

Newsletter 1 September 2020

## Welcome back

Welcome back to an exciting new school year. It is great to have all our children back in school after such a long and challenging time and a very special welcome to all our new pupils and families. We also have some new members of staff: Mr Franks as Reception teacher, Miss Belcher as Year 1 teacher, Miss Robinson as Year 4 teacher and Miss Cleary as Year 4 teacher. We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Barrow from her maternity leave.

What a great start we have had already! School routines and the classroom layout may look different but we are very proud of the way children have quickly adapted and have settled into their learning. Both children and staff are filled with enthusiasm to be back in school. There is a real buzz of learning and determination to catch up and to succeed.

## New Routines

Please be assured that we always take everyone's safety very seriously but especially at the moment. Children are cleaning hands very frequently; staff all wear face visors for teaching and face coverings for any times when they may have close contact with individuals; we have employed more cleaners and introduced enhanced cleaning of surfaces, toilets and shared areas; children remain in their bubbles.



We are aware that some children may have experienced increased challenges such as anxiety during lockdown or returning to school, and that this may have affected their mental health. If you think this is the case for your child, please let us know so that we can try our best to help them. We have built additional PSHEC time and physical fitness time into the curriculum

Thank you all for your patience as we find a system that works for hometimes. With over 430 children and their families to dismiss, this has been a challenge but we seem to be there now. For everyone's protection, please wear a face covering when entering the yard unless you have a reason to be exempt and use the markings on the playground to maintain social distancing. Please try and arrive as close to your child's arrival time as possible. This is to prevent congestion and cross bubble mixing at sinks. We are allowing siblings to arrive together but please do not send your child earlier than their class's allotted time.

## Home learning and Horizons

Thank you also for all your efforts with home-learning during lockdown. We are busy preparing in case we need to lockdown partially or fully again and will continue to use class dojo to communicate with you as we settle back into working.

You may have seen the very recent publicity about the very exciting Oasis Horizons project. Lockdown only served to emphasise the inequity of access to IT devices across different areas of the country. We are delighted that Limeside is a pilot academy for this project. All children from Reception will soon receive their own school iPad, which can be used at home and school. We are all thrilled about how this will revolutionise the way children learn in and outside school. More news to follow shortly.



## Attendance

Attendance is now statutory for all children and in line with government directives we are resuming non-attendance procedures. Please inform the office if your child is ill or unable to attend. We are unable to authorise any holidays during term time. If anyone in your household has any covid symptoms, everyone in the household must self-isolate until a test confirms they are negative. Please see attached a very clear guidance document. Please contact the school on 0161 688 7535 or via [info@oasislimeside.org](mailto:info@oasislimeside.org) if you require any clarification or support with accessing a test or Covid- related issues or if anyone develops symptoms in your household.

## PE

We need to use the school hall to serve lunch and for teaching so children can only do PE outside. At the moment children are only changing shoes for PE. They may wear trainers to school on the days that they do PE or may bring pumps or trainers to change into. Please try to limit the amount of stuff children bring every day as they need to store it in their classroom places.

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

## Welcome to our New Nursery Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Nursery to all our new starters and welcome back to all our other friends!

This term we are learning **All About Me.**

### The children will learn:

- To name and label a variety of body parts, and describe what actions they can do.
- About healthy and unhealthy foods, and how to care for their bodies.
- About their families and how pets can be included in their family.
- About where they live.
- About babies and what they can/cannot do, and discuss things that they can do now, now that they are older.
- The senses - hearing, smelling, tasting, touching and sight.
- To care for their teeth, and discuss why this is important.
- A variety of action songs related to the body such as 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', 'One Finger, One Thumb, Keep Moving' and 'If You're Happy and You Know It'.
- To enjoy a range of stories linked to ourselves, our bodies and our families.
- To count different body parts and measure body parts.
- To describe their facial features and notice similarities and differences between one another.



Although things are a little different at the moment, please be assured that working in partnership with you is really important to us.

