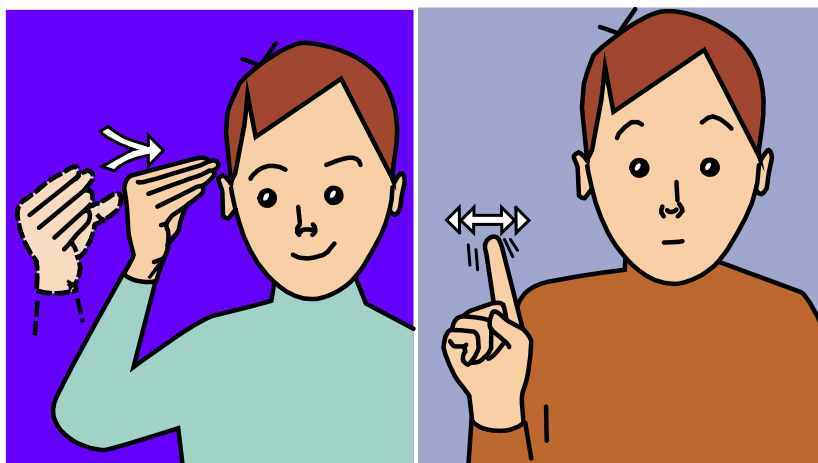


Longwill

a primary school for Deaf children

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Foundation Bears



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term holiday and that the children are ready to have lots of fun with their learning over the next few weeks!

This term our topic is 'Special Times Ahead'. We will learn about the celebrations that take place during this season such as Bonfire Night, Diwali, and Christmas and these will link in with our Marvellous Monday show and tell sessions. A separate letter will come out to you with details of what we would like the children to bring in each week, but we will start with talking about what we did in the holidays and sharing our news.

We will also learn about the changes that are happening in the natural environment at this time of year as we move from Autumn to Winter. What happens to the weather and what clothes do we need to wear because of this?

In Literacy we will be sharing the Diwali story of 'Lighting a lamp' and also the story of the Nativity. We will continue to develop our phonic knowledge and in particular we will be learning the phonemes g, c, k, u, b, l and identifying the initial sounds in words.

In maths we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories and practical activities. In particular we will be focusing on adding groups of objects to find the total and estimating the number of objects in a group. We will also be developing our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.

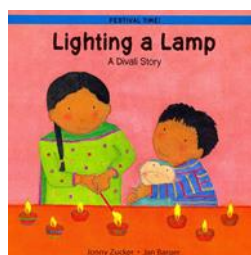
P.E. will take place on a Monday morning and we will focus on gymnastics and learning about the different ways we can balance and roll. We will also be having dance lessons every Friday morning.

This half term we will continue to have Forest School on a Thursday morning. Please can you make sure that your children bring warm, old clothes and a suitable coat to school on these days - appropriate for the weather.

Our focus for BLP this half term is making links and how we can use our learning across different areas of the curriculum. Foundation will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to practice their religion (Article 14) and the right for all children to have an education (Article 28).

Thank you in advance for all your support and we look forward to working with you!

The Foundation Team



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Year 1 Dolphins



Welcome back to Year 1 Dolphins class. We hope that the children had a lovely half term holiday and are ready for the half term ahead. We start our learning this half term with our topic 'Kings and Queens'. We will be sharing what we are ready know before learning about Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth II. We will then be comparing them.

In English we will be using 'Foundations for Literacy' to develop a variety of literacy skills. We will be learning a variety of vocabulary and thinking about how we segment and blend words. Our class story book this half term is The BFG. We will be using this story as inspiration for creating our class garden.

In maths we continue to focus on number. We will be using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to complete missing number problems. We will also be learning about place value and the importance of understanding what each digit of a number means.

