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Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your amazing support this half term! The children have settled back into school really well and have been a credit to you! A big welcome to all out new Nursery and Reception children who have joined us and have really impressed us with their great settled start to school.

This half term we have had individual school photographs and Year 4 have started swimming lessons at Wright Robinson swimming baths. The children have celebrated World Mental Health Day and we have had some impressive homemade hats worn!

Our new Academy MPs, Well-Being Champions and Physical Health Champions have all been appointed. I am sure they will all do a fantastic job in their new roles this year.

We are having a big push on attendance this year. As I am sure you know the biggest factor of academic success is good attendance alongside reading at home. Thank you for your continued support on this.

A reminder our Autumn term Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 31st October (3:30pm-6pm) and Wednesday 1st November (3:30pm-5:30pm). Reception class only will have theirs on Tuesday 31st and Thursday 2nd November. Please ensure you have booked your appointment on MCAS it is incredibly important to attend to see how your child is getting on in school.

On our website you can find out about everything your child is learning this year under our curriculum pages. Please make sure you check MCAS as all letters will be attached to the app again this year. If you have any issues logging into MCAS please speak to the school office and they will be happy to help. **Have a lovely half term and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 31st October.**

Miss Sweeting

This half terms attendance

Nursery	95.8%
Reception	92.2%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	96.8%
Whole School	96.6%



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Nursery

Welcome to all of our new children and their families, we are very pleased that you have joined us this year.

What a busy half term!

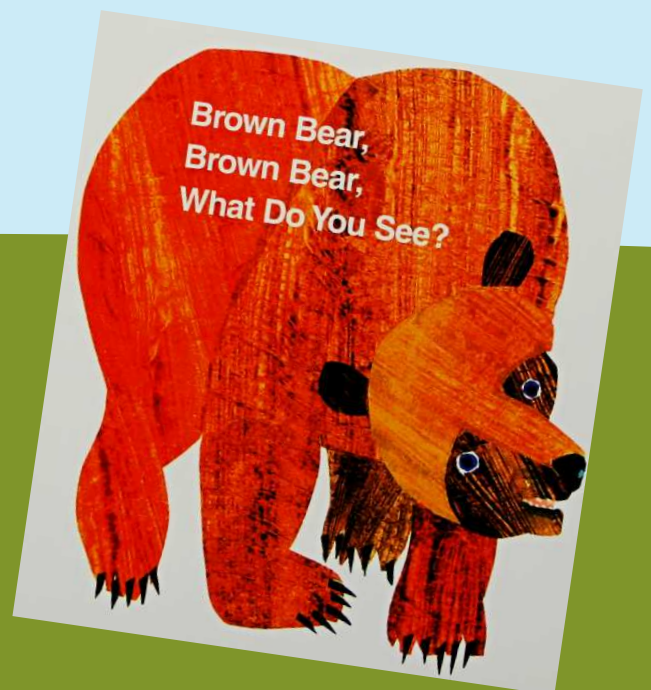
The children have settled so well and are embracing being very grown up girls and boys, learning new routines and rising to the challenge of school expectations. The children have settled beautifully, making lots of new friends and developing relationships with adults

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'Colours and Shapes' in our Topic. Thank you for helping your children to find items at home to add to our weekly colours display – the response has been amazing! We think that the children have enjoyed 'eating' the colours best!!

A quick reminder

When we return after the half term break it will be much darker at home collection time- it can be quite difficult to scan the playground matching parents to children. Safety is our main concern- please make sure that you line up, alongside the 3 wooden structures and move up the line as your child is called. If you have a pram with younger pupils could you please move out of the line as soon as you have your child to allow other parents to move closer to the door.

Thank you for continued support
Miss Bailey and Mrs O'Brien



Reception

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Reception!

The children have all settled into school beautifully, both the children who came up from Nursery and our new children. It has been so lovely to watch new friendships form.

Our phonics sessions have gotten well under-way and we are so proud of how well the children are doing, we are starting to segment and blend the sounds we've learned to read, we are becoming readers! Thank you to those who are using the daily practise videos posted on Class Dojo, it really does make a huge difference. Your child will soon be bringing a reading book home. Please spend a few minutes as often as possible (daily where possible) reading with your child. Those children who read regularly at home will make the most progress with their reading and in turn, other areas of the curriculum.

In maths we have focused on identifying and representing numbers to three, 2D shape and pattern.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Houses and Homes' topic. They have compared house types, remembering and using lots of tricky words (detached, semi-detached...), described their homes and talked about who they live with and created some fantastic artwork based around our key text 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Thank You for your continued support
Mrs McDonald, Mrs Cragg and Miss Okon



Year 1



We are so proud of the way that children have settled into the new routines in Year 1. They have responded so well to the structure of the day and getting to grips with presenting their learning on their iPad.

