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Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your brilliant support again this half term. It has been a busy one again! Our violinists have attended Band on the Wall in Manchester city centre. We have taken part in the Oasis inter-school basketball competition - we are really impressed with everyone who took part.

We have had parents evening; I would like to thank all the parents who attended. It is so important to attend to find out how your child is doing in school, so we can work together to support your child.

We have held a very busy Nursery open afternoon for our new potential parents for September. We have a couple of places left if anyone needs to apply still. (Places can be applied for on our school website).

We say goodbye this half term to Mrs Rigby, our Lunchtime Organiser for Nursery and Miss Rebecca who has worked with Year 1 and Year 2, we wish her all the best in the future and would like to thank her for her hard work whilst she has been here at Aspinal.

Most classes have their summer term trips booked and if you haven't already you will be receiving a letter from your child's class teacher with all the information on.

Please find the attendance information for each class. Thank you for your continued support on this, we have 36 children with 100% attendance so far this year

A reminder we have also updated our school website (www.oasisacademyaspinal.org). Please make sure you check MCAS as all letters will be attached to the app again this year rather than sent out.

Have a lovely Easter and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 17th April.

Miss Sweeting

This half terms attendance

Nursery	86.60%
Reception	94.95%
Year 1	91.19%
Year 2	94.03%
Year 3	94.51%
Year 4	93.88%
Year 5	94.16%
Year 6	93.33%
Whole School	93.50%



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NURSERY

Well, that's another half term been and gone. We're almost in the final term of the school year already!

We had a great time on World Book Day, hot chocolate, biscuits, stories all day, what's not to like! We hope you enjoyed your Mother's Day cards and song we recorded on Dojo, getting 26 3-4-year-olds to sing in unison and look at the camera is no mean feat!

We have enjoyed some lovely, classic books in English this half term; 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen- the sensory story was a huge hit, the children loved walking barefoot through the grass, oozy mud (jelly), sand and water, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle- the children thoroughly enjoyed the fruit tasting task and learning about healthy eating and finally this week it's all about Easter with a gorgeous story called 'We're Going On An Egg Hunt' by Laura Mumford and Laura Hughes, we will be going on our very own egg hunt in our lovely outdoor area.

In Maths we have been learning about length. We have also been learning about the numbers 3 and 4.

In phonics we have focussed on rhythm and rhyme and alliteration.

A gentle reminder to ensure that your child always has spare clothes in school (underwear, socks, leggings/joggers and t-shirt).

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break,

Thank you for continued support.

Mrs McDonald, Mrs Cragg and Mrs O'Brien



RECEPTION

This has been quite a short half term but we have packed so much in!!!

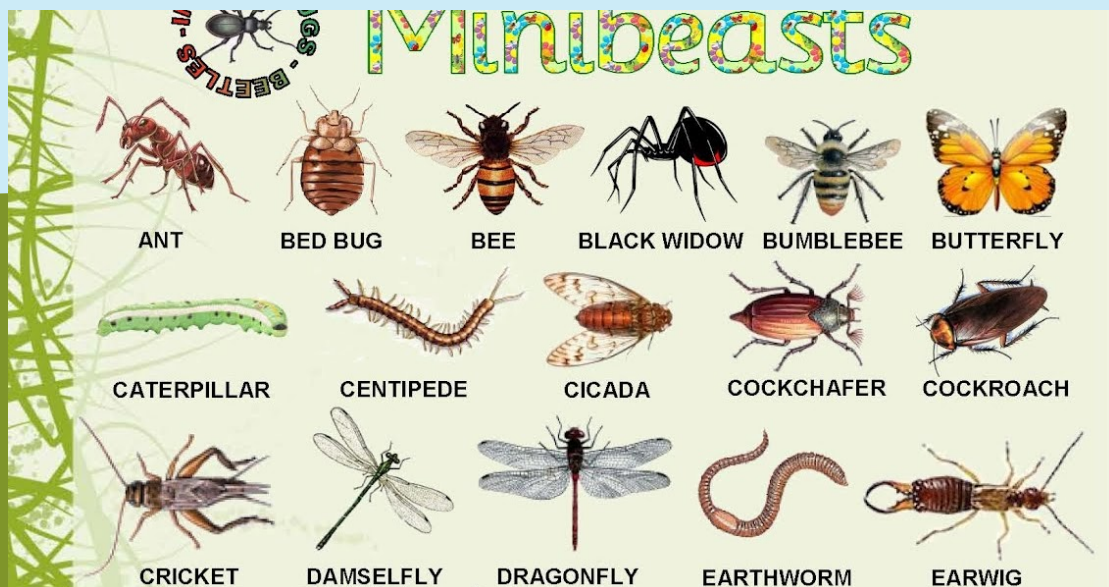
The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the emergency services- they went inside the ambulance, the first responder vehicle and even sat on the paramedic motorbike!!! We had a short talk about how to keep safe, how to alert the emergency services and learnt a little about resuscitation and choking with the practice dolls.