In art we will be practicing our painting skills. We will learn about different painting tools and techniques. We will learn about the use of colour including colour mixing and how colour can be used to create pictures and patterns. In music we will be having lessons with the music service. We will be learning about different musical signs and symbols, such as start, stop, play louder, play slower. We will be using these instructions to play and create music. In science we will continue our animals' topic. We will be using our learning about what animals eat to learn about food chains. We will think about how all the plants and animals are connected

PE is every Tuesday; please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (t-shirt, shorts, joggers and pumps) and that it is named. This half term we will be focussing on gymnastics ready for the gymnastics festival. In dance we will think about the different ways we can move our bodies. We will learn some basic steps such as turns, jumps and kicks and learn about how kings and queens dance.

In PHSE we will be focussing on feelings. We will learn the names for different feelings and what our bodies feel like. We will then discuss how to manage big and sometimes difficult feelings. Our BLP focus will be questioning. We will learn about the different question words and how to ask simple questions. As always our curriculum will link to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our main focus will be article: 29 the right to develop their talents.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please also share the books the children bring home and record any reading in the yellow reading record.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Sheppard, Mrs Shuck and Mrs Lee



What's On: Autumn A

Year 2 Badgers



Hello and welcome back, I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. This half term in English we have a focus on Poetry, we have a fun Firework poem to learn and perform. Then we will be learning a poem about related to Remembrance Day and why we observe this. After this Miss Hall has found some nice poems to learn and think about, including some Christmassy ones.

In Maths, we are still looking at Place Value, addition and subtraction. To help aid us with this, we will continue to use the Numberline and also Numicon. We will hopefully be learning to count in 2s and 5s. Some of us will be applying to multiplication sums also.

In history we will be introduced to what a monarch is and we will focus on comparing Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II. This will be linked to our Dance and we will be learning a 'Regal Dance' so we can dance like Kings and Queens .

We really enjoyed learning different to create portraits last half term. This half term we are going to be looking at painting techniques. Keep an eye out on the website for the Remembrance Day Display of our painted poppies, which will be taking pride of place in front of the school.

Art fits very well with our creative topic, we will be focusing on the beauty around us, creation and how Christians and Muslims celebrate what they have been given.

In music, we have a peripatetic Music Teacher who will come and visit us to teach us different music skills. We have been enjoying these lessons with Miss Helen and will be learning about 'the beat'.

As with last half term; Forest School will take place every week. The children will need to come to school in appropriate outdoor clothes and footwear and a change of clothes for afterwards. PE is every Tuesday; please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms and pumps) and that it is named (we are focusing on gymnastics in PE this half term). Dance takes place on a Wednesday.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please also share the books the children bring home and record any reading in the yellow reading record. I will also continue sending home flashcards with English High Frequency Words on them for you to practise with the children.

Our library time is on a Friday, please ensure library books are returned each Friday to change.

Thank you for all of your support!

Miss Hall, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Ahmed and Mr Reid

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Year 3 Meerkats



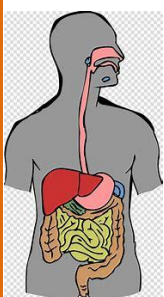
We are wishing Miss Firstbrook good luck and hope she is resting before having her baby. I (Miss Russell) am very excited to be taking over Meerkat class. I hope you all had a lovely half-term

For our History topic we will be learning all about the Benin people. They lived in Africa from AD900, we will be focussing on the similarities and differences between life then and now. This links in with the UNRC Article 30 'the right to practice our own culture, religion and language'. Our RPSHE topic is about how we manage our feelings, when we might feel uncomfortable and how this affects us. We will think about ways we can use our emotions in a positive way, so we feel comfortable.

For science we will be focussing on our teeth and the digestive system. We will be doing demonstrations of how the digestive system works as well as an experiment to see how fizzy drinks can affect our teeth. In art our focus will be our painting skills. We will be creating clay tiles to paint to share in our Art Gallery competition. Computing will cover e-safety, how to stay safe online and how to use e-mail safely.

Forest school will soon be taking place every Thursday afternoon, which will continue provide fantastic opportunities to develop the children's confidence, self-esteem and creativity. This also links with Unicef's Rights of the Child Article 31: "All children have the right to play". Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear in school for forest school. In PE, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills, ready for the gymnastics festival. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school and that is appropriate for inside or outside PE lessons.

