

# News



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## Principal's Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely break?

School life seems to be settling down now that the impact of the coronavirus pandemic is reducing. With all the lockdowns and isolation periods the children have had to contend with over the past couple of years it is more important than ever for the children to be attending regularly. Staff are working hard with the children to close the gaps in learning through targeted interventions and tutoring after school. The most important thing is that your children are in school regularly to access this.

Mrs Woolf started her maternity leave at the beginning of this half term and we would like to welcome Mr Whiteside who is covering her maternity leave in Y2. We would also like to wish a warm welcome to Miss Allen, Miss Brannagan, Miss Devenport and Miss Morris who have also started with us recently and are working in various classes across the school.

We have lots to look forward to over the next few weeks. We have started this year attending numerous sporting competitions and with lots more to come including volleyball, football and netball, to name but a few. Good luck to all the children who are taking part

and I look forward to finding out how they are doing. This half term we have an exciting evening where children from different Oasis schools and some Tameside school are competing in a boxing skills competition which will be judged by Natasha Jonas, world junior-middleweight champion. How lucky are we?!

Last Friday the whole school took part in an Oasis vigil for the Ukrainian conflict. Children and staff had the opportunity to reflect about what is happening and to discuss what we can do to help. Soon we will send out some information about how we intend to raise some money for the cause.

*Fiona Lomas*

Best wishes,  
Fiona Lomas - Principal



### Spring 2 - Term Dates

Friday 8th April  
Finish for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April  
Return to school

## Attendance

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

Nursey - 82.76%	RSH - 90.78	RNM - 91.59	1HT - 94.40%	1LW - 91.06%
2HW - 92.06%	2NA - 91.79%	3CS - 93.41%	3SR - 94.59%	4BT - 91.13%
4LB - 92.86%	5AD - 90.80%	5MH - 93.33%	6MJ - 91.08%	6RC - 89.59%

## Whole school 91.41%

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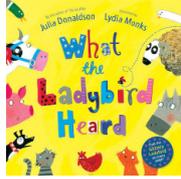
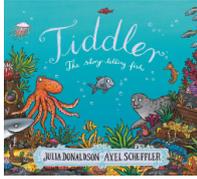
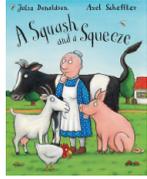
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# Foundation

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term break. Hopefully the weather picks up now we move into spring.

This term, our theme is: Discovering the Natural world. We will look more closely at Minibeasts, Under the Sea, In the jungle and of course, the season of spring.

## Stage

	Week 1-2	Week 3-4	Week 5-6
<b>Literacy</b>	What the ladybird heard? 	Tiddler 	Squash and a squeeze 
<b>Phonics</b>	/oa/ /oo/ /oo/ /ar/ are, he, she	/or/ /ur/ /ow/ /oi/ they, are	/ear/ /air/ /ure/ /er/ her, my
<b>Maths</b> 	Recognising, subitising and comparing 9 and 10. Double and half numbers to 10.	Adding and subtracting numbers to 10. Identifying odd and even numbers and counting in 2's.	Write, order and compare numbers to 10. Find number bonds to 10. Fine "how many more and how many less?"
<b>Understanding the world</b>	Minibeasts	Under the sea	In the jungle
<b>Art and Design</b>	This half term, we are creating our own mini beasts using a range of materials and artistic skills. We will be making under the sea art work using different watery mediums.		
<b>Personal, social, and emotional development</b>	This half term, we are exploring how we can keep our bodies and minds healthy. We will also be learning about how to keep our teeth healthy.		
<b>Physical development</b>	This half term, our topic is Dance. We will be dancing to nursery rhymes and moving our bodies in creative and expressive ways.		

### Updates:

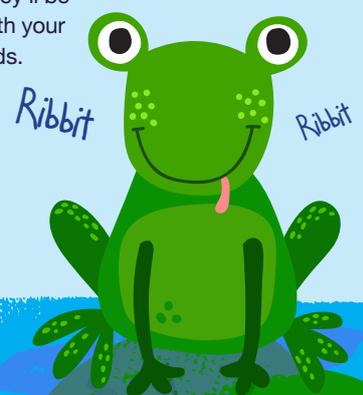
We have said goodbye to Miss Craig this half term as she has finished her apprenticeship and managed to secure a job in another Oasis Academy. We wish her all the luck even though we know she doesn't need it. She's been amazing.

