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Happy New Year

Welcome to a new year and indeed a new decade.

We hope you were impressed with your children's reports and progress last year. We are looking forward to another successful term as all around school, the children begin learning about different cultures, from a Brazilian Carnival to Ancient Greece and the Mayan Empire.

Last half term over 200 children enjoyed very cold snacks and snowball games when they went through the wardrobe into Narnia as a reward for reading at home. By popular request, we are running a Harry Potter themed event this half term as our Reading Challenge. All children need to do is read for 8 hours at home over the half term to earn their place. Regular reading at home has an enormous impact on children's educational and indeed life chances.



Other highlights included a Limeside General Election. Teams from Year 6 put together and presented their own manifestos for a Key Stage 2 ballot as part of their understanding of democracy. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip back in time to a Victorian school room and learned to appreciate some elements of school today. Year 5 and 6 were crowned Dodgeball champions in the local competition and we were visited by the CEO of Sumdog, who was impressed by the children's mathematical skills. Plus there were lots of local trips as children explored the neighbourhood.



Thank you for your generosity again. We raised nearly £400 pounds for Children in Need and Oasis Mozambique through our Christmas Jumper day.

Foundation Stage love their new playground and we are looking forward to some great group activities and learning as the weather improves.

February is going to be Oasis Limeside Wellbeing Month with a focus on different ways to be healthy physically and mentally. More details to follow. We will also be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February.

We are running Creative English classes on Monday mornings. Please ask at reception if you are interested.

Finally thank you again for all your support last term and moving forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Best wishes

Miss K Maskell

Contact us anytime at...

Reception

WE'LL BE
LOOKING AT
FAIRY TALES
THIS TERM

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term! It's your child's second term in school! We hope you have a lovely winter break and are ready for the next school term. We are amazed at how much progress they make every day. Thank you for your continued support, we are hopeful that the transition back in to school life will run as smoothly as last half term.

Looking back to last half term we have a lot to celebrate! Our Christmas Parent Workshop was a huge success and we had a lot of enjoyment. We would like to thank the parents and carers who attended and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Thank you for all the star moments you have shared with us. We love hearing about the special things your children do with you and for all the adventures you have hosted for our reading bears.

Another positive outcome from last half term, was our annual Christmas Nativity. The children had worked incredibly hard to deliver the nativity as stars and angels and we all had lots of fun singing songs and performing with actions!

During the Autumn 2 term, we were focusing on Reception children starting their reading journey. The children have made lots of progress in reading and have enjoyed reading a range of reading books. 27 children from Reception had attended the Narnia party that was hosted by Miss Maskell and for this half term we are aiming for more Reception children to attend. With this in mind, we would like your continued support with your child's reading and would like you to log their reading in their reading records. Please feel free to ask any questions in regards to your child's reading books or the Reading challenge ahead.

This half term, we are looking at the topic Fairy Tales. Learning traditional stories with the language and structures they include is a vital element of developing confident readers and writers. You will find more information about what we are learning about each week in Reception's Knowledge Organiser. Letter and number formation will be something we aim to improve across both classes as the children develop their confidence and fluency in writing and recording.

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



Nursery

This term
our topic is
once upon
a time

Hello to all our parents and carers, and a special hello to all our new children who are starting in January. We hope they will soon settle into their new setting and enjoy learning with us.

Every half term we introduce the children to a new topic to broaden their knowledge and develop new vocabulary. Last half term the children learned all about 'Food Glorious Food'. During this topic, we found out about various foods and sampled some different tastes. The children loved making and trying fruit salad in particular!

I know also that they really enjoyed Christmas activities and of course performing in the Nativity play. I think you will agree that they were all fantastic!

This half term our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be reading some traditional stories with the children and they will take part in some activities relating to them.

The stories that we will be reading are – Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Cinderella.

Please read our Knowledge Organiser to find ideas for things that you can do at home to help with the learning of this topic.

As ever, if you have any questions or worries about your child, please speak to the nursery staff who are always happy to help.

**Happy New Year,
Mrs Crossan and Mrs Leech.**



Year 1



Last half term was a great success for all the children in Year 1.

In English, we enjoyed the stories 'Peace at Last' and 'Stick Man'. We re-told the stories and developed our use of adjectives by describing the different story settings. We are always working to make sure all our sentences include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in all of our sentences. We're also going to keep working hard to extend our sentences using words like 'and', 'so' and 'because'. And, as always, we're going to develop our vocabulary and use exciting adjectives to make sure that our writing is engaging.

In Maths, we compared and ordered numbers from 0 to 20 and then worked on our addition and subtraction skills. We even began to solve missing number and word problems. In the coming half term, we'll be learning all about 3D shapes, telling the time and learning about numbers all the way up to 50.

We made fantastic progress in History last half term. We learned all about a Victorian home and Victorian toys and compared our lives now to how they would have been during the Victorian era.

In Humanities this half term, our focus will be Geography. We will be learning all about Brazil and the Brazilian carnival. Very exciting!

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.

There will be another exciting end of term party for those children who read lots at home and then fill in their reading diaries and reading challenge cards. We'd love to see lots of Year 1 children at the party so let's keep up our home reading!

