

# News



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## Principal's Welcome

**Happy New Year to all our children and their families! I hope you had a wonderful, restful time over the holidays and the children are ready for a packed Spring term.**

Last term we finished a very busy time with parties and some amazing performances by our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children in their Christmas production. Thank you to all those families that supported the Christmas fair who helped raise an amazing £1500 for the school.

Attendance last half term dropped below our school target of 97% but let's hope the sickness bug and the other winter ailments are over and the attendance creeps back up over the next few weeks. Don't forget that children who are in school 100% in Spring term go into a prize draw and they will be in for the chance of winning an iPad! Well done last term to Anisa in 5MH who won a bike!

We set a Blue Plaque Challenge for our children at the end of last term and already I have received some completed forms. There is still time to see how many you can find in Ashton, fill in the form and be part of a prize draw. We will draw the winner during the final assembly of this half term.

I would like to once again wish a warm welcome to Miss Kyne who has replaced Mr Ellison and send congratulations again to Mrs Mouter who gave birth to her baby daughter just before Christmas.

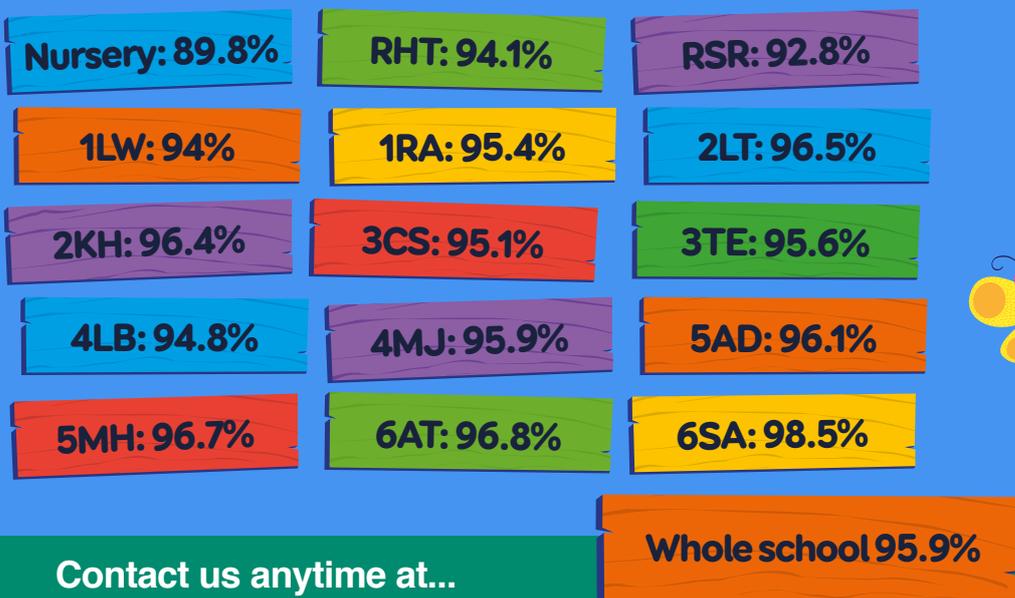
**I look forward to seeing what this term brings us!**

*F Lomas*

Best wishes, Mrs F Lomas

## Attendance

Here's last terms attendance results for each class...



Please can we remind you that there is strictly no smoking and no dogs on or around the academy



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# Foundation *Stage*

**We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready to continue on our exciting, learning journey!**

In literacy, we will continue to read stories written by Julia Donaldson and will start the term with her first ever book, 'A squash and a squeeze'. Then we will take a walk around a farmyard in Rosie's walk, where we will learn all about positional language!

In maths, during the first few weeks we will work on addition and subtraction within 10. Then we will start to look at grouping and sharing.

**Every half term we follow a specific topic, this half term our topic is 'Spring'.**

**As part of this we will be looking at:**

- Weather
- Farms

We would appreciate any pictures of your family visiting any farms.

During our afternoon sessions, we will begin to explore the history of toys to help us better understand past and present. By the end of our history unit we will be able to identify similarities and differences between old and new toys.

This year, National reading week is the week of 3rd February and we would like to offer parents an opportunity to come and share a story with small groups of children. We will also be hosting a family workshop, where children will perform a story for their families. There will be more details closer to the date.

Children are really enjoying sharing their reading books at home. Please encourage them to read their book at home at least 3 times and sign 3 times. It is essential that the books and reading journals are brought into school every Friday, to allow us to change their books.

