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Welcome!



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your fantastic support again this half term. The children have all worked extremely hard and have done well in some recent assessments we have carried out. We have had a busy couple of weeks. The children enjoyed the pantomime and Santa's visit! We have also had Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner.

The children performed so well in the Nativity play and carol concerts. They have all worked so hard in rehearsals. I would also like to thank the staff who have worked hard to prepare for the performances and thank everyone who attended.

Year 3 children have completed their learn to ride sessions and Year 4 have completed their first full term of swimming with a number of children already receiving swimming certificates.

Please see each classes attendance information below. Thank you for your continued support on this. 69 children have managed to maintain 100% attendance since September.

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 this year rather than sent out.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year and we will see everyone back at school on Wednesday 4th January.

Miss Sweeting

This half terms attendance

Nursery - 90.97%

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 95.35%

Year 2 - 95.25%

Year 3 - 95.20%

Year 4 - 96.16%

Year 5 - 97.15%

Year 6 - 94.55%

Whole School - 94.33%



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Nursery

What a busy half term! We can't believe our Nursery superstars have already been with us for a whole term.

Lots of wonderful learning has taken place as part of our 'Autumn and Celebrations' topic. We explored the season of Autumn through some beautiful books, learning all about changes to the weather, trees and animals in Autumn. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different celebrations such as Bonfire Night, Birthdays and of course Christmas.

In Maths we have been singing lots of number songs and have learned about pattern, shape and length as well as comparing different amounts.

In phonics we have focused on instrumental sounds and body percussion. The children are making great progress tuning into sounds, listening and remembering and talking about different sounds.

WE WISH ALL OF OUR FAMILIES A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY 2023.

Mrs McDonald, Mrs Cragg
& Mrs O'Brien



Reception

Well everyone that's the first term over – how quickly it has passed.

The children are working very hard and making great progress.

Literacy:

The children have been gaining so much confidence with their writing – they are labeling things accurately and are beginning to write some simple sentences independently

Maths:

We have introduced 3D shapes to the children, positional language and have begun combining small amounts to find the total.

Topic:

We have been learning all about Autumn, our local community and understanding about different communities around the world

The children are working very hard and making great progress.
I'd just like to say 'Thank You' for the amazing job you are doing at home supporting the children with their reading. It is obvious by their progress and your comments that they are having regular practice with their books and the key words at home – Well Done!

With the weather getting colder and wetter the children are understandably wearing more items of clothing, hats, gloves, scarves. Please make sure that you put your child's name in everything (even initials is better than nothing) It is impossible for the staff to remember which hat, scarf gloves belong to each child and this is made more difficult when clothing is not named

Have a wonderful Christmas

Miss Bailey, Miss Okon



YEAR 1



Wow! We can hardly believe it's the end of our first term already!

The children have continued to work so hard and we are seeing some fantastic progress.

ENGLISH

We have been reading the story *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers about a boy who meets an alien. The story has stimulated some super writing and explores how two different people from very different backgrounds can meet unexpectedly, form a friendship, and support each other in times of need.

MATHS

Year 1 have continued to learn about addition and subtraction within 10, and about shape and pattern. We have recently started counting forwards and backwards to 20, and made sure that we can read and write numbers as well as count accurately.

SCIENCE

In Science we have learned about classifying animals (including humans) into groups. This might be mammals and reptiles, vertebrates and invertebrates, or carnivores and herbivores.