Thank you and we hope you find this information useful.

The Nursery Team.



## What's happening in Year 1

Welcome back Year 1! We hope you have enjoyed your time together at home throughout the summer and looking forward to spending the next few weeks settling into Year 1. We hope the transition to year 1 will be smooth and successful with the support from all the staff in Year 1.

This year, we have remodelled our Year 1 offer to better reflect the needs of all children, especially given that they have missed a third of their Reception year. This means that we have included more self directed learning opportunities based largely in the Wizard's lab. The provision will evolve during the year as children become more able to access paper and teacher directed learning tasks more independently.

Phonics and reading are our main areas of focus with daily phonics sessions.

This half term our focus is Adventures. In literacy we will be looking into stories such as Elmer, Where the Wild Things are? And We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We will be building up skills such as sequencing stories, retelling stories and applying our phonics skills into our writing.



In Maths, we will be developing skills such as counting, comparing and ordering numbers to 20.

Knowledge Organisers will be sent out each half term for each subject which will explain the key knowledge, vocabulary and questions. These are used to support your children at home as well as at school. Please use them to take some time to talk to your child about their learning in relation to these. Parental partnership is vital.

This year we will be continuing to use Class Dojo to reward points, upload children's work that they have completed in school, completed home learning and to send reminders throughout the term. If you aren't connected to Class Dojo please contact the school office or chat with a member of the Year 1 staff team to set your account up. We hope to send out tips and links that will help you reinforce the work we do in school.

For P.E. we will be changing into appropriate footwear, therefore please provide your children with a pair of pumps or trainers to use outside on Monday for Miss Belcher's class and on Thursday for Miss White's class. P.E. Kits will not be needed this term.

We will soon be starting guided reading therefore books will be sent home to read with parents/carers. Please ensure that they are returned every Thursday to be changed regularly.

Many thanks,

Miss White, Miss Gill, Miss Belcher, Miss Welsby



## Welcome back Year 2!

We are so pleased to be back together in the classroom and it has been great to see the children so enthusiastic to continue their learning in school after the school closures.

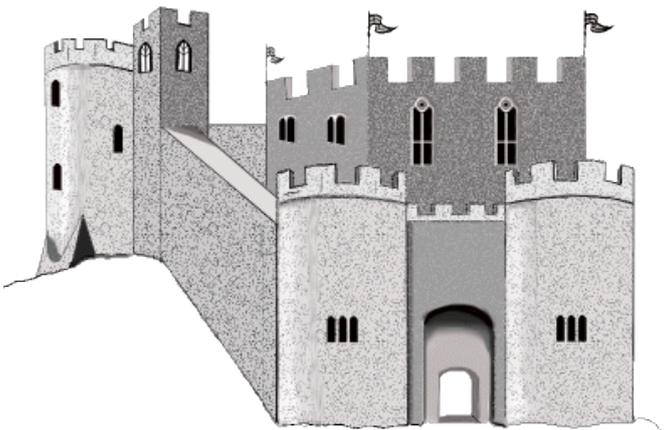
We are excited to welcome our new teacher Miss Robinson, who is joining our Year 2 team this year.

Please see our 'Curriculum' and 'Important Information' sections below for more details on what we will be studying this half term and Year 2 routines.

As always, please speak to a member of the Year 2 team if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to an amazing year!

Miss Cotton, Miss Robinson and the Year 2 team



*Once upon a time...*

### Important information

We will be using Class Dojo to post any updates to our routines and our home reading challenges, so please make sure we have an up-to-date email address. If you have any problems accessing Dojo, please speak to a member of the Year 2 team.

P.E. will take place on Monday and Friday (weather permitting) and, to avoid children bringing too many items in to school at this time, will be completed in our school uniform. If you would like your child to wear trainers on P.E. days, please do so. Brainbuster books and spellings are sent home every Friday and we ask they are returned to class no later than Thursday of the following week. If your child completes any additional learning at home from the Year 2 Knowledge Organiser, we would love to see it! Please bring this in on Fridays to earn extra stamps and Dojo points.