In Foundation Stage, we truly value reading and how important it is to share with our family. As a result we would like to introduce a library sessions on Mondays. All the children will bring back their library books and exchange them for a new one during class time.

We will continue to send 'Home Learning' grid every month, which will have activities for you to complete with your child.

**Thank you for your support**

**Miss Rathore**

**Early Years Lead**

**Our topic is about 'Spring'**



# Year 1

This half term we will be looking at the question 'Who are we?'

Welcome back to another exciting term in year 1 and a big Happy New Year to you all. We are excited about what this term has in store for us. In theme this half term we will be looking at the question 'Who are we?' We will be studying our local heritage and focusing on the events that took place on Tuesday 25th May 2004 in Ashton-Under-Lyne - Ashton Market Fire.

In Science we are learning all about plants, we will be looking a variety of common plants including deciduous and evergreen trees. By the end of the topic, the children will be able to name all the parts of flowers and trees.

In literacy we will be reading the narrative 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashley Spires and writing our own stories based around this one. In numeracy, we will be learning about time, days of the week and months of the year. We will then move on to exploring calculation strategies within 20.

It is essential the children have their books in school daily so we can have quiet reading in class and regularly change their reading books. Phonics homework will be given to some children throughout the half term for the children to practice daily at home alongside their reading books. In order for the children to receive a gold star in their reading journal they must have their book signed and dated on three separate occasions after reading to an adult at home. We also ask the children to access Spelling shed, where they will be introduced to their weekly spellings which will be tested in school on a Friday. We also ask they access Sumdog weekly, you will find their log in details in the front of their reading diaries for both websites.

All children need a PE kit in school, Year 1 PE days are Tuesday (1LW and 1NM)/Wednesday (1NM)/Thursday (1LW) but we ask that the children keep their kits in school until the end of the half term when they will then be sent home for washing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are available at the end of each day at 3.15pm in our classrooms. Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents that the children should be coming into the classroom by themselves in the morning and say goodbye to you at the door.

**We look forward to another fantastic half term in Year One. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.**

Miss Wright and Mrs Allen.



# Year 2

The Great Fire of London in 1666 was a hugely important event in the history of London and this term year 2 will be finding out all about it. The unit will begin by researching where London is, what it looks like and what it was like in the past. We will also explore what life was like in London and make comparisons to life today. Following this, we will research and investigate how the Great Fire of London began and create a timeline of events. The children will be encouraged to ask questions such as 'Where did the fire begin?' and 'Why did the fire spread so quickly?' We will discuss how we know so much about the Great Fire of London by looking at a variety of historical sources, including Samuel Pepys and his diary writing. The children will discover how London recovered from the Great Fire and finally to discuss what we have learnt from the event. The children are going to have a very busy and exciting half term learning all about our topic of the Great Fire of London.

In literacy we will be reading a story based on the experiences of a rat and a flea in the Great Fire of London. Do you think they survived? You'll have to wait and see! Children will write their own traditional tale focussing on descriptive language and will also have the opportunity to write their own diary entry, just like Samuel Pepys.

In maths we will be working on measurement, followed by fractions. Children will need their division skills to work out fractions of number, so any practise on TTrackstars at home will support their learning. Their logins are in the front of their reading logs.

Children are really enjoying reading and quizzing in school. Please encourage them to read their book at home every day and ask them questions about it; you can also write comments in their reading journal about how well they have read. It is essential that the books and reading journals are brought into school every day to allow them to take a quiz on it and choose a new book.

We have an exciting visit to the local Library this term on Tuesday 28th January. We will be sending home letters with more information and an application form to become a member in due course.

**We're looking forward to another exciting half term ahead.  
Miss Thomas and Miss Hudson.**

**Our theme is all about the  
great fire of London**



Started  
in a  
Bakery

1666



Pudding  
Lane



# YEAR 3

**Year 3 will dig through history to uncover our past. We will focus upon the development from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will learn how humans survived and lived together all the way to the Romans.**

In Science, we will continue to learn about forces and magnets. The children will gain a greater understanding of how forces work. We will then look at the importance of magnets and their properties.

Our English, we follow a boy down a hole and wakes up to find that he's in a camp full of people wearing animal skins. We will use the book to focus on our sentence structure as we navigate through his experiences as he watches them make tools, clothes and weapons. Please continue to support your child to focus on their spellings, which will be sent home every Monday and can be accessed on spelling shed.

