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Welcome Back

Hopefully everyone had a lovely Easter break and a chance to enjoy the great weather.

Congratulations to all our Easter egg winners. There were some fantastic entries filled with creativity and imagination.

This term is a very important one for all of our children but particularly for Year 6 and Year 2 as they take part in their SATs and teacher assessments. Good luck to everyone involved. We are confident that all the hard work our children have put in will be rewarded with some great outcomes. The effort and dedication from our children has been truly impressive. Our Reception classes are also busy working hard towards their GLD in so many different areas of learning and Year

1 are making fantastic progress towards their phonic screening. As always every thing you do at home to support your children's learning really helps them. Highlights to look forward to this term include a Great Science Share event, a Run for Life organised by our Girls Active team and a visit from the Animal Man, complete with a range of creepy crawlies and creatures for all the Early Years classes to meet. Plus we will be holding our very first technology week soon.

Last term it was fantastic to see so many parents attending the phonics and everyday maths events in Reception and Nursery and Year 2's Zulu dance performance. Thank you for supporting these: it makes a huge difference to your children.

We still have a few nursery places available for 3 year-olds in September. Application forms are available from the school office.

As always thank you for supporting Oasis Limeside and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes
K.A. Maskell

Important dates for your information

- KS 2 SATs: Week commencing 13th May
- KS 1 SATs: May 2019
- Year 1 Phonics Screening: Week commencing 10th June
- Half term week commencing 27th May

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EASTER EGG

Competition Winners



2 year old unit

During this half term, the children will be developing their knowledge of insects throughout a variety of different activities and role-play.

The children will be identifying the different stages of life cycles for insects such as butterflies, along with frogs and farm animals. The children will sing rhymes, and begin to learn counting skills through these rhymes such as 5 Little Speckled Frogs.

The children love to be outdoors and we are continuing to develop our garden. We have been watching our plants grow and learning how to look after them. Hopefully we will be tasting our potatoes and strawberries very soon.



5 little speckle frogs

Reception

Our class topic this half term is Minibeasts. Reception are going to be getting their hands dirty exploring the world of minibeasts. The children will be hunting, studying and handling a range of creatures. They will be finding out about them and their habitats, looking at their lifecycles, creating their own bugs and will have many other exciting opportunities.

This shall bring the topic to life and include all aspects of the curriculum. The children will be reading and writing stories and poems about minibeasts with

patterned and predictable structures. The children will continue to bring home guided reading books each week from the school reading scheme, and a book of their choice from the school library. Through our topic of Minibeasts, the children will be investigating and making simple observations about insects and their environments. Using a range of fun and engaging activities, the children will develop their understanding of different minibeasts and their surrounding habitats, and they will be recording, grouping and recognizing similarities and differences. The children will also take part in looking after and caring for our very own butterfly zoo, where the children will watch the journey from caterpillars to beautiful butterflies!

Through studying minibeasts habitats the children will become aware of their local environment. We will be focussing on the possible hazards it holds, and how to avoid these hazards. The children will develop their understanding of health and safety, when using tools to plant and when collecting minibeasts, and the children will learn about the importance of caring for them. They will be asked to think about how to look after them, what their needs are and how they should be handled.

Whilst exploring the class topic the children will be studying minibeasts using the microscopes and making observational drawings. They will have the opportunity to apply their creative skills through designing and making their very own large scale ugly bugs, using junk modelling materials. In addition, the children will be fully involved in the production of our role play area the Garden Centre and Minibeast Exploration Centre.



Nursery

Hello to all our Nursery parents and carers.

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The Nursery children have come back in to school confidently and ready to learn. Those who are transferring to Reception class in September will be preparing for the move with some transition times to be planned for them in the coming weeks and it is also an opportunity for you to visit their new class with them. We will give you details about this nearer the time.

Last half-term's topic was 'People who help us'. The children enjoyed finding out about the different members of staff in our school, and also those in the wider community and the various jobs that they do.