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 wonderful half term!

Miss Brisk, Miss Marsland, Mr Rochford and the Year One Team





YEAR 2

The children worked very hard throughout last term and made great progress.

As part of our heritage topic, we learned all about Victorian schools and Limeside in the past. We went on an amazing trip to Portland Basin Museum where we were able to experience Victorian school life first hand and explore a Victorian street. We also interviewed someone who attended Limeside Primary school in the past to gain further understanding of how our school has changed. In literacy, we created a non-fiction booklet about our school, wrote a diary of a day in school in the past and used our imagination to write our own winter stories. In science, we started to learn about electricity by making our own circuits and learning how we can use it safely.

In maths, the children continued to develop their knowledge of addition and subtraction to 100, using their knowledge of place value and counting skills. We also began to multiply and divide using a variety of strategies. It is essential that all children are able to count forwards and backwards to 100 in 1s, 2s, 3s, 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 Narnia themed party by reading regularly at home.

We are looking forward to our next term topic all about Africa and developing our knowledge of different cultures. 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

THIS TERM
OUR TOPIC IS
ALL ABOUT
AFRICA

Year 3

THIS TERM
OUR TOPIC IS
ALL ABOUT
ANCIENT
EGYPT

The Year Three children made great progress during the term, and produced some very pleasing work, in both depth and quality.

The children enjoyed learning about their local area, and finding out why the mills were so important to Oldham and Manchester. They discovered what life was like for children who lived in Hollinwood in the Victorian period, and what jobs children as young as five had to endure in those days. They wrote personalised recounts from their research, highlighting the dangers involved for children their age in working in the mills and collieries, or being left to fend for themselves on the streets.

We used IT technology and Google Earth to take virtual tours of our local area, and could recognise the way Hollinwood has developed over the years, from the tightly packed mill workers terraced houses on Fox Street, to the larger houses that were built much later around the Avenues. We learned about the work of Lord Shaftesbury, and the laws he made to protect children, and why for many years they were ignored. It gave us a deeper understanding of our area, and what life must have been like over one hundred years ago in the mills we see around us everyday.

In science, we tested an array of materials to investigate what properties they had which made them fit for purpose. We experimented with waterproof materials, absorbent materials, and

tested materials for strength, durability and flexibility. The children became very good at recording results, calculating differences and showing outcomes in graphs and tables.

The children again continued to develop good reading habits by taking on the 8-hour reading challenge, and earned a trip to Narnia. It is always worth remembering that reading, even for just ten minutes a day, can make a significant difference in the educational progress of each child. This half terms challenge will have a Harry Potter theme!

For the first part of this term, we are going back in time to learn about ancient Egypt, and research the customs and beliefs from this period. We will find out why the River Nile is still so vital to the livelihood of many, and look at early burial practices. We will learn about Howard Carter, and the curse of the mummy!

We will continue to learn our times tables and will consolidate our x6 x8 as well as learn our x7, and link them to their division facts. Please ensure your child continues to work on these independently at home, as well as read regularly and learn their weekly spellings.

We are looking forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Mr Fullelove and Miss Ging



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OUR NEXT
TOPIC WILL BE
LOOKING AT LIFE
IN AN INDIAN
VILLAGE



The autumn term was a real success for year 4 with the children making fantastic progress across all subjects. It was great to see the children's interest in reading continue last half term, and to see many of them attend the, 'Through the Wardrobe' celebration. This half term, there will be a Harry Potter themed party. To attend, the children must again read for 8 hours at home before the end of the half term. Lets hope we can get even more children attending this time!

In English, the children used their acting skills once again and read a play script based on the trial of Little Red Riding Hood. They then produced their own play script based on another fairy tale and used all the features they had been taught, to write a very imaginative and accurate piece of writing. After this, we read a fictional story set in the Victorian times called Fair's Fair.

In Maths, we introduced fractions and the children became confident with finding fractions of amounts and placing fractions along a number line. We also continued to develop fluency with using the 4 operations and using these skills to solve a variety of worded

problems. As before, times tables continue to be a focus so any opportunity to practice these at home is always appreciated. Tables Master and Hit the Button are great online resources for the children to access at home.

The children enjoyed their topic last half term, learning all about different areas of Oldham. The highlight being when we developed our cooking skills to produce a dish that we could enjoy at home.

Well done to year 4 for their musical performance in assembly before Christmas. They made a fantastic choir and were a great accompany to the clarinets. We look forward to more of these performances later on in the year.

We are looking forward to another successful half term in year 4, and are ready to start our next topic looking at life in an Indian Village. 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



Year 5

OUR NEXT TOPIC
WILL LOOK AT
THE FASCINATING
WORLD OF THE
MAYA

Last half term, year 5 enjoyed writing their own spooky stories and retelling them to each other. We have had great success securing our knowledge of the four operations as well as exploring fractions, the children are confident ordering and comparing fractions as well as finding equivalent fractions and converting between improper and mixed number fractions.