We have been learning about Minibeasts this half term, finding out about different features and about life cycles. Lots of our writing has been linked to this topic.

We are continuing to develop our number skills – with lots of opportunities to practice, addition, subtraction both orally and completing written calculations.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and Thank You for your continued support

Miss Bailey, Miss Okon & Miss Dargan



Year 1

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English

This half term we have used the story of *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies as a stimulus for our writing. The children understood that the main character, Noi, was feeling lonely when rescued a stranded baby whale. He thought he could keep it as a pet! We learned how important it is to keep animals in their natural environment so were relieved when Noi and his Dad returned the whale to the sea.

Maths

In maths lessons we have been learning about Place Value (tens and ones) and we have practiced skip counting in 2's and 5's. This helps us count groups of objects quickly and is a good starting point for learning multiplication (times tables).

Science

This half term we have learned about Materials and their properties which has linked really well with our theme around Building a Sustainable World. We have looked at why objects are made from wood, plastic, glass, fabric, metal and ceramics and how those materials behave.

History

In History we looked at fashion through the decades, and how our desire to keep up with trends (rather than keep ourselves warm) has increased the production and consumption of cheap clothing.

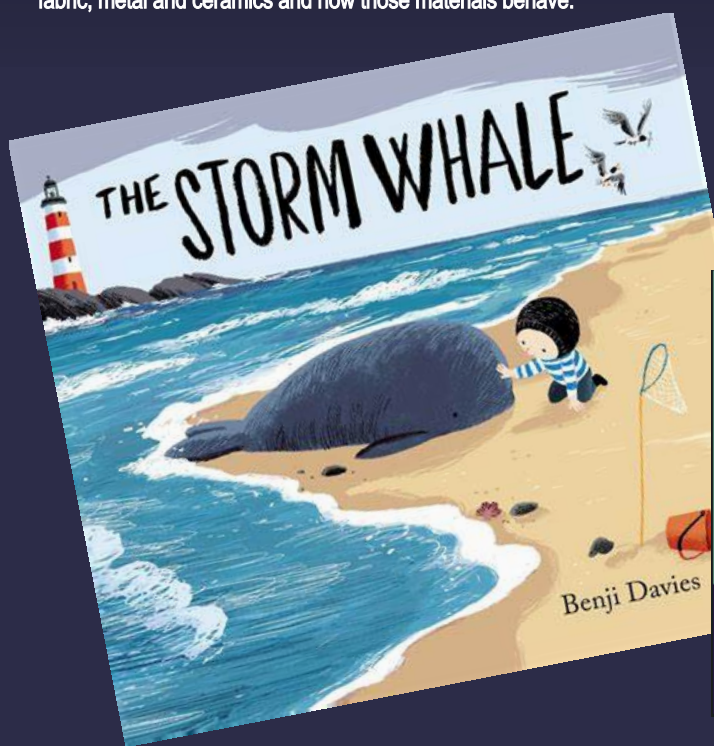
Geography

We looked at the effect of our careless behaviour on the planet – eg how plastic is polluting the sea and destroying marine life, and how buying lots of cheap clothes (Fast Fashion) is damaging for the environment.