Thank-you to all those who came to our special 'Everyday Maths' open day. We hope you found it useful. Please see the school website for some photographs from the day.

This half term our topic is 'Mini Beasts'

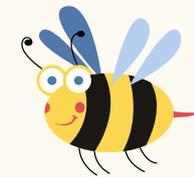
The areas we will be covering are:

- Meet the mini beasts
- Crawl, wiggle and slither
- Flutter and fly
- Weave and spin
- Hum and buzz

The children will be learning about and looking for any insects that they can find around our gardens and the outdoor environment.

Please read our 'Activities at Home' sheet for ideas to help your child with this topic at home and when you are out and about in the garden or in a park.

As ever, if you have any questions about your child's learning and development please speak to Mrs Crossan or Mrs Leech.



I buzz

We flutter



I slither



I crawl



I wiggle



I hum

Year 1

Before the holidays, we had a fantastic half term learning all about growing. We enjoyed meeting Patrick, the tortoise, and learned all about how to look after him. It was a fantastic experience for all the children! We also had a chance to grow our own plants and investigate how to keep them healthy. In Literacy, we were then able to write non-fiction pages to tell readers all about the different parts of plants and give instructions on how they can plant their own seeds. At the end of last half term, we enjoyed making and eating our own healthy fruit salads and then we wrote instructions for others to do it too.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our fantastic number skills, including addition and subtraction. We will be continuing to work on our number bonds to 20 to help us answer problems quickly. We have also been investigating mass and length through practical tasks involving comparing, measuring and weighing.

This half term we are working on 'Logic and Patterns' where we will be applying everything we have learned so far in Year 1 in different ways. In Literacy, we will be creating scary monsters, which will pop up in our very own stories. In Topic, we will be investigating all about push and pull forces and how they make things move around us as well as examining different animal classifications.

As usual, PE kits will need to be kept in school throughout the half term. Brain buster books will continue to be sent home every Friday along with spellings and any additional phonics homework. Thank you to everyone who has been working through the phonics pack we sent home before Easter. We can really see an improvement and the children are growing in confidence, ready for their phonics test next half term. If you have misplaced the phonics pack or need a copy for any reason, please don't hesitate to ask.

There are some fantastic phonics apps and websites, which will really help your children with their Phonics – great way for children to practise at home but have fun too!

If you want to discuss this at all, please come and see the Year One Team.
Teach your Monster to Read - www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
YouTube - Mr Thorne Does Phonics
www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great half term!

Miss Brisk, Miss McCormick and the Year One Team.

We'll be creating scary monsters!



Year 2

This half term, Year 2 will be studying the very exciting topic of patterns and symbols! In English, we will read and write stories with patterns from the 'Winnie the Witch' series (one of our favourites!) and make patterned poetry.

Our science experiments will focus on the forces of magnetism, air resistance and elasticity, using toys to show these forces. In art, we shall look at the work of Kandinsky, how he painted shape and movement and use this to inspire our own Kandinsky masterpiece!

We will spend lots of time in maths looking at number and reasoning problems in preparation for the end of Year 2 tests. Any extra work done at home to help the children's understanding is worthwhile. As well as this, please read with your child at least once a night to help them make the vital progress needed at this age.

Book bags and reading diaries should be brought to school daily and please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times throughout the half term.

We are available after school each afternoon if you have any queries you would like to raise.

**Thank you for your continued support.
The Year 2 Team**



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 are going back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. We will be exploring this period through maths and science, as we examine how dinosaurs adapted to survive in such a challenging environment. We will look at food chains, and developments in evolution, and create databases for the dinosaurs, alongside sorting and branching diagrams. We will find patterns and links in the animal's daily lives, and compare the sizes of the various creatures with scale measurements on the yard. This will all link in to our measurement mastery challenges, and writing an information page about a dinosaur of our choice. Moving forward a few million years, we will examine the lives of the Stone Age people, and their lifestyles, and compare it to life in the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.