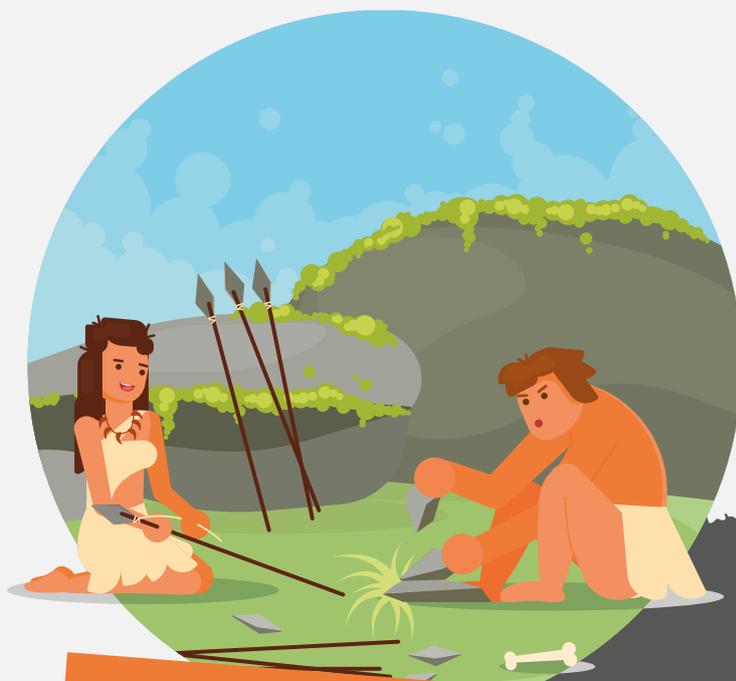
In maths, pupils will be focusing on multiplication and division before working with money and statistics. Please continue to support your child's learning at home using Sumdog and TT Rockstars – it will support them this term more than ever before.

PE is Tuesday and Wednesdays this term. We ask that PE kits stay in school during the week.

We will continue with Accelerated Reader, so please help your child's reading by listening to them read and talking about their books.

**If you have any queries, big or small, please speak to one of the year three teachers.**

**Thank you for all your support.  
Miss Stone & Miss Kyne**



**We will be studying the Stone Age to the Iron Age**



# YEAR 4

We enter a new decade rampaging through Rome to study the impact of one of the greatest empires that ever existed: The Romans. Pupils will learn about significant events that took place during the Roman Empire; place the events on a timeline and the impact that the Romans had on Britain, including Roman invasions and Boudicca's rebellion against the Roman Army

In English, we will be accompanying Perilous, a Roman boy who loves chariot racing, who goes on a quest to rescue his hero who has gone missing on the day of the race.

In maths, we will be working on multiplication and division. This year the children in Year 4 will be doing the multiplication test, therefore it is very important that everyone is practicing their times tables using TT Rockstars every day so that they may achieve the Gold award for timetable challenge and do well in the test. If you have any difficulties logging on, or accessing TT Rockstars at home, please speak to one of us, and we can arrange for pupils to attend clubs.

In Science, we will be learning all about sound. What is it? How are sounds created? They will also learn that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, and investigate the relationship between vibrations and sound.

We will be continuing with Accelerated reader every morning. Please ensure that a grown up at home is reading with your child as often as possible. Spellings will be put on Spelling shed every week, children are expected to practise these daily ahead of a test. Each child has an individual login. If there are any issues with accessing Spelling shed please let one of us know.

PE will take place every Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor). It is important that everyone has their full PE kit on these days, including trainers for outdoor PE and pumps for indoor.

Please also ensure your child is coming to school wearing the appropriate uniform and footwear.

Many thanks for all of your support, Miss Burns and Mrs Javed.



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IMPACT ON BRITAIN

We will be studying the impact of the Romans



# Year 5

**BEOWULF by Michael Morpurgo.**

**In fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him.**

Beowulf's terrifying quest to destroy Grendel, the foul fiend, a hideous sea-hag and a monstrous fire-dragon is the oldest surviving epic in British literature. Artfully retold and magnificently illustrated, this companion volume to Sir Gawain and the Green Knight is made instantly accessible to children by a formidable children's book partnership.

Heritage of our country. In theme we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. The children will: Know where the Anglo-Saxons and Scots came from. Understand how, when and why the Anglo-Saxons and Scots invaded Britain. Understand how the Anglo-Saxons changed Britain. Understand what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. Know about Anglo-Saxon runes and what the different symbols represent. Know about the legend of King Arthur.

Circle of life. In this topic the children will: Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Plan different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary. Take measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate. Use test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests.