English lessons will continue to focus on re-telling stories, punctuation and grammar. We will then be practising letter writing, so we can write a letter to Santa. In maths we will be learning to recognise and add money. We will also be learning how to multiply numbers.



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Year 4 Monkeys



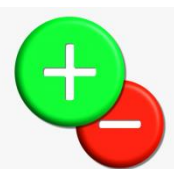
I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to do some lovely things.

Our history topic within 'Down in the rainforest' will see us learning about the Benin people who lived in Africa from AD900. Within this, we will focus upon the similarities and differences between life then and now and whether we can see any continuity. This links to the UNRC Article 30 in that children will understand that we have the 'right to practice our own culture, religion and language'. We will also be creating some clay tiles within art, before developing our painting skills ready for the Art Gallery competition.

Our RPSHE focus this half term is about managing our feelings, whether they are comfortable or uncomfortable and how to release our emotions positively. Our science will centre around the human body, particularly focusing upon teeth and our digestive system. We will be conducting an experiment to see the impact different drinks have upon our teeth! Computing will look at how to stay safe online and how to email people we know safely.

For English, we will continue to be developing our understanding of grammar, handwriting and re-telling stories, before learning how to write a letter - ready for our English competition where we will be writing a letter to Santa! For Maths, we will be continuing to develop our addition and subtraction, using our number bonds to inform our addition up to 100, adding one more/ one less etc and then we will move onto learning about money and multiplication.

In our weekly PE lessons, we will be developing our gymnastic skills, ready for the gymnastics competition. Hopefully Monkeys can win the trophy this year! PE will take place on Monday afternoons, please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school. We will also be having weekly forest school sessions, each Thursday, so please ensure your child brings appropriate warm clothes with them. You can support your child by reading with them regularly and encouraging them to complete their Home Learning. Home Learning should be returned to school by Wednesday.



What's On: Autumn A

Year 4 Hedgehogs



Hedgehog class are saying goodbye to Miss Russell and Welcome to Miss Wilson.

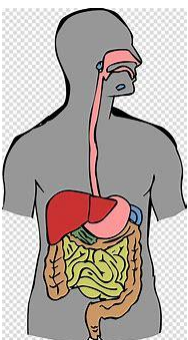
For science we will be starting the term by classifying animals and then we will be moving on to our exciting new topic about the human body. We will be focussing on our teeth and the digestive system, and we will be doing demonstrations of how the digestive system works as well as an experiment to see how fizzy drinks can affect our teeth.

For our History topic we will be learning all about the Kingdom of Benin. We will be looking at the Benin people that lived in Africa from AD900, focussing on the similarities and differences between life then and now. This links in with the UNRC Article 30 'the right to practice our own culture, religion and language'. Our RPSHE topic is about how we manage our feelings, when we might feel uncomfortable and how this affects us. We will think about ways we can use our emotions in a positive way, so we feel comfortable.

In art our focus will be our painting skills. We will be creating clay tiles to paint to share in our Art Gallery competition and Remembrance Sunday poppies will be used to decorate our school. Computing will cover e-safety, how to stay safe online and how to use e-mail safely.

Forest school will soon be taking place every Thursday afternoon, which will continue provide fantastic opportunities to develop the children's confidence, self-esteem and creativity. This also links with Unicef's Rights of the Child Article 31: "All children have the right to play". Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear in school for forest school. In PE, the children will be developing their gymnastics skills, ready for the gymnastics festival. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school and that is appropriate for inside or outside PE lessons.

English lessons will continue to focus on re-telling stories, punctuation and grammar. We will then be practising writing letters, so we can write a letter to Santa! In maths we will be learning to recognise and add money. We will also be learning how to multiply numbers towards the end of term.



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Year 5 Crocodiles



Welcome back!