### Curriculum

We are excited 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. We will also be working hard to develop our phonics knowledge in preparation for our upcoming Phonics Screening Check. In science, we will be investigating materials to see which would be the best for different purposes.

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 lessons.

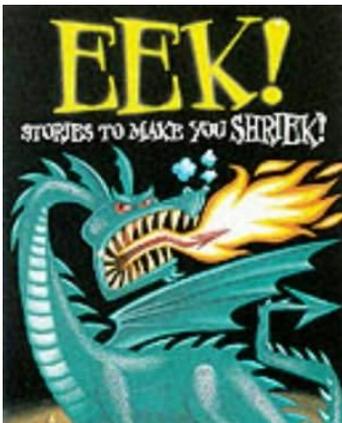
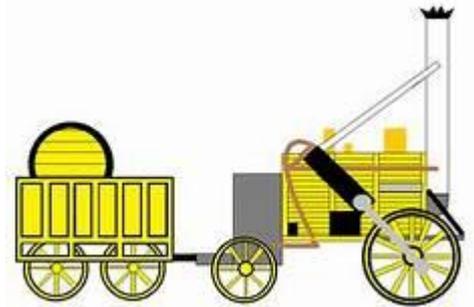
Please see our Year 2 Knowledge Organiser for more information on how you can support your child's



## Welcome back Year 3!

It is great to see everyone back in school, after our enforced closure. The children have already adapted to the new routines, and staggered break-times, and there is a huge focus on socially distancing whenever possible, and general hygiene.

This half term, our new Year 3 class will be learning about the Victorians, and the life of Queen Victoria. We will identify events that happened during this period, and the significant changes in Britain due to advances in technology. 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. We will be using Power Maths, and IT resources like Sumdog and LBQ to support our learning, which can also be accessed at home. We will be revising our  $x2x3x4x5x10$  multiplication tables and applying them to division facts, and your child will be given home learning tasks to support their progress.

Our science work will focus on forces and we will carry out and record a number of experiments to investigate pushes, pulls, gravity and air resistance.



To minimise the amount of bags being brought into school, children will not need a change of clothes for PE and can come into school wearing trainers on their PE days.

Home learning will also be different for the time being, with tasks being sent out that stay at home, like spellings and x tables, which will be tested in school each Friday. We are not currently in a position to send reading books home, so we strongly encourage your child to access books online or use the libraries at Oldham or Failsworth, which have re-opened.

Many thanks  
Mr Fullelove and Miss Ging

## Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to year 4, it is great to see you all again. All of the year 4 team are really looking forward to this half term and having you all back in school.

We would like to welcome Miss Cleary to year 4. She is new to Limeside this year and is very excited for the year ahead.

This half term, our main topic will be the Vikings where we will be focusing on their exploration. We will look at what made the Vikings great explorers and their reasons for travelling to different countries.

In Maths, we begin by looking at the place value of numbers. Our enquiry question is "how can we 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 (+, -, x, /) 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.

For P.E., please ensure that trainers are in school. The children will change their shoes prior to a lesson. 4C/D will do P.E. on a Tuesday and Friday and 4H on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Homework will be sent home on a Tuesday and Wednesday and should be returned the following day. Spellings will be handed out on a Monday, for a test on Friday.

The whole year 4 team will be working hard to help the children catch up with any learning they missed last year. We will be identifying any gaps in learning over the coming weeks and will implement regular interventions to help close these.

If anyone has any questions, please either speak to a member of the year 4 team at the end of the day, or message us on Class Dojo and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

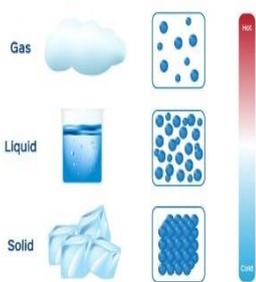
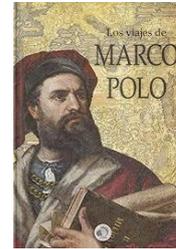
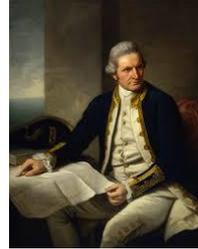
Thank you for your support,

Mrs Drakard, Miss Cleary 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 “Who was the greatest explorer?”



