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Welcome back everyone!

Welcome to our second autumn term newsletter. This is a very busy term as we begin new topics, based around local history and national heritage. Children will build on the great progress so far and prepare for the many exciting Christmas events. Enclosed again is a knowledge organiser to help children learn and remember some of the key facts they will be learning. Please talk to them about these, research shows that we need to keep revisiting learning to make it part of our long-term memory.

First though a chance to look back on a really successful first half term.

Thank you for the great attendance at Parent's Evening. We truly value your partnership. Together we can help all our children continue to make excellent progress. Thank you also for completing the parental questionnaire. We always take your feedback and suggestions very seriously.

Our Year 6 clarinets and percussion group opened the Oasis Regional Conference and gave two fantastic performances to entertain over 700 members of staff with great confidence and skill.

Congratulations also to our year 4 triathletes, who completed a greater Manchester triathlon with swimming, cycling and running. They were great ambassadors.

Year 4 put their knowledge of Victorian inventors to the test when they visited Manchester Museum of Science and Industry and Reception explored the local area. This term will include trips to a Victorian school experience and The People's Museum.

School has been buzzing with discussions about reading as we try to encourage as many children as possible to read outside of school. Reading frequently has a massive impact on all aspects of children's learning from age 2 to post 16. The highlight was A Mad Hatter's Tea Party to reward anyone who completed the reading at home challenge. We have appointed child reading champions and book clubs have proved very popular with some great book linked activities. This half term there will be a through the wardrobe, Narnia themed reward for any child that reads for 8 hours at home or for 15 minutes 5 times a week. If your child needs to borrow any books, please let us know. Reading books definitely count!

Thank you everyone for all the contributions you sent for our harvest celebration to support Oldham's Foodbank. As always your generosity was amazing.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Barrow good luck as she starts her maternity leave shortly. Miss Marsland and Mr Rochford will be teaching Year 1 from the beginning of December.

We are embarking on an exciting new adventure with the development of a joint hub council which will bring together the work of the Hollinwood Hub, Oasis Oldham and our school. The aim is to practically support school and neighbourhood priorities to give our children the best opportunities possible. If there is anyone who would be interested in joining this please let me know.

Our attendance challenge continues with a target of 97%. Even a short absence means children develop gaps in their learning and have to catch up. If you need any support with attendance, please contact the office. We will do all that we can to support you. We are unable to authorise any holidays in term time.

Here are the key Christmas dates for your diary:

16.12.19 [KS 1 and FS nativity am and pm](#)

17.12.19 [Christmas dinner](#)

18.12.19 [Narnia reading celebration](#)

19.12.19 [Carol service and Christmas Parties](#)
[Finish for Christmas holiday](#)

6.1.20 [Return to school](#)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Best wishes, K.Maskell

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Reception



During the half term the children will have the opportunity to become superheroes during our exploration of the book Supertato. They will learn how to look after their bodies by eating the correct balanced diet. They will also have the opportunity to try a variety of new foods from around the world during our food from around the world weeks.

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



Dear Parents and Carers,
We would like to give you all a warm welcome back after a lovely restful break. During last half term the children enjoyed learning all about themselves and loved exploring the world at autumn time.

A book the children particularly enjoyed was *The Squirrels That Squabbled*, the children found this book interesting because of the 2 naughty squirrels that kept on arguing over the pine cones. From this story the children learnt all about autumn and how to be kind and share with their friends.

Another highlight of the half term was when a few children, selected because of their passion for reading, attended the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. They played party games and had party food to celebrate their progress in reading during the half term.

We are super-impressed with the children's progress in all areas but particularly in phonics and early reading. They are now experts on book language.

During this half term we will be exploring a range of different foods and will also be finding out all about which foods keep us healthy and where food comes from. As well as exploring food we will also be celebrating bonfire night, remembrance day and Christmas. Children will have the opportunity to be part of the Christmas Nativity and will be learning songs and dances to perform in the show.



Nursery



THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC IS FOOD
GLORIOUS FOOD

Hello to all our nursery parents and carers.

The children have settled well into the nursery routine and are progressing well with their learning. They are becoming more independent, but please continue to practise toileting skills at home and putting clothes and shoes on and off.

Last half term our topic was 'Marvellous Me'. The children enjoyed this topic, finding out about their own bodies, their senses and telling us all about their families. Please take the time to look around the nursery classroom and see all the wonderful work in which your child has been involved.

The next half term's topic is 'Food Glorious Food'. The children will be enjoying some different food related activities and trying out some new tastes. Don't forget to remind us if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements. Please read the attached 'Knowledge Organiser' to find out about activities that you and your child can do together at home, to help with learning around this topic and all the new words connected with it.

You are all welcome to the Celebration Assembly on Friday morning. We will always aim to let you know if your child is going to be given an award.

If your child is having a birthday, please consider taking part in the 'Birthday Bookworm' scheme. The nursery staff will be able to give you details of this.

As always, please don't hesitate to discuss any issues or concerns at any time with Mrs Crossan or Mrs Leech.