Regular reading remains high on the agenda as Year 1 will soon be taking the National Phonics Test. The children who read often with their parents and carers are well on the way to smashing the threshold and passing with flying colours. They have also started choosing books from the school library and are now on an Accelerated Reader Programme. This really promotes reading for enjoyment and comprehension. Please make sure that you read regularly and record your time together on the Boomreader app so that more children can enjoy the resources available in our new school library.

Thank you

Miss Hardy and Miss Stringer



Global Goals

Forests are being cut down. What is the problem? Save the trees. What can we do to help?

The oceans and rivers are full of rubbish. Get rid of rubbish carefully.

Some people are rich, many people are poor.

Many people can't get medicine.

Year 2

How quick has this half term flown by?

Can I first start off by thanking so many of you for attending parents evening. It was lovely been able to share all your children's progress with you.

In English, the children have been working on a biography all about Queen Victoria and written a narrative all about Halibut Jackson. They are really beginning to understand how to stretch their thinking when it comes to building sentences and understand the boomtastic grammar they can include to make it sound fantastic.

In Maths, we have worked on multiplication and division through repeated addition and arrays. The children are growing increasingly confident with this the more we practise.

In reading lessons, the children have explored a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. They are becoming much more fluent readers and approaching more complex words with a bank of strategies which is a joy to see. They are growing in confidence when answering trickier questions that are based on inference and explanations. They are experts at retrieving information from the texts using the skill of scanning.

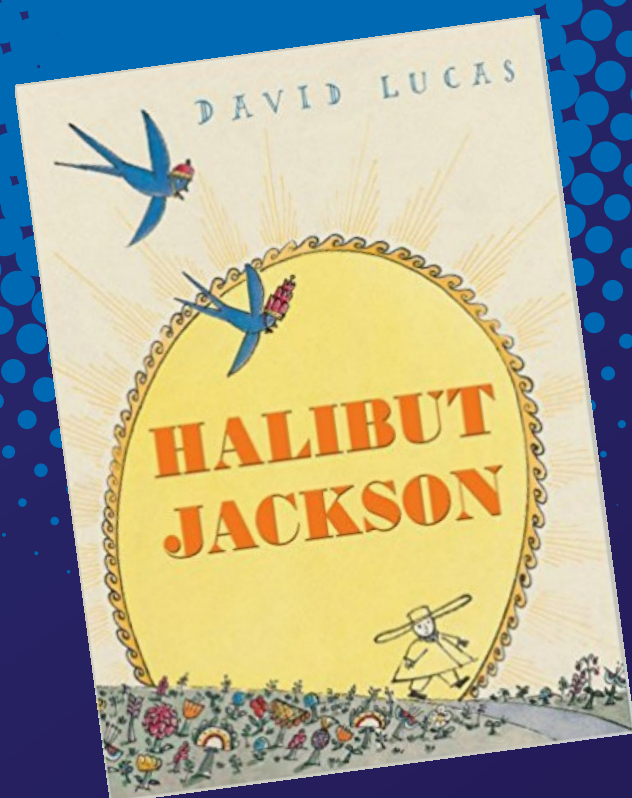
In our sustainable world theme, children learnt all about the 17 Global Goals. Year 2 focused on Global Goal 3: good health and mental well-being. We looked at how South Africa, India and the UK are working towards trying to improve the health and mental well-being within their own country.

Our DT project this half term, has taught us patience, resilience and problem solving. Children have persevered with sewing, learnt so many skills and produced a beautiful bookmark that I know you will all love!

We hope you all have a restful break, and the sunshine comes out for us all to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued help and support. We will be back in April ready to knuckle down in preparation for getting ready for the juniors!

All the Year 2 Team



Year 3

Year Three have squeezed so much learning into a half-term that has just flown by! So many children are consistently challenging themselves to extend their knowledge above and beyond – which is amazing to see.

In English, we have read the book 'The Secret of Black Rock' and taken ideas from it to create our own stories. Again, the children have further challenged themselves by using: fronted adverbials, speech marks, adverbs and conjunctions to engage the reader even more. So many of the children are becoming more familiar with using their phonics skills to help them decode difficult words and to understand the story better. I have been thrilled with the independency skills the children have shown in English, which has helped each child to thrive in their own, unique way.