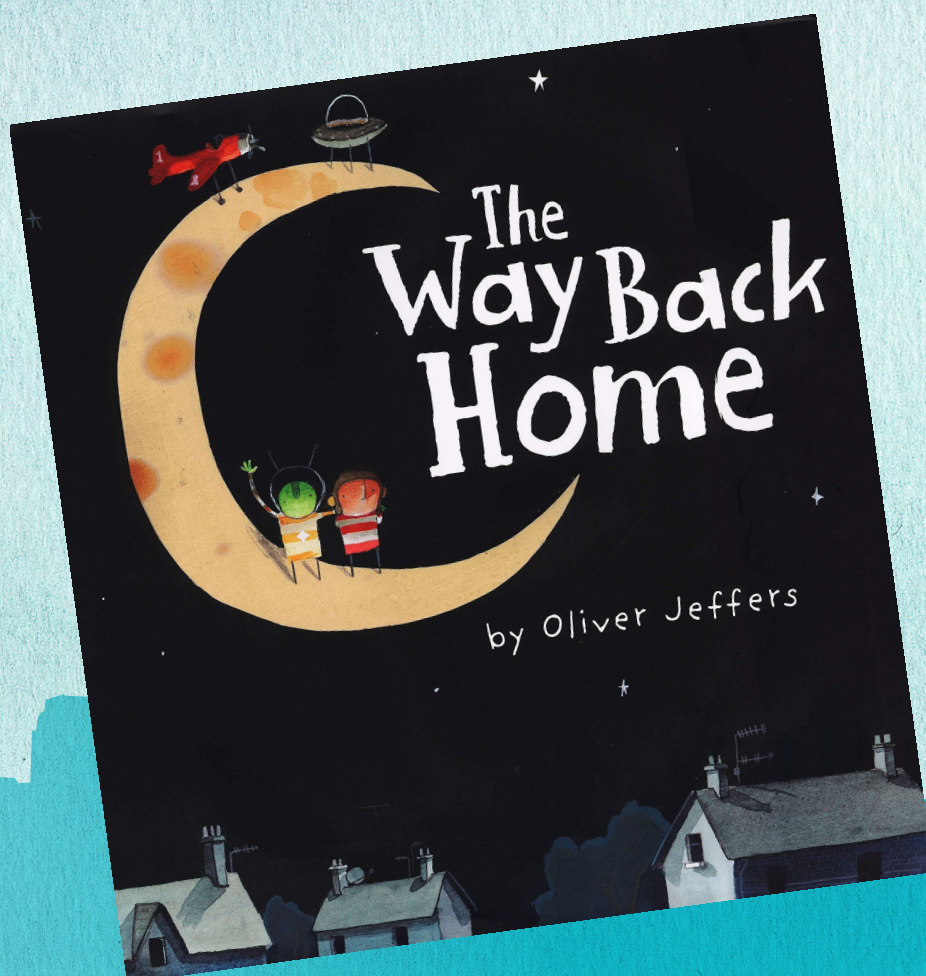
HISTORY

Year 1 have been learning about the life of a key historical figure – Nelson Mandela. They have used a time line to pin point key events in Nelson Mandela's life, and learned how he was a key change maker in terms of challenging inequality in the world.

We still need to build pace and regularity into our reading schedule... All parents should now be using the Boom reader app at least 3 times a week to record their reading opportunities with their child. Those who do have shown amazing progress! Please let me know if you continue to have problems and we will help you to make the most of the app.

Thank you for your support this half term, and we all wish you and your family a very happy Christmas.

Miss Hardy, Mrs Stringer and Miss Adams.



Year 2

How quickly time flies when you are having fun and working hard!!!

We cannot believe how much learning we have squashed into this half term and how hard the children have worked.

In English, the children have created poems about what they would change if they were in charge of the world or school. These were really personalised to the children's own thoughts and feelings. We definitely have compassionate children in our class who would 'make all food free' and 'banish homelessness'. We then read the story of The Lighthouse keeper's lunch where we wrote a letter about the scavenging animals pilfering his lunch.

In Maths, we have focussed all our attention on addition and subtraction (with and without exchanging). This has taken a lot of resilience and perseverance from the children, but they have got there and are now incredibly confident with this aspect of Maths. Our weekly spelling hive has proven quite a hit and it has been funny to watch how politely competitive the children have been, and we have seen so many improvements in their spelling as a result of all the extra practice – keep it up everyone!

Our theme this half term has been citizenship and the world. The children have learnt all about Queen Victoria and her impact on the railways both in the UK and India. They have learnt all about the equator and how countries are hot or cold dependent on their location in relation to this and the poles. We then studied India (our global partner) in detail and the children have expertly compared this to the UK.

I can't finish the newsletter without a special mention of our Christmas performance – how amazing were they? So many children were really shy and apprehensive to take part but look how they smashed it out of the park? An absolute joy to watch and be a part of. We hope you all have an amazing break with your family and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

**See you in the new year,
All the Year 2 Team**

YEAR 3

Here we are at the end of another very successful term! The children have settled well and got stuck into the new learning this year. They have all worked extremely hard and made significant progress across the curriculum.

English

The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading through 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and watching videos about this too. They have all written their versions of the narrative, which have been very unique and intriguing.