We will also be looking at patterns in stories, through reading and reviewing a number of Roald Dahl classics like Fantastic Mr Fox, George's Marvellous Medicine and The Twits, before writing our own chapter for The Twits.

Can we please request that PE kits are left in school, along with suitable outdoor footwear, and now the weather is turning warmer, please ensure your child has a drink of water they can take into the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns, please see us at the end of the school day on the KS2 yard.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Fullelove and Mr Tierney



YEAR 4



This half term, Year 4 will be going back in time to look at the impact the Romans had on the lives of the people in Britain, and how they changed the landscape.

We will research Roman settlements, and compare them to the Celtic villages, and study the Celtic revolt led by Boudicca, and why she was an important figure of the period. We will use a range of secondary sources to find out how the Romans were so effective at invasions, and how they were able to conquer so much of Europe. Our topic work will be supported with a Roman day at Castleshaw, to examine the artefacts, test out army battle formations and examine the remains of a Roman fort on the hill.

In literacy, we will be focusing on poetry, looking at patterns in a range of poetic styles, like haikus and cinquains. We will also look at the features of letter writing and write letters based on our Roman topic.

In maths, we will be looking for patterns within numbers, and how they can help us solve mathematical questions, and solving problems where we have to multiply and divide. We will be interpreting a range of tables and graphs to solve problems related to distance, and work with decimal numbers.

We will be investigating the patterns between force, volume and vibrations in our science work, and conduct experiments around sound.

This term we will be swimming each Thursday morning, and children must have their swimming kit in school, boys are to wear shorts or trunks as opposed to board shorts that go below the knees, and girls are to wear a swimming cap. We will continue to do outside P.E. on a Wednesday, so please ensure full P.E. kits are in school each week also.

Many thanks for your continued support
Miss Williams



Year 5

Apprentice town-planners



This term, Year 5 will take on the role of apprentice town-planners. They will study Oldham and the needs of our local community, now and into the future, including looking at green solutions. In science, they will investigate sound and electricity.

English work will centre on writing reports to compare and contrast Oldham now and in the future and on developing arguments. We will also develop our poetry skills as we create a variety of poems about the area in which we live. Children will continue

developing complex sentence structures and sophisticated vocabulary. Reading a variety of materials remains a very important element of the curriculum, so please encourage your child to read frequently at home.

Learning in maths will focus on understanding multiplication, division and sequencing. Children should be able to recall times and division facts for tables up to 12 x 12 fluently and quickly, so any help you can give in this will be very beneficial. Mathematics will also feature in art as children explore and develop patterns using symmetry and translations.

Swimming has now finished for Year 5 – well done to everyone for the progress made in the pool last term. Instead, Year 5 will revert back to their normal PE lessons. This term the children will be developing their cricket skills. Clarinet lessons continue on Wednesday.

As always, thank you for your continuing support and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us or the school.

