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Happy New Year

Welcome to our latest newsletter

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to another excellent term of wonderful learning opportunities for all of our children.

Mrs Burton has left Limeside to take up a post as an Early Years and Primary advisor with Oldham Council. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing her the very best of luck and thanking her for the many great things she has done for Limeside over the years. Mr Kelsall has been appointed as interim Associate Principal and will continue to teach Year 6 alongside this role.

Our children have continued to represent Limeside very successfully at many events.

Highlights from last term include the local cross country championships in which Limeside pupils came first and second. Also a team of Limeside's children presented at the opening of Oasis Academy Clarksfield and at Oldham's wellbeing conference in front of 150 local leaders and professionals. Well done to all involved. They were fantastic.

Thank you all for your contributions to Christmas jumper day. Together we raised £200 to support our Oasis preschool in Mozambique.

Congratulations to all the children who achieved 100% attendance in the autumn term. We hope they enjoyed their film and treats as a reward. Our attendance target for this year is 97% - together we can do it. Please contact school immediately if you need any support or advice regarding attendance.

The class in the lead in our attendance challenge is 3T but at the moment any class could win.

This half term we are promoting reading for pleasure. Reading widely and frequently helps children in all academic areas and has a major impact on their life chances. Please encourage your child to read at home and talk about books with you.

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, 4 – 10 February, we will be taking part in the National Campaign for children to be 'Healthy: Inside and Out', including Safer Internet Day. We will also celebrate World Story Telling week (26.1.19 – 3.2.19).

Finally, thank you for all your support over the last term. As always if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes
Miss K. Maskell

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2 year old unit

Welcome to all our new children and their parents/ carers. This half term we will be supporting your children on their transition into the 2 Year Unit.

As winter is upon us, we will be exploring the cold and animals that live in these temperatures. We ask parent's to bring their children warm winter clothes to play outside in.

Our topic this term will continue, we will be celebrating different cultures and religions from around the world. We will taste a variety of cuisines and learn some cultural dances whilst listening to a variety of music. We will explore Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, St David's Day, Pancake Day, Carnival of Madeira, St Patricks Day, Mother's Day, Red Nose Day and Easter.



Reception

We would like to give you all a warm welcome back after a lovely, restful Christmas break.

Our topic for this half term is Fairy Stories and the children will be exploring a variety of traditional tales as well some new modern fairy tales.

This half term in Literacy, the children will be looking at traditional tales. They will learn about the language used in this genre and will be unpicking the tales with focus on the characters. Different traditional tales will be read, and will give the children a chance to innovate and make the stories their own. During this term the children will also get a chance to learn about some of the characters in real life context for example 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' will be read and there will be a focus on creating a non-fiction text on goats. We will be sharing the fairy tales 'Cinderella' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We will hope to get lots of speaking and listening observations from this topic, such as joining in with repeated refrains, using language to recreate roles and experiences and the ability to follow a story with pictures or props.

It would be great if you could support your child at home with this topic by sharing lots of fairy tales and talking about the main features of them such as goodies and baddies, helpful wizards or fairies and happy endings.

Our new topic lends itself very well to lots of mathematical concepts. When reading Jack and the Beanstalk we will be learning about length and height by measuring, comparing towers and turrets on castles etc. We will focus on measures such as size and weight and problem solving such as doubling, halving and sharing.

An Early Learning Goal for the end of Reception is to count reliably from 1 to 20, placing each number in order and saying which number is 1 more or 1 less. In light of this, we shall be focusing on teen numbers and what happens past 10. Any support with teen numbers at home would really help.

As well as their weekly library book, your child will bring home a reading book linked to the sounds they know. Please listen to them read every night. Ask them to identify the title, author and blurb and to predict what they think will happen. As they are reading ask them questions about what they are reading.

Reading books will be changed on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Friday to be changed again.

Please remember to enjoy reading stories together! This will help to foster a love of books, which is going to have a huge

impact in helping your child to learn to read. If you haven't done so already, we recommend that you join the library so that your child can experience a wide range of books.

How can you help?

Record achievements at home on the sharing stars, these will be included into the children's learning journeys. Read daily with your child – any text that they are interested in including stories, fact books, poems, magazines, comics and newspapers. Practise recognising the sounds sent home – blending simple sounds together l-e-g is leg and p-i-n is pin. Then segmenting them to write them dog is d-o-g. Practise identifying numbers that are one more or one less than a given number up to 20.