Maths

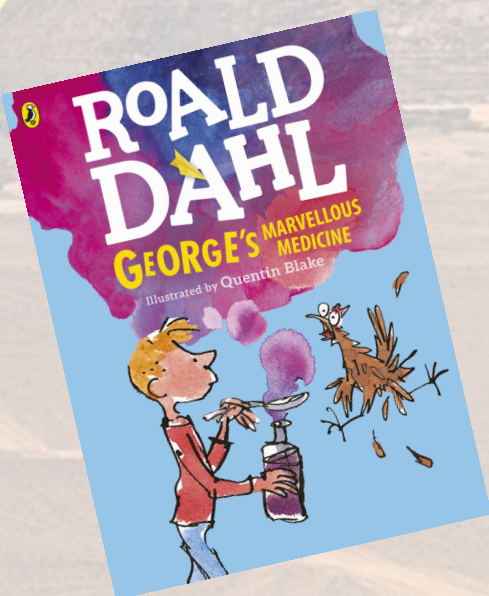
Year Three have now become adept at applying various mathematical strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. They know how to use: mental strategies, number lines, column addition and column subtraction. We are moving on to multiplication and division, which I am sure they will also master quickly!

Science

We may have a few scientists on our hands in the future! Our focus this term has been learning about rocks. The children loved experimenting with rocks, to be able to identify their properties and learn how to classify them.

History

As part of the remembrance topic, the children loved learning about so many inspiring people from the past, such as Walter Tull, Alan Turing and Nancy Harkness Love. We also focused on the ancient Egyptians, and how their inventions have positively impacted our lives today. The children even wrote their names in hieroglyphics!



Thank you so much for your continued support this term, helping the children to complete home learning and logging their independent reading at home too. If your child is eager and willing to complete additional home learning tasks, they are encouraged to use the 1-minute Maths app, practise spellings on Edshed and continue to master their handwriting technique.

Thanks, Mr Purcell and Miss Turner.

Year 4

Wow - how is it Christmas already?! I am so proud of each and every child in the class and how well they have settled into school, especially with all the new changes. They have a hard working attitude, dedication and motivation toward all aspects of their work.

Maths

At the beginning of the half term, we continued with addition and subtraction – learning how to do column addition and subtraction where exchanging takes place. Although at times Year 4 found it hard, they never gave up and continuously impressed me with their efforts. We then began learning about measurements and working out the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed this unit and were maths magicians by the end of it!

Science

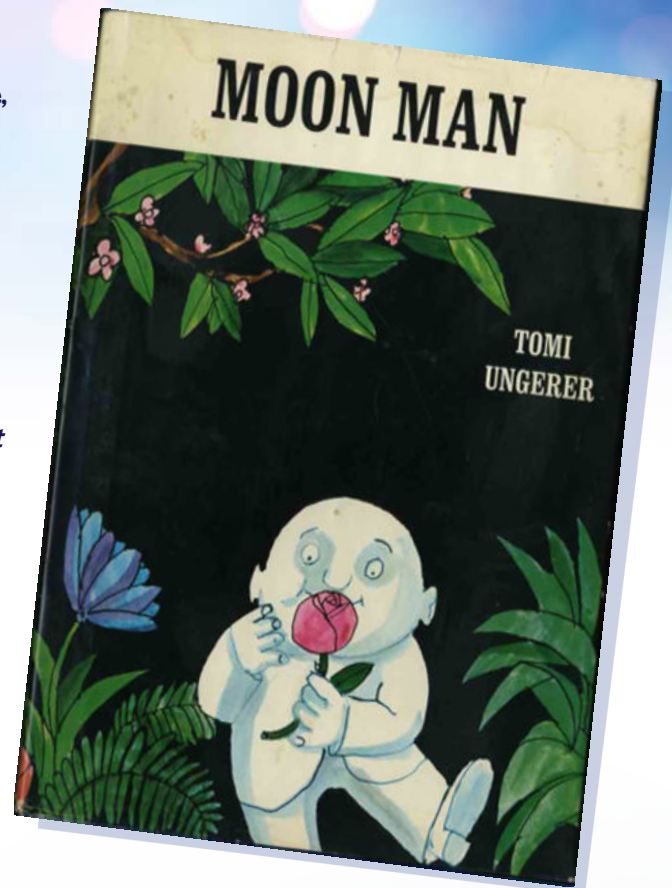
In science, our new unit was 'States of Matter'. We started by looking at the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties. To finish off the unit, the children have explored in-depth how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. From this, they learnt about the stages of a water cycle and even created a comic strip of 'The Story of the Water-Droplet' which were INCREDIBLE!!

This half-term's theme has been Citizenship and the World, which was the focus in history, geography, art and PSHE. Some incredible work has been produced throughout and some very interesting and insightful conversations have been had.

Have an amazing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in January - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you so much for your continued support

Miss Clayton and Miss Sweeting



States of matter



Solid



Liquid



Gas

Year 5

We cannot believe how fast this first term has flown by! I know that all the children this half term have worked hard and are ready for the Christmas break!

