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Principals Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring term and it is a short one!

This term we have already had movement of staff. Mrs Thornton (Y1) started her maternity leave slightly earlier than expected but we have Mrs Aktar who has taken over. Those parents that attended parents' evening would have had the opportunity to meet her. Mrs Woolf (previously in Y2) has started back after her maternity leave and is now in Y4. Mrs Woolf has taken over from Miss Thahera who did an amazing job since September. Sadly, we have said goodbye to Miss Thahera after she decided to leave Broadoak for new adventures. Miss Stone (Y6) also left us at half term, moving down south to continue teaching. As this happened mid term our replacement teacher will not be able to start until after Easter (Miss Jones) so in the meantime Miss Taylor will be teaching the majority of the week with further support from Mrs Shiels. We wish everyone new and those who have left, the best of luck!

Last half term saw lots of opportunities for our children to take part in. Year 5 attended Young Voices at the Manchester Arena, Y6 were lucky enough to take part in history workshops, theatre workshops and attended a Hamlet production at Great Academy Ashton performed by the National Theatre. There were also mosque visits by the Y3 children and numerous sporting competitions. And that's on top of all the hard work the children are putting into their everyday lessons!

Already this half term has seen workshops from Tameside Library service followed by World Book Day on Thursday. The children took part in lots of amazing activities and had a great time. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter so you can see what the children are doing and learning each day.

Best wishes,



Fiona Lomas - Principal

Attendance

Here's the attendance results for each class so far...

Nursery - 88.56%	RJH - 90.78%	RNM - 90.31%	1HT - 94.77%	1LW - 92.00%
2AD - 94.94%	2GY - 95.08%	3LB - 93.57%	3NA - 94.23%	4BT - 94.68%
4HW - 92.94%	5MH - 94.36%	5SR - 92.69%	6CS - 93.60%	6RC - 95.64%

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Whole school 90.23%

Foundation Stage

We're halfway through the year. Can you believe it? We certainly can't.

We have lots of exciting learning happening this half term as always.



In nursery, we'll be looking at farm animals first and enjoying *A Squash and a Squeeze* as our literacy focus text. We'll be sorting animals and learning about the job of a farmer. We'll be doing some planting of fruits and vegetables and tend to them as they grow. Then we'll look at that food once it's grown and it's journey to the supermarket. We'll look at where the food comes from and what we like eating. We'll be using *Superworm* to inform our writing.

In reception, we will begin the half term exploring the changes we see when we move from winter to spring. We'll discuss the lighter mornings and evenings and warmer temperatures. We'll be writing a poem based on the book: "Goodbye winter, hello spring". After that, we'll be exploring minibeasts and life cycles. Where will we find these minibeasts? What do they turn into? Lastly, we will be putting on our scuba diving gear and heading down under the sea. We'll investigate what's below the water including common plants and animals. We'll explore *Tiddler's* excuses as to why he's late to sea school and use it as inspiration for our own stories.



We're continuing with some of our Makaton signing. We'll be learning all the animals names this half term, so please ask your children when they come home to do some signing. We use the Mr Tumble videos on Youtube should you wish to follow up any learning at home.

Within these topics, we will be using quality literature to inspire our writing.

In reception, we will be using the storybook knight, *The dinosaur that pooped a pirate* and *Whatever* next! We'll be writing descriptions, letters to the knight and instructions on how to make a rocket.

Reading is at the heart of the curriculum at OA Broadoak. It underpins all our areas of learning and is foundational for long lasting impact. In reception, we are continuing our phase 3 sounds. Please scan this QR code to see a pre-recorded video of the reception phase 3 workshop.



In maths, we are looking at numbers beyond 10 now.

We will be looking at measurement in real life contexts as well as shape and space. We encourage the children to sing lots of maths songs, particularly number bonds, at home.

We have lots and lots of other learning planned in music, art and PE. Children still don't need a PE kit. However, from Summer 1 (next half term) we will be doing gymnastics, so they do need a white top, black shorts and black pumps. However, they can go barefoot. The OAB grab bag is £7.50. Please see the office for more information.