English

We have been using the story Stardust by Jeanne Willis to stimulate some super writing, The story is about Mabel, who wants to be a star but is overshadowed by her accomplished sister. There is a happy ending for Mabel who achieves her ambition of becoming an astronaut!

Maths

Year 1 have been getting used to working on their I-Pads for maths and have kept up brilliantly with the pace and organisation of the lessons. We hope that you have taken time to look on Showbie at their super work about Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

Geography

We have been studying our local area and thought about what makes our community a great place to live. Lots of children appreciate the shops, the park and of course McDonalds!!

History

Year 1 have been learning about personal timelines. They enjoyed sequencing pictures of Miss Hardy from childhood to an adult, then considered significant milestones in their own lives.

PSHE

This half term we considered who we are, and what makes us special and unique. It was amazing to hear stories from children about their family origins, and we were impressed by how many different languages are spoken, and the diverse cultural heritage that makes up our community.

Miss Hardy and Miss Stringer



Year 2

What a superb start to the Year! Firstly, can I thank all the parents who attended our welcome meeting and who have come and spoken to me regarding supporting their children. It has been lovely to be working together to help the children make progress.

We have had such a busy term, in English the children have been reading a fiction text called Leaf. A young polar bear is separated from his family and finds himself arriving in a forest where all the animals are too scared to talk to him. It is only when the crows decide to help, does Leaf get to make his journey back home to his family. We have used this story to begin building our own meeting adventures.

In Maths the children have been working attentively to understand the true make-up of 2-digit numbers: knowing what each digit is worth; how to make the number; placing it on a number line and being able to partition it in as many ways as possible.

Learning about the history of our school has been so much fun and children have grown in confidence at working with timelines. Year 2 now know the island we live on, the country we live, the city we live and the name of our local area. They have located all our local amenities on a map of Gorton and compared Manchester to India (our global partner).

Lots of families have whole-heartedly embraced our new boom reader app and it has been uplifting reading all the wonderful parent comments.

We hope you have a fantastic half term break with your families and we cant wait to see you back next half term for lots more learning fun.

Miss Cairns, Miss Morrison and Miss Dargan

Physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom



Year 3

Wow! Our Year Three class have shown just how caring, mature and resilient they are this half term. They have all settled into Key Stage Two very quickly and efficiently. We are all so excited to see how much progress they all make this year.

In Maths, we have been focusing on using the column addition and subtraction method to solve some tricky questions. They have used their knowledge of numbers to calculate most efficiently. Our future topics will include multiplication and division, so hopefully, they will be able to apply their mathematical skills to master that too. The topics taught in Maths will be forever useful for the children, so any additional practising of these skills will be hugely beneficial.

In English, our focus has been on analysing the story of Jemmy Button. They have all thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and writing their versions of the book too. We cannot believe how independent the children are and how vivid their imaginations are when writing stories.

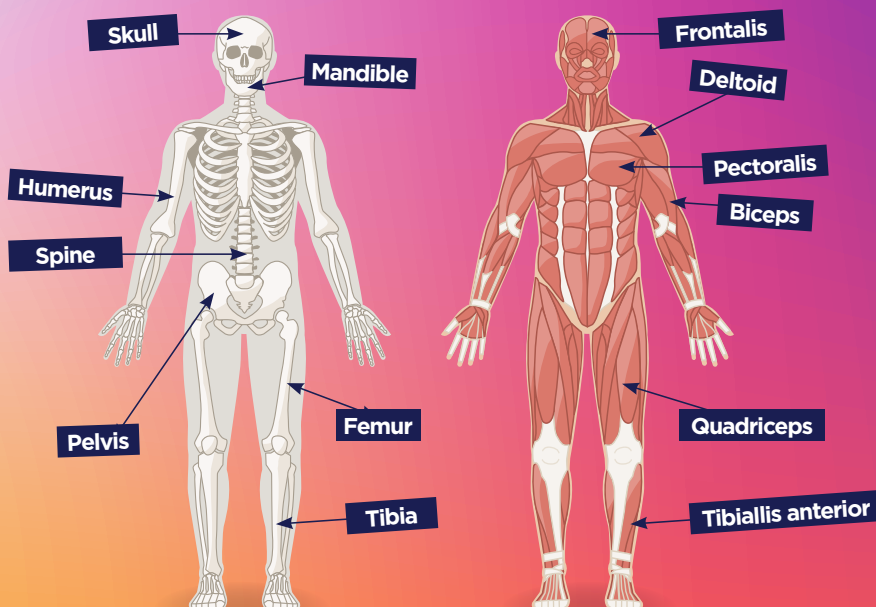
In PE, the children have become adept at using the correct techniques to complete various exercises and activities in our fitness unit. This unit enables the children to see that leading a balanced and healthy lifestyle is hugely beneficial for the well-being and mental health of everybody. We also worked very hard to use the 'W' hand position to catch balls during cricket.