We are welcoming back Mrs Hayward after having some time off for an operation. We are thankful for her to return to help in our reception classes.

We are still sending reading books home and they'll be changed weekly. Please make sure you read with your child every night and practise those Forest words.

We are looking forward to another brilliant half term of learning!

EYFS Team



# Year 1

Welcome back to another amazing half term to year 1.

We are excited about what this term has in store for us leading up to Easter. This term, the children will be studying Global Goals focusing on how to keep our planet sustainable. Children will be learning about the effects of ever-changing fashion and will make a pledge to recycle and reuse their clothing. To finish the unit the children will be running a 'swap shop' in school to promote sustainable fashion.

In literacy, we will be reading the narrative 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies, we will then write our own story based on this book. Later in the half term we will be reading the narrative 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg, where we will then write a letter back to one of the characters. In maths, we will be looking at measurement, concentrating on length and height at the beginning of the half term, before moving on to weight and volume.

It is essential that the children have their books in school daily. Please ensure you are listening to your child read at least 3 times a week at home and signing their reading record after each read. Every child who reads at least 3 times a week at home will earn a gold star to count towards their reading badges.

Phonics homework will be given to most children this half term for the children to practice daily at home alongside their reading books and spelling shed. The packs will have a letter inside for you to read. We also ask they access Sumdog weekly. Log in details are on the back on your child's iPad.

All children MUST have a PE kit in school, Year 1 PE days are Tuesday (1LW and 1HT)/Thursday (1HT)/Friday (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. Please ensure all PE kits are labelled including pumps. Please provide suitable black jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE sessions.

Your child will need to bring their own water into school everyday with their name on their bottle. Please can we ask that the children don't bring juice in their bottle, just water.

Miss Wright and Ms Thornton

Swap Shop



# Year 2

**Welcome back to another amazing half term to year 2. We are excited about what this term has in store for us leading up to Easter. This term, the children will be studying all about Global Goals, which focuses on how we can all keep our planet sustainable.**

The Sustainable Development Goals were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as an action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

In History, we will be learning all about two significant, very brave and incredible women: Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.

In literacy we will be reading the fiction text called 'Halibut Jackson' by David Lucas. This is where we will be learning how to create a picture book. Later on in the half term we will also be reading our non-fiction text called 'An Engineer Like Me' by Dr Shini Somara. This is when we will be developing our knowledge about writing instructions.

Our Reading lessons will be focusing on the text 'Hortense and the Shadow' by Lauren O'Hara and a poem called 'My Gran Visits England' by Grace Nichols.

'Building things' is the theme for Science. The lessons will help us to understand the importance of the

properties required for various materials in order to make them suitable for purpose.

In RE, we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of Judaism. We will be focusing on understanding signs and symbols.

PE will continue to be every Thursdays (indoors) and Fridays (outdoors). Please ensure all PE kits are labelled including pumps. Please provide suitable black jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE sessions. Your child will need to bring their own water into school everyday with their name on their bottle. Please can we ask that the children don't bring juice in their bottle, just water.

**We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and look forward to another brilliant half term, whilst celebrating the children's learning.**

**Mr Ajmal and Mr Whiteside.  
Year 2 Teachers.**



# YEAR 3



Welcome back! This half term in year 3, we will be reading the book *The secret of Black Rock* written by Joe Todd-Stanton. Erin is a young girl who is fascinated by the legend of Black Rock. It is a huge, dark and spikey mass that is said to destroy any boats that come near it.

In Maths, we will continue to develop our calculation skills using the four operations. Children will be working on length and perimeter and towards the end of the term they will be focussing on fractions. Pupils are expected to continue to practice their times tables using TT rockstars.

