

At Oasis Limeside we...

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Welcome back everyone!

Welcome to an exciting new school year and a very special welcome to all the new children and families that have joined us. There are some new faces among the staff as well: Mrs Ryan joins us as our new deputy principal and Miss Ging is our new Year 3 teacher. Both are looking forward to getting to know everyone.

What a great start we have had already! The children have settled quickly to their learning and are filled with enthusiasm about their new classes. They all look so smart and are full of determination to succeed.

The more you read ... the further you go.

This year our number 1 priority is reading. We aim to make Limeside a school where everyone reads and then reads a little bit more. Being a fluent, confident reader is the key to future success in all subjects and research has shown that the more a child reads, the easier it becomes. To encourage all children to read widely we have set a challenge to read for ten hours at home before half term. Anyone who does this will receive an invitation to our Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Every child will have a bookmark to record their reading at home so please look out for them coming home and support your child in filling it in. There are many more exciting ideas linked to reading to come.

Well done everyone!

The statutory results for our academy were great with all children making very good progress. This is the result of a great team effort from all our children, families and staff.

Birthday Bookworm

This year we would love to reinvigorate our Birthday Bookworm. We ask children to donate a book on their birthday to share with their class and put in the library. In return they receive a special bookmark in assembly.

Celebration Assembly

As we welcome another 30 children into our school, it has become impossible to fit everyone into the hall for our special Celebration Assembly every Friday. Therefore we have had to split into two groups: Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 will have assembly at 9:00am and Years 3 to 6 at 10:00 am. Parents and friends are welcome to join us for either.

Knowledge Organisers

In the middle of this newsletter are details of some of the facts your child will be learning this half term. It will really help if your child can look at these regularly with you and if you can talk to them about this knowledge.

Attendance

Our attendance target for this year is 97%. There will be regular attendance awards for any children whose attendance is at or above this magic number so please do everything you can to help your child to attend every day. Together we can do it. If you need any help with attendance, please contact Miss Giddens in the office.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Teachers are available on the playground at the end of the school day or by appointment.

Thank you in anticipation for all your support this year. By working together we can ensure that your children are happy and achieving their full potential.

Miss K. Maskell

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Little

Wizards

A warm welcome to all our new and returning children, and their parents/carers.

During this half term, we will be encouraging the children to build relationships with other children and staff within the room. The children will take part in-group activities and role-play to encourage this. As the children settle and become more familiar with the setting, we will begin to introduce our daily routine to help support the children to be independent. We will also begin transition with some of the older children ready for their move into the nursery. We will be doing transition sessions where the children can get to know their new class and meet their new teachers and the other children.

This term we will be learning all about us and our friends. We are going to be looking at our own faces and identifying our body parts. We will then be creating our own faces through a variety of different activities. We will be exploring different body parts using songs and stories to help us to develop our knowledge of these.

We will also be celebrating our similarities and differences in cultural beliefs as take part in a variety of activities. These will include food tasting, arts and crafts, music, dancing, and having lots of fun.

We will be exploring our first season AUTUMN. Looking at leaves, conkers, and animals that prepare to hibernate.



Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome all the children to Oasis Limeside. We hope you've had a relaxing summer and are excited for the year ahead.

The children are settling in well and becoming familiar with their new teachers and classrooms. Please encourage your child to come into class by themselves and become more independent. Also please make sure that they are confident to go to the toilet independently, put their coat on and off and to use a knife and fork to eat their food. You may have to practice all these things at home until they are fully confident!

Our topic for this first term is 'Marvellous Me'. During the term, we will be spending time exploring different stories that encourage us to think about feelings, differences and keeping healthy. Alongside this, we will be working on playing with others, recognising numbers and common signs in our environment.

The Reception Class children will be basing most of their work around this topic area. In addition to this, we will soon be introducing Phonics to the children and starting them on their journey into reading and writing.

We will be holding an after school session on THURSDAY the 26th of September to help all parents/carers to understand how we teach phonics and introduce reading and writing. This session will be invaluable to helping your

child at home and supporting their learning. We hope that everyone will come along as it is really important for your child's progress that you support them correctly at home. Please attend this important event.

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If you have any questions or issues you wish to discuss about your child, feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or support assistant, preferably at the end of the school day.

Also please don't forget you are always welcome at the school assembly on Friday mornings!

Star Moments

It is important that we can celebrate and share children's achievements at home. Could you please note any of these milestones on a 'Star Moment' slip and hand it to one of the Reception staff. We will send the slips home regularly, but there will also be some spares hanging on our display board between our classroom doors – help yourself.

**Thank-you for your support
Mr Walker-Lewis, Miss White,
Miss Lowe and Mrs Harley**



Nursery

We would like to welcome all our new children and their parents/carers to Oasis Academy Limeside Nursery Class and welcome back those who attended last school year. We hope that they have a happy year with us filled with laughter and lots of learning!

The children are beginning to settle down well and learning the nursery routines and rules. Please make their day easier by:

Making clothes as easy as possible for them. Avoid buttons, belts and braces so that they can access the toilet quickly and with confidence.