Thank you all for supporting your children with their home learning and reading activities this half term. I know it is tricky to juggle everything at times, but we are very grateful for how hard you all work and it is benefitting the children's progress in the classroom. Lastly, thank you for your honest and regular feedback and updates on Dojo. Remember to keep an eye on our Class Dojo story for up-to-date news.

Mr Purcell, Miss Turner and Miss Bridgewood

Science Topic: Animals including Humans

Skeletons and Muscles



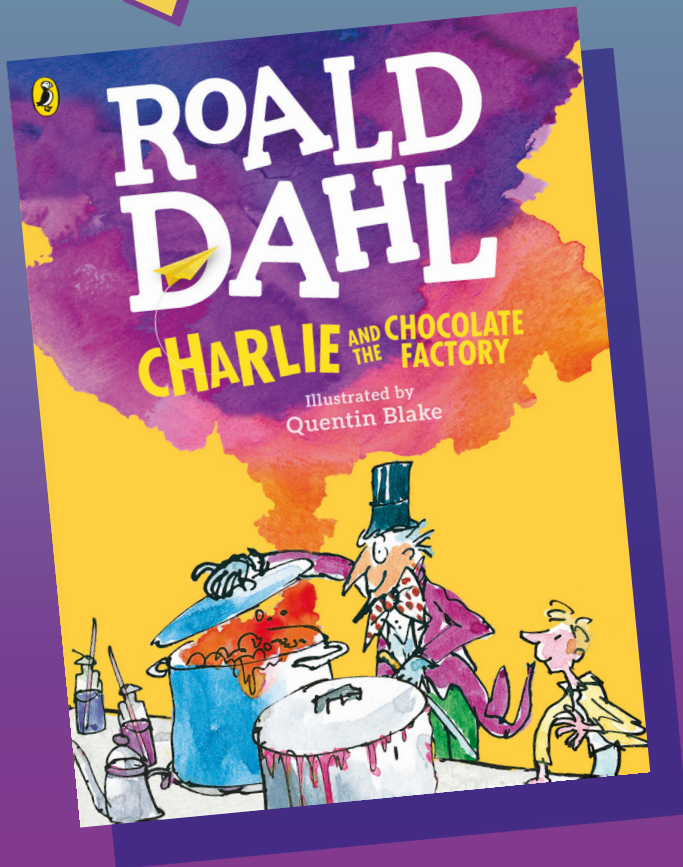
Food groups



Animal diets



Year 4



The end of our first half term in Year 4 is upon us and we have had a fantastic start to the year. The children returned with a can-do attitude and were ready to continue their learning journey.

The children have written some fantastic narratives based on the text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They used everything they had previously learnt and wrote beautifully. I am looking forward to reading more of their writing as the year goes on.

Thank you to those that are engaging with home reading. Reading is a vital skill which your child needs your support with in order to be as successful as they possibly can. Thank you for getting involved and taking on the new challenge. If you need any help with this, then please get in touch and I am happy to help.

The children have taken to swimming like ducks to water. After getting over the initial nerves, they are all settled and are much more comfortable in the water. I hope with your support, we continue to have safe behaviour and our little fish will become strong and competent swimmers.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Clayton, Miss Sweeting & Miss Bridgewood



Year 5

Well done Year 5 for making it to the end of our first half term! All of the children have settled into Year 5 well and have shown a hard working and dedicated attitude towards their learning!

I hope you enjoy a lovely half term break and the children have a well-earned rest ready for another jam-packed half term!

Miss Hughes and Mrs Robinson.

This half terms focus for maths has been place value. They have learnt about the value of digits all the way up to a million this year and we have also expanded our understanding of Roman Numerals up to 1000. The most challenging part was rounding, and this is something which we will continue to recap and revisit.

In English, we have been reading and writing about refugees. We have been reading "The Boy at the Back of the Class" about a refugee boy who is new to the school. The children have asked very suitable and mature questions around this topic and have learnt to use fronted adverbials and brackets in their writing. We revisited their understanding of speech marks from Year 4 and are now beginning to use speech in their written work more successfully.

Our over arching topic this half term was "Who am I and Who am I becoming?". This has allowed us to explore the similarities and differences in Geography between the UK and The United Kingdom of Belgium! In music we have been thinking about what music means to us personally and it was lovely to hear the great taste in music that their parents have!

In PE, we have started our fitness journey- working on exercises which develop our upper and lower body as well as our cardiovascular fitness. We have also started learning to hold, throw and catch a rugby ball ready to develop this further next half term.