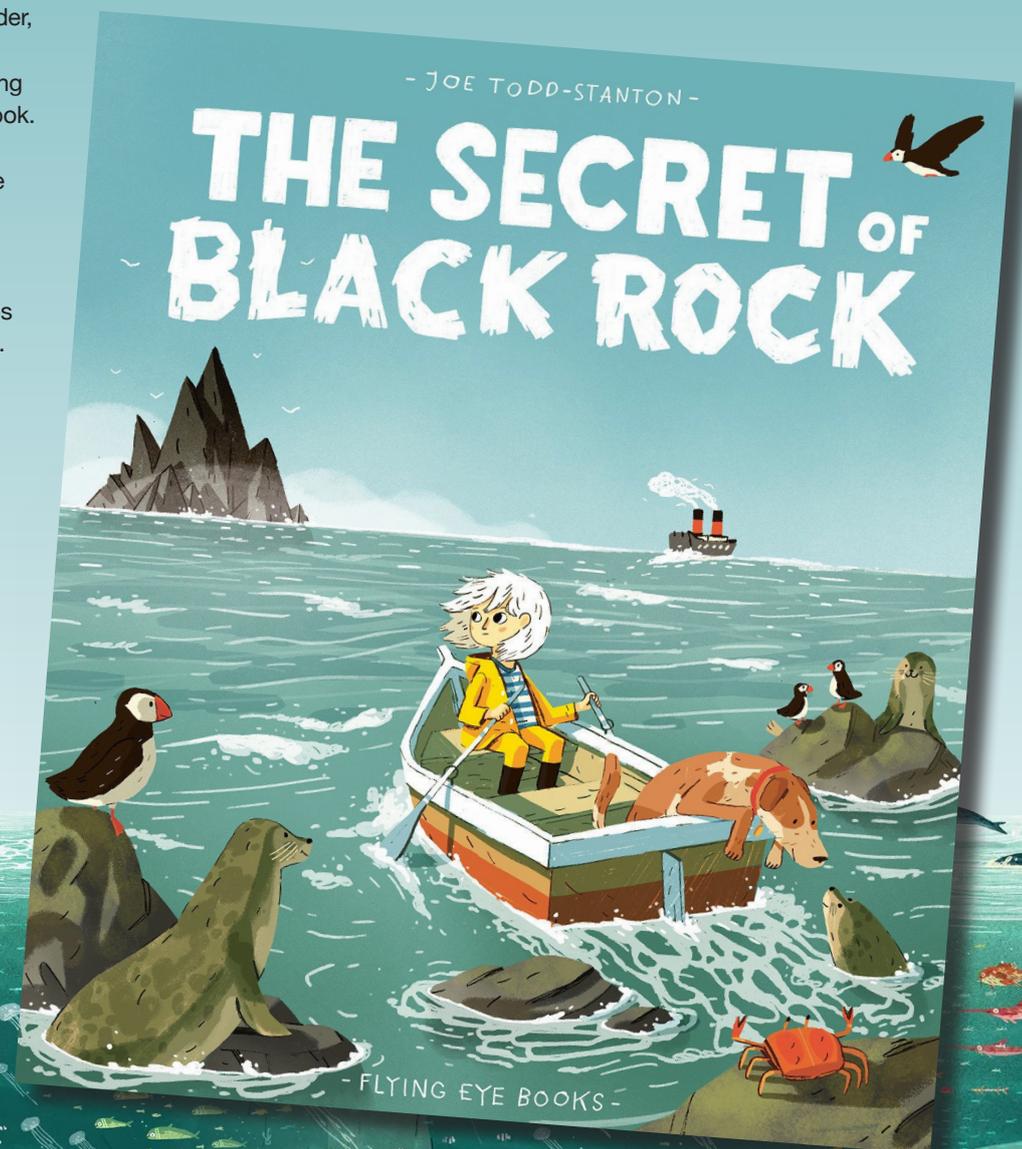
We will continue with Accelerated Reader, so please help your child continue to develop their reading fluency by listening to them read and talking about their book. Spellings will be sent home and tested weekly. Pupils are expected to practice these at home using Spellingshed.

Your child's PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. They will need both pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoor PE.

## GLOBAL GOALS

During this term, year 3 will be learning about global goals and how to keep a sustainable world for the future. The children will be learning about how a 'two minute clean up' can keep beaches, streets and even the school environment a better place to be. Children will be carrying out a 'Change maker' task towards the end of the topic so keep your eyes peeled to see how you too can help sustain our amazing planet too.

Mr Rahman and Miss Stone



# YEAR 4

Year 4 will be joining the Iron Man as he looks out at the world from the top of his cliff. As the Iron Man makes his way inland, he travels over hills and fields but ends up trapped in a giant hole. After he climbs out, he is kept in a different rural town nearby where there is a scrapyards. When the Space-Bat-Angel Dragon appears from space, it lands in Australia, causing tremors all around the world. Children will use this inspiring text to create their own engaging stories.