In Maths, the children have shown resilience when completing several assessments this half-term. They have grown in confidence when identifying money, counting money and measuring a wide variety of items. I am so impressed by how quickly and accurately the Year Three children can recall multiplication facts – even the tricky ones.

All of our class have fully embraced our Global Goal (life below the water) and have demonstrated their passion for this goal and how it can impact our world. They have been creating posters and using our new plastic recycling bin in our classroom regularly. I am sure that if you ask your child what they can do at home to help build a sustainable world and help to protect life underwater, they will have some good ideas.

In PE, one of our topics has been Gymnastics, and we have had the pleasure of learning new shapes, travels and balances from a Gymnastics coach. He has been overwhelmed by the high level of focus and effort applied by all of the children.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for all your honest and open feedback during parent's evening and throughout the half-term. I would also like to say that I am very grateful for your continued support with completing home learning and listening to the children read regularly. All of this combined effort has already helped them and it will continue to enable the children to make progress with their learning.

Mr Purcell and Miss Turner



Year 4

This half-term has whizzed by, and it has been go, go, go! Year 4 thrive to succeed, and it is evident in every lesson! Not only do all the children try to embed the Oasis nine habits within the classroom but have started to show collaboration, forgiveness and patience around school which has allowed for a positive learning environment.

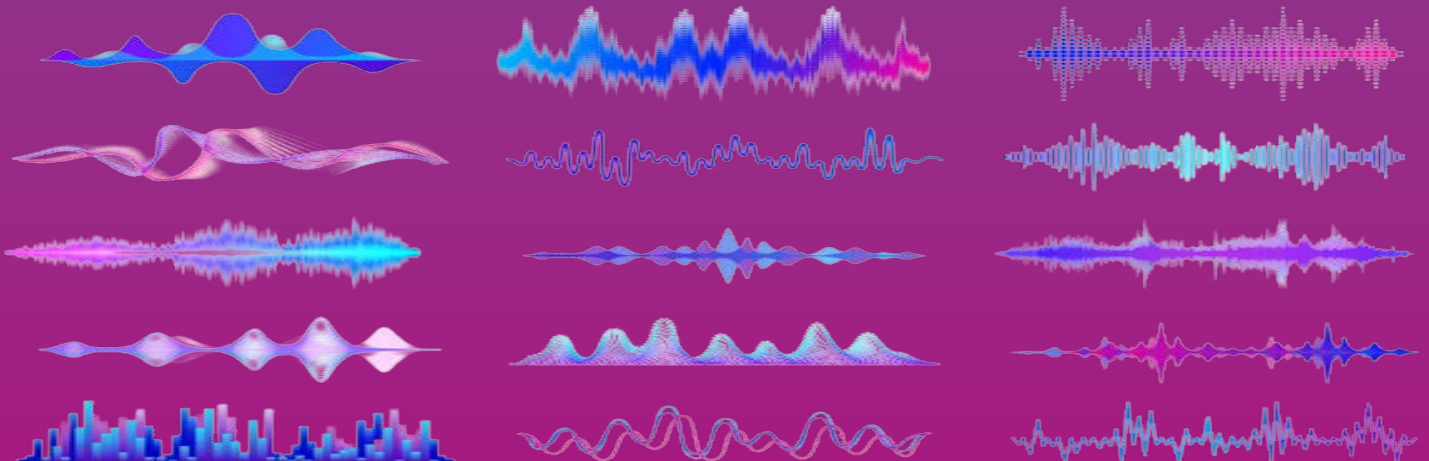
The Iron Man! The book which has allowed there to be incredible, imaginative and beautiful pieces of work. I have been beyond impressed with the independency skills the children have shown in English, each one thriving in their own, unique way.

In science, we have been learning all about sound! As well as looking at the anatomy of the ear, we have learnt about what sound is and how it is produced. We have had opportunities for investigations by using instruments and even completing a hertz test to see what range of frequency we can hear! It has been a very enjoyable unit, and all the children loved it!