We hope you have had a good half term holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! Our topic this half term is 'Victorian Birmingham'. We will be learning about the reign of Queen Victoria and the impact this had on the development of the city of Birmingham. In particular we will learn about the growth of Cadbury's and how this changed Bourneville Village.

In literacy we will continue to focus on writing grammatically correct sentences and the use of punctuation such as capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks. We will share texts such as 'The Highway Rat' and 'Two brothers and a chocolate factory'. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and the test for these will be the following Thursday.

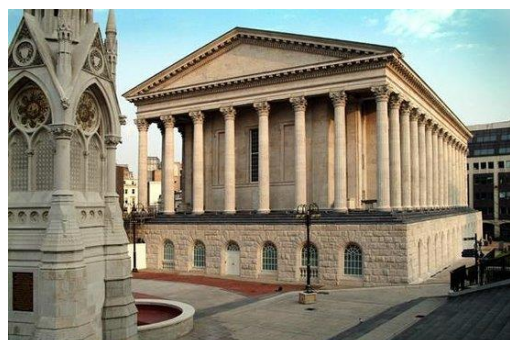
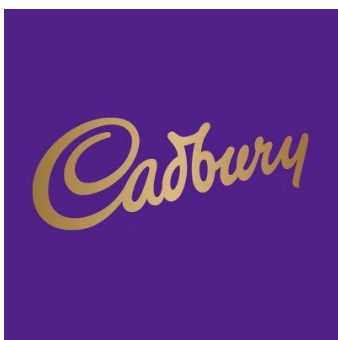
In maths we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will learn their names, their properties and identify them in the environment. In number we will be learning more about adding 2 and 3 digit numbers, with exchange. We will also be learning more about subtraction and how we can complete this in different ways such as counting backwards or crossing out.

P.E. will take place on a Friday afternoon and the focus for this half term is gymnastics. Dance will be on a Thursday and we will be learning how to Morris dance. Forest School will take place every Monday afternoon. Please send your child in with a bag of outdoor clothes to change into and wellies if they have them. Thank you.

Our focus for BLP this half term is questioning. We will be thinking about the importance of asking questions and how the questions we ask can help us in our learning.

Year 5 will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to have the freedom of thought, belief and religion (Article 14) and the right to have an education (Article 28).

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Year 6 Tigers

Hello, I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful break.



In our second half term, Year 6 be looking at inspirational role models and people who inspire us, including the Deaf musician Jane Fletcher.

In English, we shall study some classic fiction texts, including Hans Christian Andersons beautiful fairy tale *The Snow Queen*, and *Aladdin and the Magic Lamp* as we engage our imaginations and explore how to write setting and character descriptions and narrative stories.

Our history study of Victorians will continue, as we broaden out from local history to consider the wider impact of Victorian industry and invention on daily life, before moving on to a geography study of map reading and orienteering.

We will continue our studies of evolution and inheritance in science, looking at how fossils give us a physical record of extinct species, and how species have adapted over the millennial to ensure their survival. We will also explore the life stories of some important figures in the history of evolution, including the paleontologist Mary Anning.

In maths, we will be exploring methods of division, before moving on to recognising and writing fractions for shapes and quantities, and the calculation of perimeter and area.

In RE, we will be following the theme *Appreciating Beauty* by studying religious art with a particular focus on stained glass windows. Our creative explorations will continue in art where we will be looking at the work and techniques of the impressionist painter Van Gogh.

Our BLP focus this term is resilience, maximising our learning by managing distraction. As always, our curriculum will link to the UNICEF charter of the rights of the child with a focus on Article 8, the right to an identity and self-expression with a continued emphasis on PHSE; mental wellbeing and expressing feelings and emotions.

PE will take place on Friday afternoons. This term, we will be improving our skills in gymnastics. We will also be creating and rehearsing a dance routine to perform as part of the Christmas celebrations. Forest school will take place on Monday afternoons each week in our outdoor woodland area.

Please continue to support your child by reading together regularly, and discussing what's happening in the news. Please also encourage them to log onto home learning resources Mathletics and Bug Club.