This nonnatural phenomenon leads us into our cross theme topic of sustainability, how can we do better to the world we inhabit and share with the rest of the world, how can we reduce our carbon footprint by cooking smart, how can we use the past to help inform the future? The children will be learning about the importance of eating seasonal food to reduce the carbon emissions of food travelling across the globe. They will be researching and cooking their own recipes that promote sustainability and reduces deforestation! We will share more information about this nearer the time.

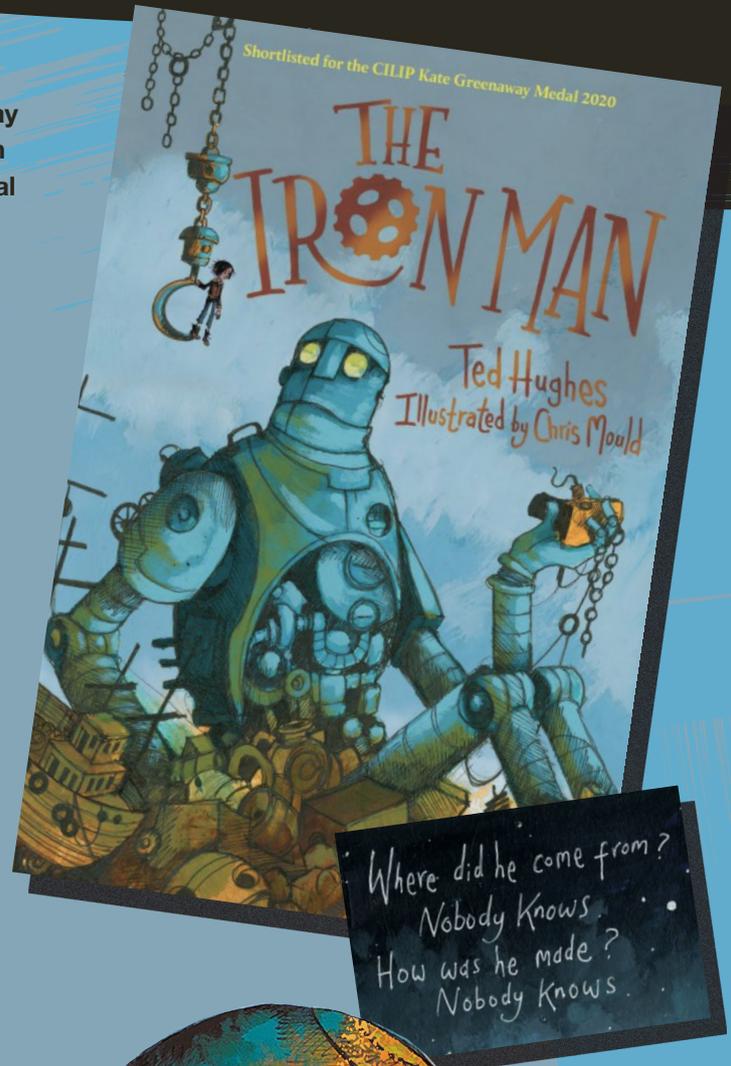
In maths we will be continuing fractions and moving onto decimals.

PE will as usual take place Monday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor) please ensure students are coming to school in their correct PE kits on these days.

Homework will remain as TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Sumdog as well as daily reading. We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring this homework is being done at home and that l pads are being charged daily too.