Throughout the half term, our big focus was all about 'Building a Sustainable World'. Our specific Global Goal was 'Life on Land' (GG15). We looked at deforestation and how this is impacting the world. We even had an opportunity to investigate the inspirational Sir David Attenborough and what a huge impact he is making to life on land! The pupils have created some amazing posters and a timeline, diving deep with researching and wanting to learn more!

Another amazing term finished. Thank you to all pupils and grown-ups for your continued efforts and support. Hope you all have a fantastic and well-deserved Easter break!

Miss Clayton & Miss Sweeting



Year 5



This half term has been short but jam-packed!

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of the progress that all of Year 5 are making! They have just completed their mid-year assessment so that we can check on their progress and they have really shown their full potential! Some parents asked about results for these and I am happy to share them with you if you send me a message on dojo.

This half term in maths, we have continued to look at fractions. The children have learnt to convert improper fractions and mixed numbers; add and subtract fractions; and find fractions of amounts. I understand that this is often a challenging area in Year 5 and 6, and so I have posted some support videos on dojos to help with extra practice should you wish to help at home. We have also moved on now to cover area and perimeter. As we are moving onto challenging topics, it is important that children continue to revisit their times tables and division facts at home to keep them fresh in their minds to support all other gateways to maths.

Our topic this half term has been Our Sustainable World. We have been learning in PSHE, Art, History and Geography about the 17 Global Goals which we need to try to achieve by 2030 in order to make our Global Sustainable and fair. We have been focussing on Global Goal 6 which is about providing clean water and sanitation for all. The children were shocked that some countries today still do not have running water and flushing toilets! They have learnt about the water cycle and the impact that they can have on ensuring we have enough water around the world for all.

We have had the pleasure of learning Gymnastics this half term with a trained coach from Manchester Gymnastics School. Many of the children have been proud of themselves when learning to do cartwheels, round-offs and other rolls and balances.

It was really great to see many of you at parents evening again and to discuss the progress your child is making in Year 5! It seems crazy to mention high school so early; however please note that high school applications will need to be completed for your child by November 2023. Look out for emails or letters from your local council regarding this. If you require any support or advice then please do not hesitate to ask.

In Science, the children have learnt all about forces with Miss Reed. They have investigated Air resistance, water resistance and friction.

Our writing has really improved too! The children have learnt to use dashes for dramatic effect this half term. They have also been developing further their understanding of relative clauses and subordinate clauses to add more detail to their sentences. Many children are now working towards earning their pen license for consistently beautiful presentation of their work.

I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward the very exciting Summer term coming ahead.

Miss Hughes and Mrs Robinson.

YEAR 6

This half term in English the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. They have been working on a short narrative. The children have used some amazing vocabulary and sentence types to build tension and fear. We have also produced a report on the current climate change crisis developed from our Global Goals lessons.

In maths, the children have been working incredibly hard! They have been solving complex problems involving percentages and developed skills in Algebra. During the afternoons we have been working on properties of shape including angles.

Our theme this half term has been Our Sustainable World. The children have investigated the current climate change crisis. We have studied environmental activists Greta Thunberg who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation.

Science lessons this half term have been based on electricity. The children began by studying basic circuits and then went on to explore how varying the components will come. We even made a human circuit!

In other areas of the curriculum, the children have been experimenting with print making in art. They have been introduced to the process of lino printing and how reducing the linoleum print plate creates a positive in the negative on the plate. They looked at the work of Andy Warhol and learnt about the Pop Art movement.

Well done for all of your hard work this half term Year 6!

Miss Webster and Miss Myatt



Community MATTERS



We have continued to collect surplus products from Aldi and Sainsbury! If anybody needs to access our foodbank, please inform a member of staff in person or via dojo we will be discreet, and Robyn will be in touch to arrange collection.



Our weekly book sales have been very successful and have helped us raise funds for our Community Hub! The book sale will continue into next half term every Tuesday 3pm -3:30pm.

Stay and Play

Do you have a baby or toddler?
If so, why don't you come along to our baby and toddler stay and play group?

Wednesdays 9am -10:30am

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Tea & Toast

School run done?

Join Robyn And Clancey for Tea and Toast on a Monday morning!

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