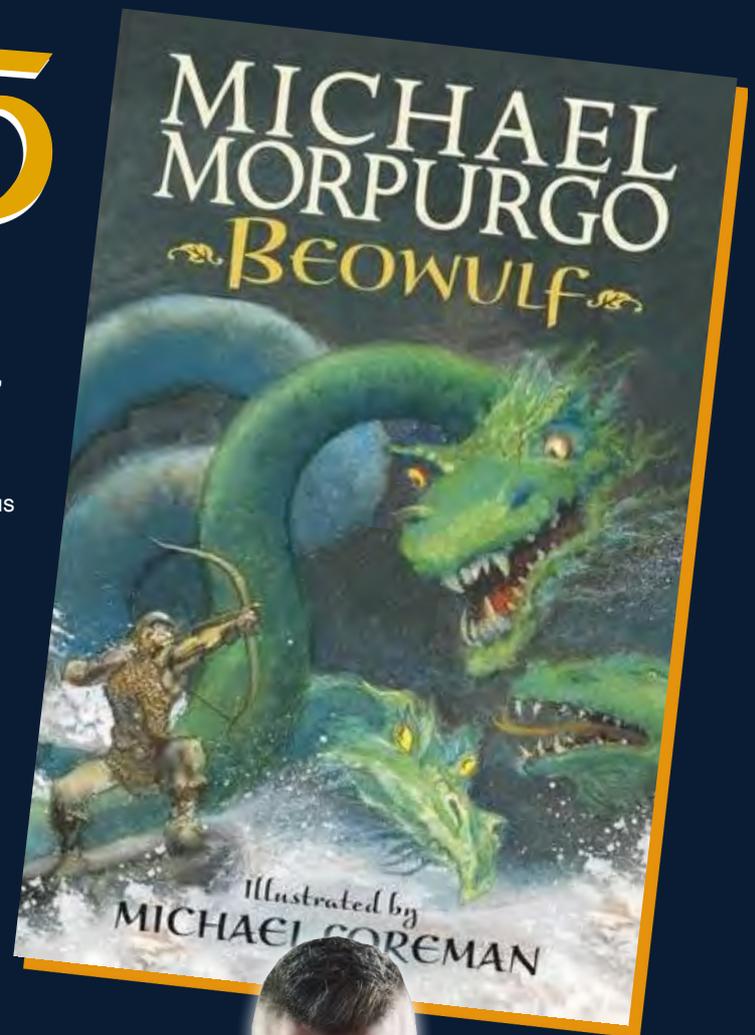
In maths we will be learning about fractions. We shall be revisiting the four rules of number during maths meetings.

The children must complete their home reading and practise on TT rockstars/spelling shed a minimum of weekly. The children have full access to Sumdog, allowing them to enhance their maths knowledge.

**5AD will be swimming this half term.**

**Miss Davies and Mr Hoba**

**We will be studying Michael Morpurgo's book, 'Beowulf'**



# YEAR 6

We will be learning about the Vikings

**Welcome back! We are excited to start a brand new year with some exciting brand new learning in year 6.**

Our whole school topic this half term is 'Who are we?' and links to the heritage of our country – we will be learning about the Vikings. We will start our topic looking at Viking raids and invasions, where the Vikings came from, we will learn about laws and justice – even calculating how much compensation you would get for some missing body parts! We will also be visited by a 'real life' Viking and learn lots about weapons, tools, battles and yet more raids.

Our book this half term is 'Viking Boy'. Gunnar is the son of a Viking chieftain, living peacefully on a family steading – until they are raided by the Wolf Men, who raze his home to the ground. Gunnar swears an oath of vengeance against his enemy – but first he must run to save himself! This story is full of excitement and gore – we will write our own narratives linking to the book and will have the opportunity to skype the author Tony Bradman to ask him lots of questions and also share our own work – how exciting!

In maths we will be learning about decimals, percentages and fractions and will continue to consolidate our knowledge of number so we are able to apply our knowledge to trickier multi step problems.

In science, linking with our 'Who are we?' topic, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. We will learn all about fossils, how humans have adapted, our characteristics and variation. We will look at Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and we may even make some of our own fossils.

In year 6 this is an extremely important time for us, it is so important that your child's attendance is good and they are in school every day to learn.