In science we will be looking at changes in materials focusing on the three states of matter. We will plan and conduct scientific investigations to separate out a mixture of materials.

In art we will be looking at landscapes and seascapes, using tones and shading to create depth in our art work. PE will focus on hockey and fitness sessions. Children will need to come to school in trainers on P.E days, for girls who wear skirts they can put black shorts on underneath their skirts. 5M P.E days are Tuesday and Wednesday and 5B P.E days are Monday and Friday.

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 and spellings will be given out on Fridays via Class Dojo and must be returned to school the following Thursday.

We look forward to a great term, if you have any questions or concerns we are available to contact via Class Dojo or please make an appointment to arrange to meet with us.

Thank you for your support,  
Miss McCormick and Miss Barrow.



## Year 6 – important news and information

Welcome to year 6...

...and welcome back after such a long time learning from home!

This year, you have a fantastic team supporting every moment of your learning: Mr Kelsall; Miss Maskell; Mrs Fullelove; Mrs Brisk and Mr Lougheed.

This term, our aim is to ensure any learning missed during lockdown is regained – we have regular personalised learning; small group intervention; small group reading and we're also including extra fitness breaks and P.E. lessons to improve children's overall health.

All the team have specialist knowledge and we have found that working with different teachers is great preparation for secondary school.



### Who was the greatest polar explorer?

Our topic is Polar Explorers so lots of exciting and inspiring adventures to investigate. In English children will begin writing biographies of famous explorers and then look at autobiographies. There will be a particular focus on developing sophisticated sentence structures, bias and appropriate formality.

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.



P.E. will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays and children may wear their trainers to school until we return to a full P.E. kit.

There is an increased expectation on homework in year 6. Children will receive nightly homework, although they will always know in advance what is due and when. We encourage children not to leave homework until the last minute so that they can request help from one of the team as needed, before the due date.

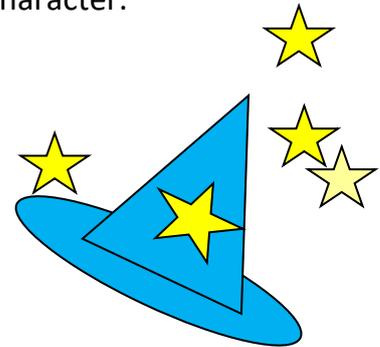
As usual, if you have any questions we will be in the playground every afternoon.

Mr Kelsall, Miss Maskell, Mr Lougheed; Miss Brisk and Mr Lougheed

## Developing Character, Competence and Community

At Oasis Academy Limeside we believe in a triple approach to learning.

Alongside the academic areas of the curriculum, we also place a high emphasis on the development of learning how to learn and on the development of character.



### Developing character

This half term all of our topics from year 1 – 6 are based on adventure, exploration and invention.

As part of our development of character our particular focus will be on exploring these human characteristics, both through the people we choose to study and also by examining the children's own experiences and feelings.

The human qualities that we will focus on this half term include:

**Courage, adventure, entrepreneurship, commitment, perseverance, achievement, independence, hopefulness**

### Developing learning skills

Our Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS) focus this half term is being a Reflective Learner.

Reflective learners can think about how they have learned and what they need to do to get better.

Reflective learners

- ✓ can say what they have learned and understood
- ✓ can say what they have done well and not as well
- ✓ can talk to others about their learning and listen to other people when they talk about their learning.
- ✓ I can say what they need to do next
- ✓ can correct and learn from their mistakes
- ✓ can tell different people about their learning
- ✓ can talk about how they have learned and what strategies they have used

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled