get shut?" screamed the pigeon. Ashely 6P

The smell of fresh bagel filled the warm morning sky. From above a mysterious cheeky pigeon watched sneakily as a man wearing a black FBI suit minded his own business. "Mmm Lunch!" Jordan 6L





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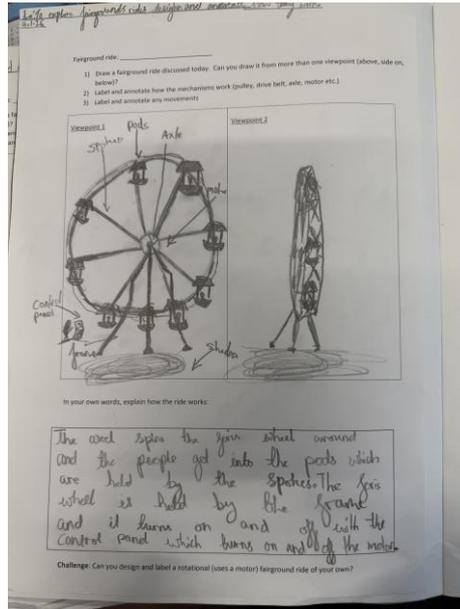


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Also This Week:

Year 6 are starting a DT/ English/ Computing project to design their own Theme Parks.

This week we learnt how to make fairground rides. We learnt how to annotate & sketch our own rides and how to make a plan of an amusement park, describe how the rides would work. Also how to space things well and how to spend our money wisely. The link across our curriculum helps us understand this DT/Computing topic. We are also excited to write about fairgrounds soon in our big write lessons.” Ofri 6D



The National Year of Reading:

I hope you enjoyed the chance to catch up with a good book over the break. We were fortunate to explore several books as a whole school last term as well as welcome Emma Carroll to inspire us further and are looking forward to celebrating 2026 as the National Year of Reading. The government and the National Literacy Trust (along with many other organisations) are inviting everyone to celebrate the benefits and joys of reading a wide range of genres and types of texts. We look forward to joining in with this national strategy and continuing to support your children to "Go all in" and find their reading passions.

You can find a Brookland recommended reading list for each year group on our website here:

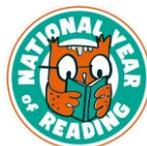
<https://www.brooklandjuniorschool.co.uk/homework-help>

If you managed to catch a photo of your child reading over the holidays, please do email it to:

reading@brooklandjnr.barnetmail.net for our display.

Happy reading!

Miss Davies





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First Aid Workshops for Pupils:

In January, we have booked a series of children's first aid workshops for each class as an important life skill and as part of our PSHE curriculum. The workshops will be led by Mini First Aid and will be tailored to the age of each class. Topics include CPR, choking, recovery position, getting emergency help and day to day injuries such as burns and bleeds. Most importantly, children will all know how to phone emergency services and how to alert an adult that help is needed. Each child will receive a certificate for completing the workshop.

To fund this valuable workshop, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6 per child. This will be on your school Arbor account. I am sure you will agree this is a great opportunity to learn a life skill which could be needed at home or school.

Junior Duke Awards:

When your child was in the Infant School, they may well have taken part in the Mini Duke Award, which has been very successful over the past 2 years with many children signing up. We'd love to continue this project in the Junior School with the Junior Duke Award and include Years 3-6! Watch the parent info video here for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YbtDn7fBbA>

The cost to do the award is £10 per child to cover the cost of the booklet, badge and certificate. There is now also the option of using the online portal instead of the printed book if you would prefer that method. If your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium grant funding, there is no charge for your child.

If your child would like to take part, please pay on Arbor shop and complete the link below so that I can order the correct material: [Junior Duke Participation – Fill out form](#)

Miss Christie

Eco Group Message:

Don't put toys in the bin! Give them to neighbours!

Please recycle!

You need to recycle!

Jenson 3G



Eco Friendly Nature

Can't you hear nature calling out in pain?

Can you believe people are so vain?

They make us wealthy with greens!

So lets take care of their leaves

Bees make honey & we make it into money!

That's not fair I asked a hare,

Animals need wildlife so don't cut it with a knife!

Animals need us, we need them.

They are leaves & we are the stem!

Nature is important

Like a document to animals & us!

We love nature!

Evelyn 4S



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Golden Sentences:

Dear Miss Sackman,

I am writing to you because I'm persuading you to help the endangered animals, we need our magnificent, magical planet. This planet is essential for human life, animal life and habitats. We have to take good care of our planet!

Najlah 4K

Moreover, we need to protect our animals because they'll become extinct if we don't stop littering. The Earth is magnificent, extraordinary & vibrant do you want the animals to be extinct? Alessandro 4JS

Dear Miss Sackman,

I am writing to you to persuade you to help our planet. If you do not take immediate action, we might have no planet left to save! Don't you want the Earth to stay a safe, nice planet? Ethan 4S

Next Week:

Monday 12th January: Year 6 Mini First Aid workshop

Tuesday 13th January: Year 5 Mini First Aid workshop

Wednesday 14th January: Year 4 Mini First Aid workshop

Wednesday 14th January: Boccia Team Tournament

Thursday 15th January: Year 3 Mini First Aid workshop

Friday 16th January am: Year 5 basketball Festival

Friday 16th January 3.20: Year 5/6 Mixed Football Team match vs Akiva

Further Ahead:

Please see attached this term's calendar.