In maths, this half term, we have been learning about graphs as well as moving onto a new unit focussing on Multiplication and Division. The children learnt how to read and use line graphs- they really picked up the language of continuous and discrete data! It was great to hear that so many children were confident in their times tables from Year 4 and this has allowed them to access our unit around multiples, factors, square numbers and cube numbers. We have had a real focus on improving our arithmetic skills too and the children have been trying really hard to get their heads around multiplying by 2 digit numbers as well as using bus stop method for division. We will be continuing to work on this next half term too.

In English, the children have shown great maturity and strength when reading and writing our poem themed around bullying. We have now moved onto another fictional story which shows many similarities to fairy tales we read when we were younger! The book is called The Lost Happy Endings and during our sentences stacking, the children have shared some incredible vocabulary and composition using similes and metaphors to add extra details. We are now going to be focussing and developing our grammar skills and our funky song about Relative Clauses really got stuck in our heads this last week!

Our over arching topic this half term was "Citizenship and the World". The children have worked on their map reading skills. They have learnt to use grid references to locate and draw their own maps using a range of keys. We have studied and compared the human geography of London, Brussels and New York. We couldn't believe how much they had in common! In history, the children have learnt about the Early Islamic Civilisation and their contributions to today's society.

In PE, the children have continued with tag rugby and as we have developed more of the skills and understanding of the rules, the children have shown great passion and dedication to the sessions. They have learnt to throw the ball backwards, work in a team to attack and defend, and understand how to score points in a game of tag rugby. We have also been working on our control during our indoor tennis lessons.

This half term we have focussed hugely on our spelling and handwriting. It was great to show this off to many of you at parents evening! At our next parent evening, please look out for some of our amazing art work in the corridors! We can't wait for you to see it!

Our trip to the AO Arena for Young Voices will race around upon our return after Christmas so please encourage your child to access the songs from their Showbie. Please feel free to access Showbie and see some of the work and photos of what we have been up to in lessons so far!

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable holidays! I hope that both you and the children make the most of the rest and family time! Let's hope we come back in January refreshed and ready to go again!

Miss Hughes and Mrs Robinson

YEAR 6

We could not be prouder of Year 6 and the incredible effort they have put in so far this year!

This half term we have explored the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. The silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every refugee, every displaced person, and a tribute to all those who have made the journey. The children have wowed us with their interpretation of the images and have used knowledge gained in other areas of the curriculum to inform their responses. Following on from this, they produced some fantastic narratives using incredible vocabulary to create atmosphere.



In maths, we have been introduced to long division as a new method for completing division calculations. The children have become proficient using the method and can identify when to use long division as an efficient strategy. In addition to this, we have been developing our knowledge of fractions, consolidating the skills we developed in Year 5 to deepen our understanding as well as extending our knowledge to tackle questions involving improper and mixed number fractions.

Through our geography and history lessons, the children have been introduced to the Oasis Global theme 'Citizenship and the World'. Through thought-provoking enquires, they have explored the causes, consequences and global impact of the Industrial Revolution; deepened their understanding of essential world knowledge; questioned and challenged the past; and came to an informed judgement. We have investigated global human and physical geography to understand the world's biomes and natural resources. Furthermore, we have focused on non-renewable and renewable energy and the impact they have on the environment.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have been looking at classification in science. The children began by exploring how living things can be classified and looked at scientist Carl Linnaeus and his contributions to taxonomy. We then went on to classify plants and microorganisms.

We wish you all a fantastic Christmas break and a well-deserved rest.

Miss Webster and Miss Myatt

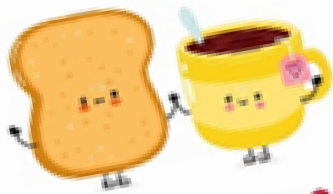


Community MATTERS

Our first Family Movie Night was a great success. Thank you to all the Families that attended and made the event extra special. Keep your eyes peeled for what is coming in the New Year.

Alongside Aldi, we are also partnered with Sainsburys - Romiley - receiving their surplus products for our food bank! If anybody needs to access our food bank, please inform a member of staff in person or via Dojo we will be discreet and Robyn will be in touch to arrange collection.

Tea & Toast



School run done?

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

Dojo App, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Nextdoor, etc.

parent Drop-in



Every Friday 9am - 11am

Need a chat?
Pop in to our parent drop-in session!
If we can't help you we will know somebody that can

All parents welcome

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Wishing you all joy this Christmas

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