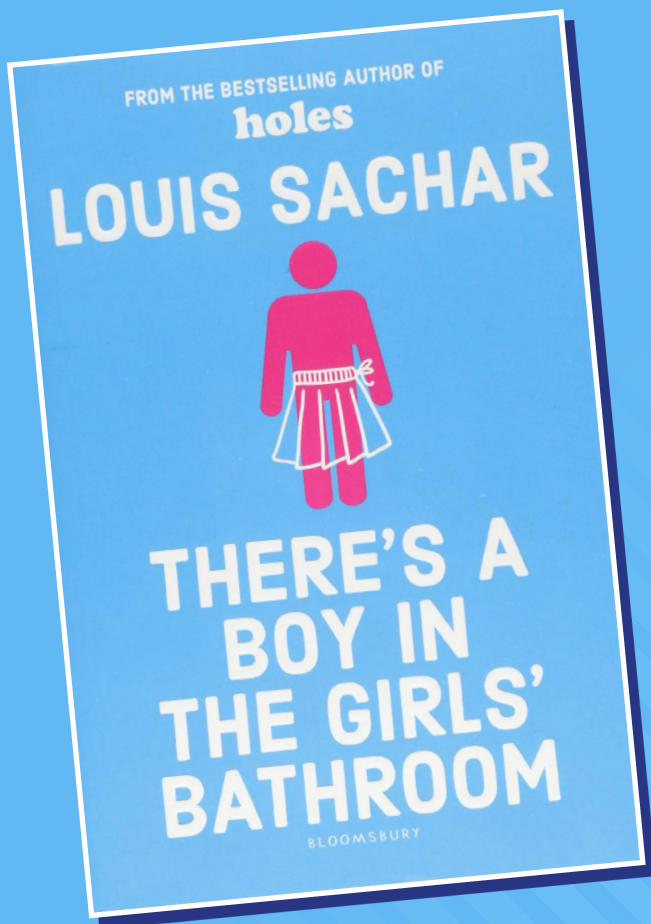
Thank you to all of the parents who have got on board with our new reading record process online using the BOOM READER app. Children with 3 or more logs a week have been enjoying their extra playtime on Fridays!

ROMAN NUMERALS			
1	I	30	XXX
2	II	40	XL
3	III	50	L
4	IV	60	LX
5	V	70	LXX
6	VI	80	LXXX
7	VII	90	XC
8	VIII	100	C
9	IX	200	CC
10	X	300	CCC
11	XI	400	CD
12	XII	500	D
13	XIII	600	DC
14	XIV	700	DCC
15	XV	800	DCCC
16	XVI	900	CM
17	XVII	1000	M
18	XVIII	4000	MV
19	XIX	5000	V
20	XX	10000	X

YEAR 6

What a wonderful start to the year! Year 6 have been a pleasure to teach.

The children have enjoyed the English text we have studied this half term. There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar tells the story of a troubled boy's journey to become a better person and believe in himself. The children used their inference skills to deduce how the character, Bradley, is feeling throughout the text and what messages lie behind his behaviour. Finally, they used their studies of the text to write a narrative from the perspective of another character – his close friend Jeff Fishskin.



In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of place value to explore larger numbers, using the skills developed in Year 5 to deepen our understanding. The children have been exploring addition, subtraction and multiplication including prime numbers, squares, square roots, cubes, and cube roots.

This half term we have been geographers and historians. The children have been introduced to the Oasis Global focus 'Who am I and who am I becoming?'. Children explored the physical and human characteristics of the UK. We have explored the history that has created the multi-cultural Britain we live in today including why migration is an important part of history.

The class have been super scientists this half term. We have studied the different parts of the circulatory system and the journey of a red blood cell. The children used this knowledge to think about the impact life choices have on the heart - such as diet and exercise.

We are all looking forward to continuing this great start after the half-term break. Enjoy your holiday Year 6.

Miss Webster and Mrs Myatt



THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM



COMPUTER CODING



Community MATTERS




Tea & Toast



School run done?
Join Robyn And Clancey for Tea and Toast on a Monday morning!

Oasis Aspinal Hub, Broadacre Road, M18 7NY Find us on  Oasis Academy Aspinal @OasisAspinal




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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Pupil Voice at OA Aspinal

We have already appointed 12 Wellbeing Champions who help to ensure that Playtime runs as smoothly as possible. They help to ensure games are played fairly, communicate with staff, and look out for anyone who is alone or no feeling their best. There are lots more roles to fill in the coming weeks, each with different responsibilities.

Academy MP's	Behaviour Champions	Wellbeing Champions	Physical Health Champions	9 Habit Champions
Academy MP's are elected by their classmates to represent their year group in meetings with SLT.	Behaviour Champions work with Miss Webster and feedback on our policy implementation.	Wellbeing Champions ensure that everyone is healthy and happy both in class and outdoors.	Physical Champions are volunteers who take on the role of sports captains and play leaders.	9 Habit Champions are pupils who embody our 9 Habit Characteristics. They lead by example and are role models for others.