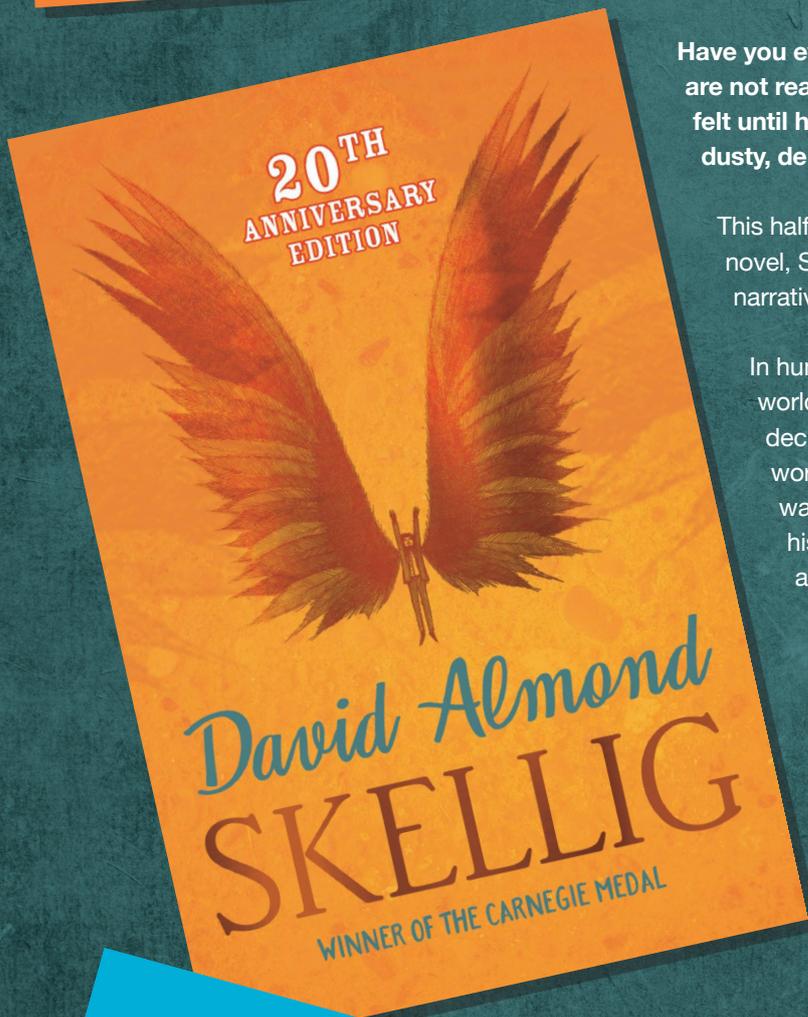
Thank you

Miss Burns and Miss Thomas.



# YEAR 5

This half-term we will be studying David Almond's novel, *Skellig*



Have you ever felt a little left out? Have you ever felt like people are not really around anymore? Well that's exactly how Michael felt until he discovered Skellig. An unnatural creature living in a dusty, demoralised shed on Falconer Road.

This half-term the children will be studying David Almond's novel, *Skellig*. The children will produce writing in the form of a narrative, re-telling the famous story.

In humanities, we will be looking at how we can make the world we live in more sustainable. In 2015 the world leaders decided on 17 global goals to help tackle issues across the world. Year 5 have been given Global Goal Number 6 – Clean water and Sanitation and they will complete a variety of history, geography, and design technology work, based around this topic.

In science we are learning about forces. Did you ever hear the story about an apple falling on somebody's head? I bet you did! In this topic the children will then learn about a variety of forces and conduct tests to understand how they work. They will look at scientists, such as, Sir Issac Newton and understand his theory of Gravity.

In maths, the children will continue their learning of fractions before moving on to understanding decimals and percentages, which will include, rounding, ordering and comparing and finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

The children must complete their home reading and practise on TT rockstars.

Children will also complete a spelling test on Friday mornings. Please can spellings be practiced as much as possible at home.

5MH will be swimming in spring 2 and 5AD will be swimming next half term.

Miss Davies and Mr Hoban



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



THE GLOBAL GOALS  
For Sustainable Development

# Year 6

Tick, tock, tick tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wound them up, nothing will stop them... a mystifying, magical and sometimes deadly story by Phillip Pullman. We will explore the mysterious clock making town of Glockenheim and all the eerie goings on that seem to happen there. Year six will produce some incredible writing based on this story from explanation texts to diary entries and persuasive brochures to creepy narratives – we can't wait to see what they will produce!

In Maths we will be starting the term by looking at measurement, before moving on to perimeter, area, volume and then ratio.

We want to inspire children to make a difference to the world, not just for them but for a better future for us all, which is why our topic is focusing on 'Global goals'. We will be looking at the goals: affordable and clean energy and climate action to see what we as individuals can do to help bring a change to the world! Towards the end of the topic, we will carry out a changemaker task being the change they want to see, so watch this space to see how our topic unfolds.

In Science, we will be looking at Electricity. Through the lessons, we will look at what a circuit is and how it works, understand the components of a circuit, understand how we can vary the brightness of a bulb in a simple circuit, investigate how changing the number of bulbs in a circuit will affect the brightness.

In year 6, it is important children are completing homework that is set on TTRockstars, Sumdog and Spelling Shed every week as well as reading daily.

Thank you

Mrs Javed and Miss Carr