Mr Howarth and Miss Barrow

Year 6

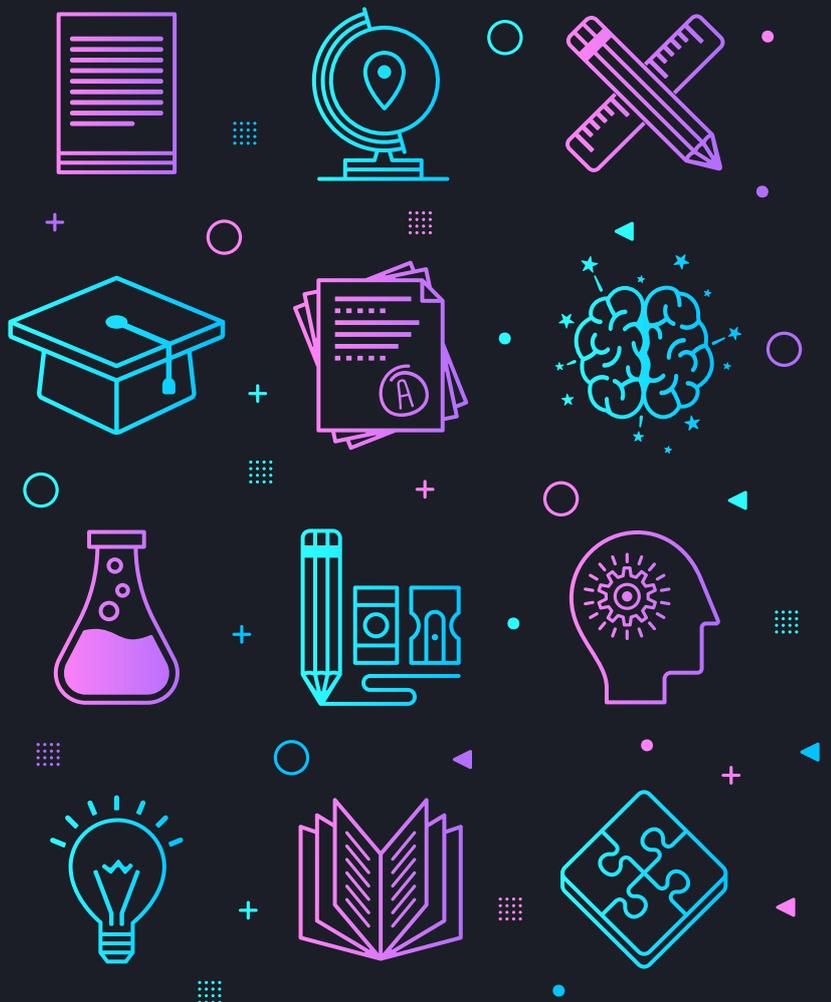
HAPPY EASTER and THANK YOU!!

Last term we saw another huge effort from Year 6, with children still arriving at 8:30 to practise their Maths and many staying after school for extra revision too. Similarly, the homework over the Easter holidays was of an exceptional standard, it's clear that there has been a lot of help at home – thank you!

The main focus for this term is revision and the application of all the skills the children have learned ready for SATs. These will take place from 13th to 16th of May. Links to revision resources and SATs timetables are available on the school website. In Mathematics, children will be looking at multi-step problem solving, while in English, they will be continuing with arguments and discussion, along with a regular focus on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG). In Science, Year 6 will be looking at the human body and its internal systems. Children will be doing cricket for P.E., which will take place on Monday afternoon. Children must always remember their kit: white tops and black shorts as well as warm clothes if we go outside.

Once again, a huge well done to Year 6 for their efforts and a massive thank you for all the support at home too.

Mr Kelsall and Miss Maskell



Bright Smiles

Before and after school care club

Bright Smiles is our 'before and after' school care club. Morning sessions are held in the school canteen where the children are able to purchase a breakfast if they wish and a selection of quieter activities are available i.e. colouring, reading, board games and jigsaws.

In the afternoon sessions, children will be encouraged to take part in a variety of activities. These might include drawing, reading, painting, playing games, outdoor and indoor sports, ICT, role-play, sand and water play, bikes etc...

A quiet area and assistance will be available for any child who would like to complete homework tasks.

The overall aim of Bright Smiles is to make each session a stimulating and enjoyable experience for the children while recognizing that there will be times when they might prefer to do something quiet or passive. The club is suitable for children from nursery to year 6.



Summer One

23RD APRIL – 24TH MAY 2019

To further enrich the children's lives at the Academy, children are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities.

EXTRA CURRICULAR Activities



Monday:	Choir	ALL STUDENTS	3:15 - 4:00pm
	StreetCheer	KS1	3:15 - 4:30pm
Tuesday:	StreetCheer	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Sumdog and Maths IT games	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Horrible Histories	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Dungeons and Dragons	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
Wednesday:	Recorders	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Chinese	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Oldham Hub Strategy Club	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
Thursday:	Minecraft	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Football	KS1	3:15 - 4:30pm
	Dodgeball	KS2	3:15 - 4:30pm