Practice toilet skills at home to give them confidence to use it independently at nursery.

Practice putting on their coat, hats and mittens independently.

Please provide spare clothes for your child so that we are able to change them if necessary.

Every half term we introduce a new topic area around which most of our learning is based. This half term's topic is 'Marvellous Me.' During this topic the children will learn all about themselves, their bodies and their families. Please refer to our Knowledge Organiser to find fun activities that you can do at home with your child to help them along with their learning.

Above all else, please remember that your child's early years are very precious and a time when learning is very important for the future. Please find time to play and talk with your child, read books together and explore the world around them.

We hope your child will be very happy in our nursery. Please talk at any time with our nursery staff if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Mrs Crossan and all the nursery staff.

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Year 1

THIS TERM
OUR TOPIC IS
ALL ABOUT
ADVENTURES

This term is off to a fantastic start with all the children settling in brilliantly and participating really well in all our learning.

We are about to become authors by re-telling some of the stories we have read in English. In Phonics, the children have been practising their blending to read a variety of words. In Maths, we have loved representing numbers in different ways and using lots of different equipment. We are about to begin work on our number bonds. The children have already started making fantastic progress in all their learning and we are very proud of their efforts!

This half term we are learning all about Adventures. We will be having lots of adventures when we learn about New York, the South Pole, Greece, the Himalayas and India. In Literacy, we are going to be reading a variety of stories involving adventures and we will even create our own 'Wild Things' and other characters. In Maths, we are going to be mastering numbers between 0 and 20, so that we can count up to and back from 20 with ease. After that, we will begin work on adding and subtracting within 20.

If you have any pictures of adventures that your child has been on, and that you wouldn't mind sharing with the class, we would love to see them so we can learn about different types of adventure.

Homework and spellings will continue to be sent out on Friday and we ask that children please bring in a school P.E. kit (white top, dark shorts and pumps) which can be kept in their locker for the half term.

We will also be sending our class reading bear home with one child each Friday. The bear will travel in a bag with a bedtime story and a notebook. Please could you help your child read the story to our bear and then write or draw pictures of all the other exciting things the bear has joined in with at home? The bear will be returned to school the following Monday, ready to go home with another child later in the week.

As usual if you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a super half term!

Miss Brisk, Miss Barrow and the Year One Team



YEAR 2

Welcome back Year 2!

We can't wait to get started on our fascinating topic all about castles. We will be learning all about attacking and defending castles and the world of kings, knights and the people who lived in them. We will write traditional tales to improve our story writing skills in English and work hard to develop our use of full stops, capital letters and use of the past tense. In science we will look at the materials a castle could be built from and hope to visit a real castle on a school trip later in the term!

The children will start to roll, cut and sculpt clay in art to make shields as well as calculating with numbers to 100 in maths. Year 2 will also discuss and learn about heroes and Old Testament characters in RE and philosophy.

Children will need to bring their book bags daily to allow us to change reading books as well as bring a P.E. kit (white top, black pumps, blue/black shorts) which children can keep in their locker for the half term. Brainbuster books and spellings will be sent home weekly and children will be asked to read their reading books daily. Included in your child's Brainbuster book is a knowledge organiser which has details on what we

will be studying this half term, including key texts, vocabulary and people to research. If your child completes this please bring them in to share with the class and in assemblies on Friday.

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We look forward to an amazing year!

Miss Cotton and Miss Watson.



YEAR 3

THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC IS THE
VICTORIANS

Welcome back! This half term, our new Year 3 class will be learning about the Victorians.

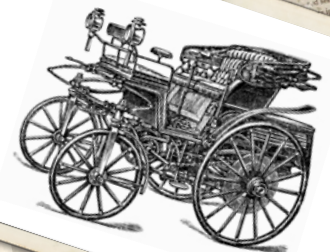
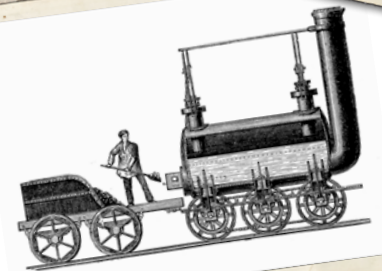
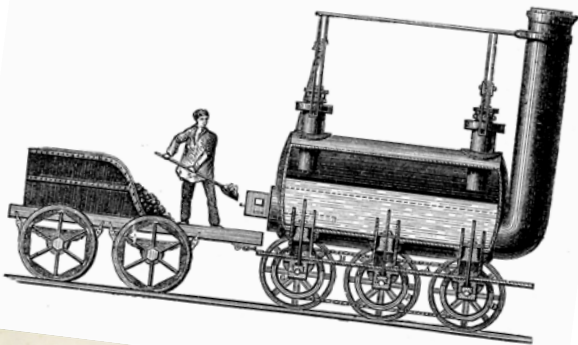
We will identify events that happened during this period, and particularly the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the landscape and people of England. We will focus on the lives of engineers like George Stephenson, George Cayley and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, and the influences they had on rail, air and sea transport. This will link into our literacy work as we research their achievements in detail, and recount events from this period. We will also be writing extended adventure stories based on Dragon Breath, and develop our skills in using prepositions and subordinating conjunctions linked to the passing of time. In maths, we will be extending our skills with place value, and partitioning bigger numbers in different ways. This will support your children with addition and subtraction problems. We will be revising our 2×3 , 4×5 , 10 multiplication tables and applying them to division facts. Our science work will be focussed on forces and we will carry out and record a number of experiments to investigate pushes, pulls, gravity and air resistance.