Miss White and Mr Walker



Nursery

Hello and Happy New Year to all our parents, carers and children. Also, a special hello to the parents and children who have just started at our Nursery this January. I know that they are going to enjoy their time with us and learn lots!

We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break and that the children are ready for the new term and new learning.

The children really enjoyed our last term's topic of Houses and Homes and completed a variety of pieces of work, which you will see around the room. They also enjoyed taking part in the Nativity and we were all very proud of how confidently they performed on the day. We hope you were too.

The next half term's topic is 'Fairy Stories'.

The stories that we will be reading are-

- Sleeping Beauty
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Cinderella
- Snow White
- The Gingerbread Man

We will also be having a special workshop week for Chinese New Year in February. This year we will be celebrating the 'Year of the Pig'.

Please read our 'Activities at Home' hand-out which you will be given which will give you some ideas of how to help with your child's learning of this topic when you are at home or out and about.

Please do not hesitate to ask the staff any questions or queries you may have about your child's learning.

**Thank-you for your support
Mrs Crossan and Mrs Leech.**



YEAR 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Last half term was fantastic in Year 1 where we were learning all about 'Ourselves and our Community.' We explored our school and community using maps and pictures. We also enjoyed re-telling some great stories like Peace at Last. We even went on our own sound walk around the school to try and find a peaceful place for Mr Bear to sleep in school. We also finished the year in our school Nativity where all the children sang and acted beautifully. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

This half term we will be learning all about Brazil and the rainforest.

We will be looking where Brazil is, how people live, what animals we can find in the rainforest and even making our own Brazilian carnival masks to help us have a fantastic celebration. In Literacy, we are beginning to look at traditional fairy tales. We will be describing the characters and settings, rewriting known stories and starting to make up our own. In maths, we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills by applying what we know in different ways.

As always, your child needs to bring their book bag in school for daily independent and guided reading sessions and we ask that children bring a school PE kit to keep in their lockers until half term. Brain buster books and spellings will continue to come home on a Friday. We can really see an improvement in children who are completing their home learning.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any of the Year 1 team.

We look forward to a brilliant half term and want to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Marsland and Miss Brisk



Year 2

Happy New Year!

Last half term was fantastic, finishing with an incredible Nativity production! We were able to make great progress in our work due to the children's enthusiasm and positive attitude.

This half term our topic is Africa where we will be looking at the cities, towns and villages across the continent. We will also compare ways of life: food, clothing, tribes, dance, music and African homes.

In Science, the children will explore shadows by looking at light and dark, and make African musical instruments by exploring different types of sounds around us. In English, we will be writing our own stories set in Africa, as well as writing a report on Africa to provide information for other people. In maths, we will be continuing to practice our addition and subtraction of numbers to 100, multiplication and division skills and begin to look at fractions. If your child wishes to continue to revise any skills at home, please bring them in, as we love to look at it during our Friday assemblies.

As usual, we ask that all children bring a full PE kit, which can be left in their lockers for the half term. Homework and spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday, to be completed for the following week. To help your child with their reading, please listen to them read daily and let us know how they got on in their reading diaries.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another exciting half term!
The Year 2 Team



YEARS



Happy New Year and welcome back. We have another great term ahead of us.

In Year 3, we will be learning all about the Egyptians and their culture. We will focus on researching how the Ancient Egyptians lived and what happened once they died. What really happened when they were mummified?

In English, we will be learning how to write reports based upon everything that we will learn in regards to Ancient Egypt. We will also develop our literacy skills to create a traditional Egyptian story and myth.

Within Maths, we will be learning to precisely and accurately tell the time within 5-minute intervals, the months of the year and measuring capacity. We will continue to apply and build upon the knowledge that we learnt last half term, and apply our skills to a number of problem solving activities.

Our Science topic for this half term will be states of matter. This will link with our topic work about Ancient Egypt.

We will research the three states of matter (Liquid, Gas and Solid), their properties and reversible and irreversible changes within these states. We will carry out a range of different experiments and record our findings in different ways.

Your child will need a PE kit in school every week, and will need suitable footwear and clothing for outdoor PE. Indoor PE is on a Wednesday (3T) and Tuesday (3F). Outdoor PE is on a Monday (3T) and Thursday (3F).

Spellings will be sent home every Monday and the children will be tested on Fridays. Homework is given out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and is due in the following day. Home reading books are changed on a Friday (3T) and Tuesday (3F). Year 3 children know that if they have any problems with completing reading activities, then they can come and see the class teacher before it is due in.