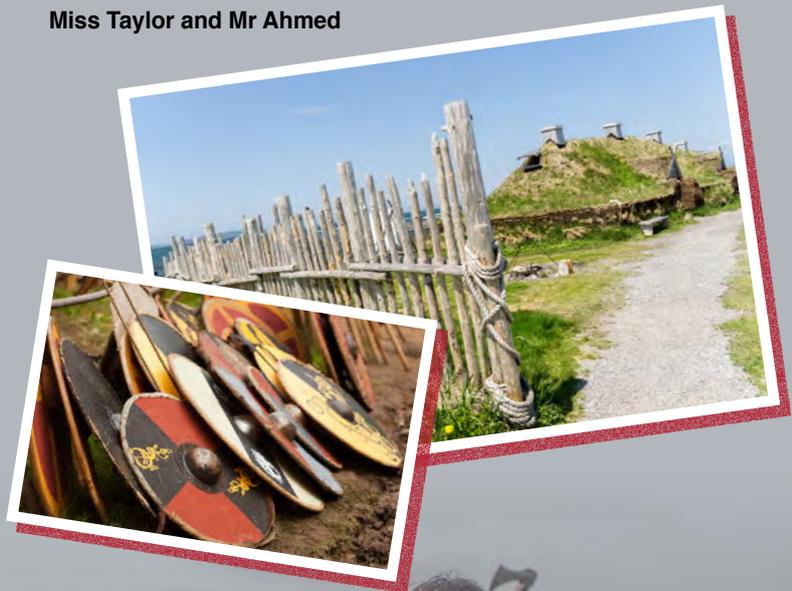
We have sent some knowledge journals home this week, this is for the children to use to support their learning in their topic lessons, please look at these with your children.

We also expect all children to be accessing TT rockstars, sumdog, spelling shed and home reading frequently, it really does help.

**As always, we will be on the astro at the end of the day every day for any questions you may have.**

**Happy new year, let's make it a brilliant one!**

**Miss Taylor and Mr Ahmed**



# Spring Term Diary Dates

## SPRING TERM 1 2020

Monday 6th January

INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th January

Back to school

Monday 13th January

Y6 Viking workshop

Monday 27th January

Book Fair in school

Tuesday 28th January

Y2 local library visit

Tuesday 28th January

Parents' meetings

Wednesday 29th January

Supersingers to Young Voices (MEN arena)

Thursday 30th January

Parents' meetings

Wednesday 5th February

Year 1 trip to Ashton Market

Thursday 6th February

Year 5 Viking workshop

Tuesday 12th February

Young Voices (Super singers at the Manchester Arena)

Monday 10th February

Early Years and KS1 Valentines Disco 5 - 6.30

Thursday 13th February

KS2 Valentines Disco 5 - 6.30

Thursday 13th February

Y3 Stone Age experience day

Friday 14th February

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM - Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 18th February

Holiday Club 10 - 3

## SPRING TERM 2 2019

Monday 24th February

Back to school

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Friday 6th March

Year 1 and Year 2 Swan Lake theatre trip (limited availability)

Tuesday 24th March

Y3 trip to Portland Basin

Wednesday 1st April

Reports out to Parents

Thursday 2nd April

Easter Egg Competition

Friday 3rd April

LAST DAY OF TERM - Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 7th April

Holiday Club 10 - 3

Tuesday 14th April

Holiday Club 10 - 3

### Parking reminder

Please can we remind you that no vehicles, apart from staff and blue badge holders, are allowed to use the car park, this includes for club pick-ups. Please also ensure that vehicles are not parking on the yellow markings outside of school or in front of neighbours' driveways. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep the children and our community safe.



# Clubs - Spring 2020



## Key Stage 1 - Year 1 & Year 2

Day and Time	Year	Club
Monday - 3.15-4.00pm	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Baking Club
	Y1 & Y2	Crafty Kids
Tuesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Football
	Y1 & Y2	TT Rockstars/Spelldrome
Wednesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Gymnastics
	Y1 & Y2	Boxing
	EYFS	Busy Bodies
Thursday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Adventure Games
	Y1 & Y2	Street Dance
	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Nature Detectives
Friday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y1 & Y2	Zumba

## Key Stage 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day and Time	Year	Club
Monday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3 - Y6	Basketball
	Y3 & Y4	Girls Football
	Y3 - Y6	Boxing
	Y3 - Y6	Super Singers
Tuesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3 - Y6	Volleyball
	Y3 - Y6	Fencing
	Y5 - Y6	Girls Football
Wednesday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3 - Y6	Street Dance
	Y3 - Y6	Lacrosse
	Y3 - Y6	Netball
Thursday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3 - Y6	Crafty Kids
	Y3 - Y6	Athletics
	Y3 - Y6	TT Rockstars/Spelldrome
Friday - 3.15-4.00pm	Y3 - Y6	Dodgeball
	Y3 - Y6	Boys football

Aiming High,  
Working Hard,  
Having Fun  
Together