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school throughout the term for indoor and outdoor lessons, with trainers for outdoor PE. Reading books are sent out on a Friday to be returned with a book report the following Friday, please ensure your child reads on a regular basis to maintain their progress. Home learning will be given out each night, to be returned the next day, except Monday spelling lists, which can be practised throughout the week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see either of us after school.

Many thanks

Mr Fullelove and Miss Ging



YEAR 4

THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC IS ABOUT
THE VIKINGS

This half term in year 4, our main topic will be the Vikings. We will be focusing on exploration.

We will be thinking about what makes a great explorer and how the Vikings became such good explorers. We will link the Viking topic into our art work where we will work towards creating a picture of a Viking exploration using pastels. In Science, we will be investigating forces. We will be looking at what they are and why they are useful. We will then go onto experimenting with materials and seeing which material would make the best sail for a Viking Longship.

In Maths, we are focusing on place value with our question being, how we can compare big numbers quickly? We will then move onto money and will look at changing £ to pence and vice versa. We will then work with the 4 operations in relation to money problems.

In Literacy, we are studying 'Black Dan,' an adventure story. We will be focusing on recognising and using suspense techniques within our writing and will be using the 5W's to describe a setting. After this, we will be writing a newspaper article about a Viking exploration.

Please ensure full P.E. kits are in all week.

Homework will usually go out on a Tuesday and Wednesday and should be returned the following day. Spellings are given out at the start of the week, for a test on Friday. Home reading books and book reports should be bought in on a Friday.

**Thank you for your support
Mrs Drakard and Mr Howarth**



YEAR 5

This term we will be looking at exploration and explorers. We will be focusing on Mary Kingsley, James Cook and Marco Polo.

We will be looking at the places they explored and the adventures they had. We will be answering the big question "Why should we remember these explorers?" In science we will be looking at animal adaptation and evolution. We will be assessing what adaptation is and how it has shaped the living things on our planet. I suggest watching any BBC wildlife programme, be it David Attenborough or Deadly 60, as these will really spark the imagination. In art we will be looking at mixing powder paint in order to gain the colours we need to paint like the explorers did when recording the new found lands. PE will focus on lacrosse and gymnastics, full indoor and outdoor PE kit is required. In English we will be looking at story openings and recount writing, using our topic for inspiration. Maths will focus on place value, addition and subtraction. If you have the opportunity, get your child to practice adding up the shopping on receipts and working out the change. Also please continue to encourage your child to revise all the times tables facts.

Home Learning will be given out on Fridays and must be returned to school the following Friday. Spellings will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday. Home reading books and book reports should be in school on Monday, please ensure your child reads regularly to maintain their progress. PE is Tuesday (outdoors) and Thursday (indoors).

I look forward to a great term, if you have any questions or concerns I will be in the playground every afternoon.

Thank you for your support,
Miss McCormick

THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC IS ABOUT
EXPLORATION



MARY KINGSLEY



JAMES COOK



MARCO POLO



Year 6

Welcome to year 6... What an exciting year ahead!

This term our topic is Polar Explorers and in English children will begin writing biographies of famous explorers.

Science will focus on plant and animal life cycles, food webs and adaptations to polar regions, while in Maths we will be ensuring children have mastered basic place value and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. For P.E. children will go swimming on Thursday morning and will need their swimming costume, towel and a cap for those with long hair. They should also have their P.E. kits in school at all times.

Children will also have homework that they need to take home and bring back every day. Later in the year, we will offer early morning study every day. As usual, if you have any questions we will be in the playground every afternoon.

Mr Kelsall and Mrs Ryan

THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC IS POLAR
EXPLORERS



Ernest Shackleton



Roald Amundsen



Sir Edmund Hillary



Fridtjof Nansen

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.



Autumn One

STARTS MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

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

**EXTRA
CURRICULAR
Activities**



Monday	Choir (This club is free)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Streetcheer	K\$1 & K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Book Club	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
Tuesday	Book Club - by invite only	K\$1	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Yoga	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Minecraft for Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 (Limited 28 places)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Book Club	K\$1	3:15 - 4:15pm
Wednesday	Chinese (Limited to 12 places - This club is free)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Dodgeball	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm
	Art and Craft (Limited to 16 places)	K\$1	3:15 - 4:00pm
Thursday	Football (Limited to 20 places)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00pm