**Thanks for your support,
Nursery staff.**



Year 1



Last half term was a great success! All the children settled in brilliantly to Year 1 and worked really hard to make progress.

In English, we read lots of stories and re-told several of them. Some of our favourites were Room on the Broom and Whatever Next. We are continuing to consolidate our writing skills by making sure we have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in all of our sentences. We're now working hard to extend our sentences using words like 'and', 'so' and 'because'. And of course, we keep using exciting adjectives to make our writing interesting!

In Maths, we learned lots about all the different ways to represent numbers from 0 to 20. We then worked on adding and subtracting, using cubes, counters and number lines to help us.

We had lots of fun in Geography last half term. We had adventures learning all about different countries, including trying different food and working out how to get to different places across the globe. We were really impressed by all the children's curiosity and willingness to try new types of food. We showcased all our learning in our very own class passports. We are looking forward to building on our learning in Humanities, by adding some History knowledge this half term.

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 continue to send 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

The children have settled well into Year 2 and worked very hard last half term. As part of our castle topic, we learned all about attacking and defending castles and the world of kings, knights and the people who lived in them.

We researched Henry VIII, wrote humorous diaries about his day and even investigated which materials would be best to fit around his large stomach! In literacy, we read a variety of traditional tales and used our knowledge to invent our own Goldilocks and the Three Bears story. We then wrote instructions on how to make porridge to make sure Goldilocks never bothers the bears again. In art, we manipulated clay to create our own castles.

In maths, the children developed a good understanding of place value and are beginning to use this to problem solve in new contexts. Children have also begun to add and subtract two two-digit numbers to 100 using this knowledge of place value and counting skills. It is essential that all children are able to count forwards and backwards to 100 in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to help with calculation skills. All children will benefit from further practice of this at home.

We had a great start to the year with our home reading, with many children attending the magical Mad Hatters Tea Party by reading for 10 hours at home. We are looking forward to our next term topic all about Heritage and discussing what it means to be a citizen of our school now and in the past.

Please see our knowledge organiser for further ideas on how to support your child's learning in the classroom.

We look forward to a super half term!
Miss Cotton and Miss Watson



Knights



How to make
Porridge!

Henry VIII
Diaries

Mad Hatters
Tea Party

Castles

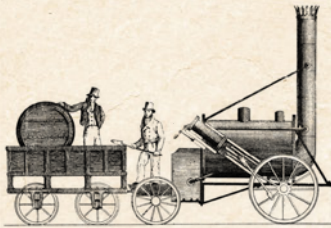


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YEAR

MR STEPHENSON'S
ROCKET



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MR. HACKWORTH'S
THE SANS PAREIL

THE YEAR THREE CHILDREN HAD A GREAT START TO THE TERM, AND HAVE ALL SETTLED QUICKLY INTO THEIR NEW CLASSES AND ROUTINES. THE CHILDREN RESPONDED BRILLIANTLY TO THE CHALLENGES SET FOR THEM, AND PRODUCED WORK OF QUALITY AND DEPTH.

Most children embraced the ten-hour reading challenge, and some were rewarded with a place at the Mad Hatter's Tea-party, which was a huge success. Regular reading, even for just ten minutes a day, can make a significant difference in the educational progress of each child, and is something we strongly encourage. Another reading challenge lies ahead this half-term, with a Narnia theme!

The children enjoyed their topic work relating to Victorian inventors and engineers, and wrote excellent recounts from the point of view of spectators at some of the great events, like the Rainhill Trials with Robert Stephenson, and witnessing George Cayley's first glider flight. The children included lots of historical information in their writing, using extended sentences to great effect.

Both classes visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. We saw many vehicles from the past, linking into our topic work, before visiting the weavers workshop. We learned how Manchester and Oldham were the leaders in the cotton industry in the 1800's, and leaders in transport innovation, building steam engines and



railways to link Manchester to Liverpool. Parts of the track still exist, along with the oldest railway station and railway warehouse in the world. We had a great time bringing history to life.

Our science experiments linked into our work, as we learned about forces, and investigated the effects of friction in slowing objects down, including air resistance, when we designed, made and tested our own parachutes.

This half term we are learning about our own heritage, and the development of Hollinwood from an industrial area to as it is now. This will link in to our writing and science experiments testing materials. We will be using and applying multiplication and division facts for our 2x3x4x5x8x tables, and is important that your child



continues to practice these at home, along with their weekly spellings.

We are looking forward to another busy and productive half term.
Mr Fullelove and Miss Ging



AMAZING
NEWS

Year 4

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC IS 'WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A CITIZEN IN OLDHAM'

The children have made a fantastic start to year 4 and have made great progress already. With reading being our focus this year, it was great to see so many of the children attend 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party', let's hope even more will be able to read for 8 hours over the next 7 weeks and be able to attend the 'Through the Wardrobe' event at the end of this half term.

The children produced some brilliant adventure writing based on 'Black Dan' and used some very imaginative vocabulary to describe the characters. They also really embraced their topic lessons and wrote some accurate newspaper reports about the Viking attack on Lindisfarne. They worked hard to retell true events, as well as getting into character to retell specific parts of the attack from both a Viking and also a monk's point of view.