We look forward to another brilliant term and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Tierney and Mr Fullelove

YEAR 4

Happy New Year to all our parents. This half term, Year 4 will be focussing on India.

We will be investigating the diversity that exists in this country, and comparing the lifestyles of the people who live there to our own. We will use a range of atlases and search engines to find out about the weather and environment of India. We will take a detailed look at life in Chembakoli, a village high in the Nilgri Hills, where life is very different to our own.

We will look at the culture of the people, and find out about the myths that surround the Hindu religion. We will read a range of Hindu myths and discover the beliefs that built up around these central characters, and will also be writing mythical stories of our own, using our knowledge of settings and character development. Our non-fiction piece will focus on life in a village in India, and we will use our research and note-making skills to produce a detailed report, with subheadings, pictures and annotated maps and diagrams.

In Maths, as well as consolidating our calculation work using formal written methods, we will be investigating decimal numbers, and relating them to fractions, and will also be solving problems involving telling the time, and reading timetables. Our Science investigations will be experimenting with solids, liquids and gases, and reversible/irreversible changes through heating and melting.

P.E. takes place every Wednesday and Thursday, so please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school all half term. Home readers are handed out each Monday, to be returned the following Monday with a book report to show evidence of reading. Please try to ensure your child reads for at least 10 minutes each day.

Thank you for your continued support - Miss Williams



YEAR 5



In Year 5, this term we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Maya.

In English, the class will be studying and writing their own fables and extracts from Mayan myths and traditional stories, before looking at the techniques of adverts. The children will be learning to manipulate sentence structures to include extra information using relative clauses and forms of parenthesis (brackets, commas and dashes).

In Maths, children will learn to work with decimals (including money and measures) and investigate the properties of angles. It is important that they continue to build up speed and fluency by practising the multiplication tables up to 12×12 and the related division facts.

Science will involve children investigating light, and how it works. This term, Year 5 will go swimming on Thursday morning, with an additional PE session on Tuesday/Wednesday that will be outdoor so please have warm kit.

Thank you for supporting your children with their homework. This will continue with alongside expectations that they read frequently at home and learn spellings and maths facts.

Miss Barrow and Mr Howarth



YEAR 6

CULTURE

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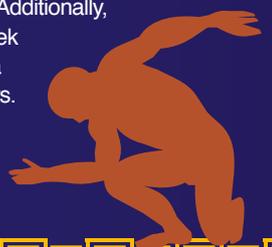
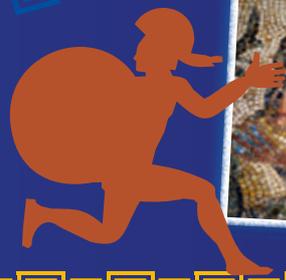
Happy New Year, and welcome to what is probably the most important few months for Year 6, the build up to their SATs, the formal exams that secondary schools often use to set pupils in Year 7.

This term our topic is the ancient Greek civilization. Children will be learning about their history, people, culture, traditional stories, etc.

In Maths children will consolidate their understanding of the four operations (add, take, multiply, divide) alongside investigating the relationship between fractions, decimal and percentages. In Science, the focus is on light, sound and electricity, while in English pupils are learning about report writing and traditional stories before moving on to persuasive writing. P.E. will be on Friday afternoon, and children will need their normal kit: white tops and black shorts as well as warm clothes if we go outside.

From now on, each morning, we will be running extra tuition, with an emphasis on (game based) mental arithmetic, a skill that will not only boost children's levels, giving them a head start at secondary school, but will also develop essential life skills. The club will run from 8:30 on Monday to Friday and we strongly recommend that all children attend. Additionally, there will be various study groups throughout the week offering extra small-group tuition until 4:15. This extra learning will count towards Children's University hours.

Bring on 2019!
Mr Kelsall & 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.



Spring One

14TH JANUARY – 11TH FEBRUARY 2019

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



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Activities



Monday:	Choir	ALL STUDENTS	3.15 - 4.00pm
	Streetcheer	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
Tuesday:	Streetcheer	KS 1	3.15 - 4.30pm
	IT Maths Games	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Dungeons and Dragons	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Fitkids Circuit Training	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Horrible Histories	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
Wednesday:	Recorders	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Chinese	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Strategy Games	KS 1/2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Dodgeball	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
Thursday:	Minecraft	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Girls Boxing Club	KS 2	3.15 - 4.30pm
	Imagination Creation Club	RECEPTION	3.15 - 4.30pm