Our topic last half term was The Windrush, we have explored what life was like in the Caribbean Islands and compared it to life in Britain in the 1950's. From the knowledge we gained throughout this topic the children wrote letters home (back to the Caribbean) in role as a Windrush passenger. We have also enjoyed a range of art lessons using stencils, which the children made themselves, to print images onto backgrounds that were created using water colours.

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

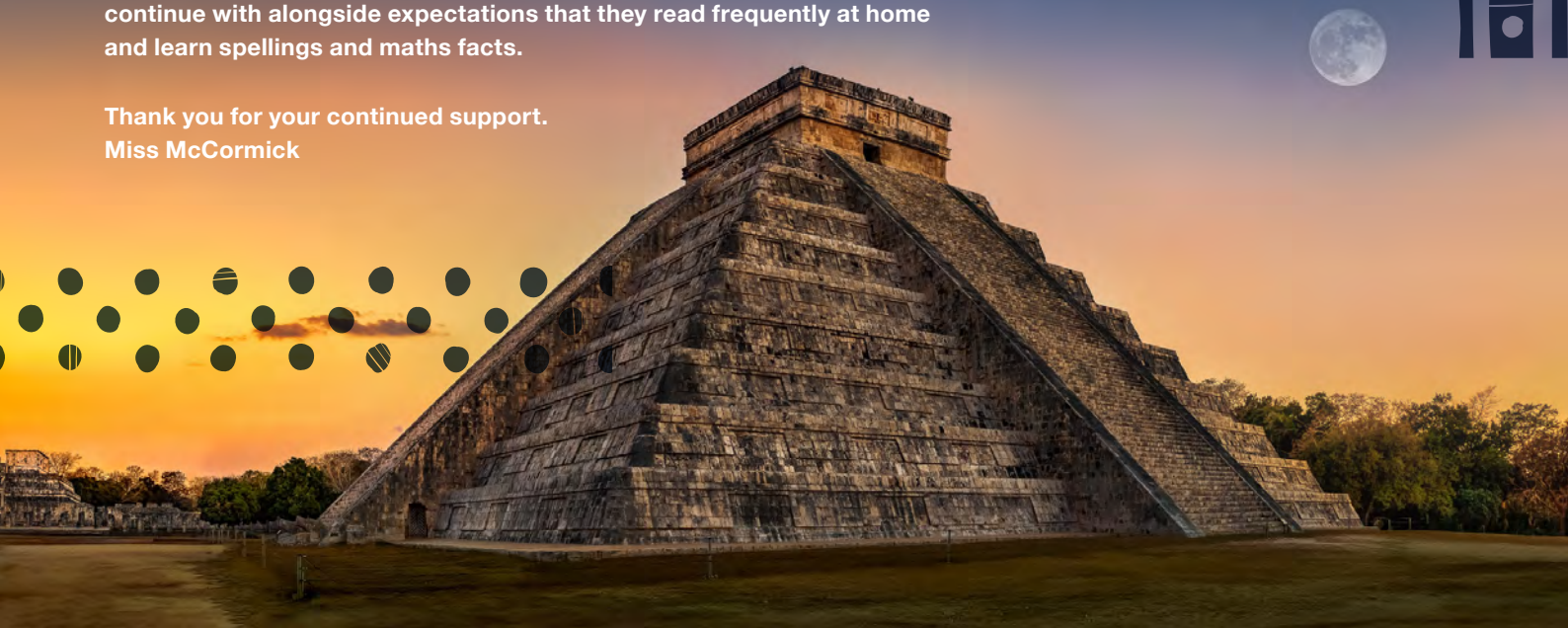
In English, the class will be studying and writing their own fables and extracts from Mayan myths and traditional stories, before looking at the techniques of adverts. The children will be learning to manipulate sentence structures to include extra information using relative clauses and forms of parenthesis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

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



YEAR 6

THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC IS ALL
ABOUT THE
ANCIENT GREEKS

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.

Once again, a huge thank you – children made incredible progress last term. In maths, almost all children are now fluent in their times tables as well converting between fractions and decimals. In English, many children completed their reading challenge and were able to take part in the Narnia themed Christmas party. Other achievements included Year 6 taking part in an election which involved writing their own speeches, delivering them in assembly to the rest of the school and then conducting the polling. While in sports, many children represented our school in the local dodgeball competition.

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



P.E will take place on a Thursday / Friday afternoon, and children will need their normal kit: white tops and black shorts as well as warm clothes

for when we go outside. In Maths children will continue to consolidate their understanding of the relationship between fractions, decimal and percentages; Science covers forces; while in English pupils are learning about traditional stories before moving on to persuasive writing.

Most children now attend extra tuition each morning from 8:30. This emphasises 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. All children are now welcome to 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 too.



Bring on a new decade!

Mr Kelsall, Mrs Ryan 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.



Spring One

STARTS MONDAY 13TH JANUARY

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 - 4:00
Monday	Streetcheer	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday	Streetcheer	K\$1	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday	Technology	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday	Dodgeball	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday	Watercolour painting	K\$1	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday	Chinese - This club is free	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday	Minecraft	K\$2	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday	Dodgeball	K\$1	3:15 - 4:30