Everyone enjoyed the lesson we spent hot seating, pretending to be a monk that witnessed the attack. We've definitely got some inspiring actors and actresses in the making!

In maths, the children's fluency with their times tables is increasing. This will continue to be a focus as we continue through the year. Any opportunity for the children to practice their times tables at home will always be useful.

The children are becoming great musicians as they continue to develop their clarinet skills with Mr Prince. He is very impressed with the progress they are making, and they are just beginning to put together their first tune ready for a performance.

We are looking forward to another successful half term in year 4, and are ready to start our new heritage topic on, 'What it is like to be a citizen in Oldham,' looking at local geography and comparing and contrasting 2 other local areas with Hollinwood. Please look at the knowledge organiser for more information about the topic we will be studying and key vocabulary.

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

Citizenship

Comparing

Saddleworth

Hollinwood

Local Geography

Contrasting



Year 5



Last half term, the children settled in quickly and made lots of progress; they have all made an excellent start to year 5.

We have many budding artists, who were able to paint beautiful landscapes, adding levels depth to their masterpieces through using a range of tones and shades in the background, mid ground and foreground.

The children were all very enthusiastic in learning all about explorers in our topic and were able to use this knowledge in English to produce a biography and a diary entry in the role of Captain Cook and Mary Kingsley.

Everyone has made a strong start to maths, exploring place value through manipulatives and pictorial representations, they took their learning further by comparing and ordering a range of numbers, rounding to 10, 100, 1000 and even wrote their own place value riddles for a range of numbers. The children were also able to consolidate and demonstrate a range of strategies for mental addition and subtraction, they could explain clearly each method and why they chose a particular method to solve a calculation.

Children have been working hard learning spellings and we already have a number of bronze award winners as well as some excellent home learning that the children have shared including maps of voyages made by some of the explorers we have been looking at.

Reading at home has improved and many members of the class achieved 10 hours of reading and were able to attend the Mad Hatters Tea Party, where they enjoyed delicious snacks and played games inspired by Alice in Wonderland.

This half term, Year 5 will be answering the question "What does it mean to be a citizen of Britain?" We will be looking at the Windrush Movement, how the government works and the key things that identify us as being British. We will be studying printed art and repeating patterns as a project. In English, we are examining scary story writing, and your children will have to write a scary story all about the school. We will also be covering explanation texts. In science, we will be learning all about states of matter (gas, liquids and solids). Maths will focus on the key areas of multiplication and division, fractions, line graphs and tables. Last, but not least, PE this term will be basketball and gymnastics. We ask that all children have indoor and outdoor kits as the weather is getting cold and we will go out as much as we can to do PE. Indoor PE will be Tuesday and outdoor PE will be Thursday.

Please keep encouraging your children to read at home so they can participate in the next reading challenge.

**Thank you for your continued support,
Miss McCormick**



Year 6

What an incredible start: we have already outlined the challenges for the year ahead and the children have responded positively with high levels of motivation; extremely detailed work both in the classroom and at home too.

Most children have mastered their times and division tables and we've had some fantastic achievements, with two children making in the top 10 of Oasis's Sumdog challenge. In swimming, multiple children swam their first 10m unaided, some mastered different strokes, while others pushed themselves towards Personal Survival Award. Swimming will continue on a Thursday.

In Science, children learned about polar plants and animals, exploring their life cycles and habitats, dissecting flowers and understanding how things grow and live. While, in Cultures and Beliefs, children wrote about Paul and his adventures around the world.

In English, the children have produced some fantastic learning. We have linked our learning to our topic: Polar Explorers. We have written two biographies using the information the children have collected on two significant Polar Explorers. They have applied their knowledge of language and organisational features well. We have then continued our learning journey and looked at Formal writing. In preparation the children had to debate the crew of 'The Endurance' should undertake such a perilous expedition. Their use of language to put across their opinions was phenomenal. I am very impressed with the progress they are making.

Thank you also to the children who gave up their training day to perform at the regional conference. They were amazing!

This half term we are starting our heritage topic, and will be thinking about what it means to be British. This will overlap to different areas of the curriculum, from looking at maps of Britain and the Commonwealth, to exploring democracy. We're also hoping to take a trip at some point through the term, to bring this subject to life.

**Great start to the year – an all-round well done!
Mr Kelsall & Mrs Ryan**



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 Two

STARTS MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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)		
Monday	Streetcheer	K\$2	3:15 - 4:00
Tuesday	Streetcheer	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday	Art with Watercolours (12 places)	K\$1	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday	Minecraft (32 places)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday	Book Club (20 places)	YEAR 4, 5 & 6	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday	Chinese (This club is free - 12 places)	K\$1	3:15 - 4:15
Wednesday	Dodgeball	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday	Strategy games (16 places)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday	Art and Craft (20 places)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday	Badminton (16 places)	K\$1	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday	Pokemon Club (18 places)	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30