Now that our balance bike sessions have finished, you may notice children zooming around in our outdoor area. We sign children off for this when they can avoid obstacles and we are really proud of our reception children as they can all successfully do this.

We are looking forward to the next half term of learning and exploring.

Miss Thomas and the EYFS Team



Year 1



Welcome back to another amazing half term in year 1. We are excited about what this half term has in store for us leading up to Easter, started off with our World Book Day celebrations.

We will continue to develop our love of reading throughout this half term, sharing our favourite stories with our classmates. 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 'swop shop' in school to promote sustainable fashion. We are so excited as a year group to make a difference to our world. In Science we are learning all about materials and their properties.

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 numeracy 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 the children have their books in school daily so we can have quiet reading in class and regularly change their reading books. 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, the packs will have a letter inside for you to read. We also ask the children to access Spelling shed, where they will be introduced to their weekly spellings.

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.

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 your child's iPad must come to school every day fully charged to support their learning. If there are any problems with this, please let your teacher know and we may keep it in school. School uniform needs to be labelled including coats and shoes.

We look forward to another brilliant half term with our classes and sharing your children's successes with you throughout the year. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Miss Wright and Mrs Aktar



Year 2

Our theme this half term explores Building a Sustainable World. We will explore our interaction with the environment using our previous understanding of climate change. We will focusing on Global Goal 3 – Good Health and Wellbeing and inventing and applying ways to achieve this goal within our school and community.

In Maths, we are learning about properties of shapes, both 2D and 3D shapes. By the end of the unit, children will be able to name all the shapes, understand how to count sides, vertices, edges and faces. Within lessons, children will drawing and investigating shapes accurately and creating repeating patterns. The next unit will be fractions. Children will apply their knowledge of shapes and number (division) to make halves, quarters, thirds and three quarters. They will make connections between equivalent fractions such as 1 half is the same as two quarters.

In English, our two main genres are Character Flaw (narrative) and Instructions. Halibut Jackson (Character flaw narrative) will be exploring descriptive language including similes. Children to use the descriptive language to create their own character flaw such as laziness, anger or shyness. The second unit will creating a set of instructions about how to become an engineer. Children will use simple clear language with imperative verbs to tell the reader how to create an object or become a scientist.

To develop a love of reading we will be using a wide range of high-quality picture books in class. There is time for independent reading, teacher read stories, and lessons on retrieving information from a text each day, giving our children the most exposure possible to a variety of books and text types. The reading book that is sent home is one that your child can easily read. This is so that they can focus on improving their reading fluency and enjoy the story. Please encourage your child to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes every night and sign their reading record when you have listened to them.

In RE, we are building on our understanding of Judaism. Now we are looking at symbols and their meanings. We will be designing the star of David and look at the meaning of the Menorah.

Year 2 have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit in.

If you are unsure what they need, details can be found on our school website or please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Miss Davies and Miss Yates.



YEAR 3

Year three have a jam packed half term coming up, buckle in!

In literacy, we will be looking at the *The Secret of Black Rock* and taking the adventure of a life time with our protagonist Erin Pike.

We are linking this to our thematic work which is based on our Global Goals, year 3 will be learning all about global goal 14, life under sea. We will be focussing on conserving and sustaining our oceans, seas and marine resources. The perfect opportunity to visit the beach! We will be visiting Formby Beach to look at the marine life around us and completing our very own beach clean up.

In mathematics, we will be learning all about length and perimeter as well as fractions.

Our science topic this half term is forces and magnets.

As usual our PE sessions are Tuesday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor) on these days please ensure your child has their full PE kit.

3LB are attending forest school and need their forest school clothing weekly also.

Homework is set on TT Rockstars and Sumdog as well as daily reading with a grown up.

**We are so looking forward to the upcoming half term.
Miss Burns and
Mr Ajmal.**



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 scrapyard. 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 mysteriously created robot brings us to consider how we use resources and leads us into our cross-theme topic of sustainability, how can we do better to the world we inhabit? 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! Linking with the theme of deforestation, we will be thinking about something that we can do in year 4 to tackle this global issue.

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

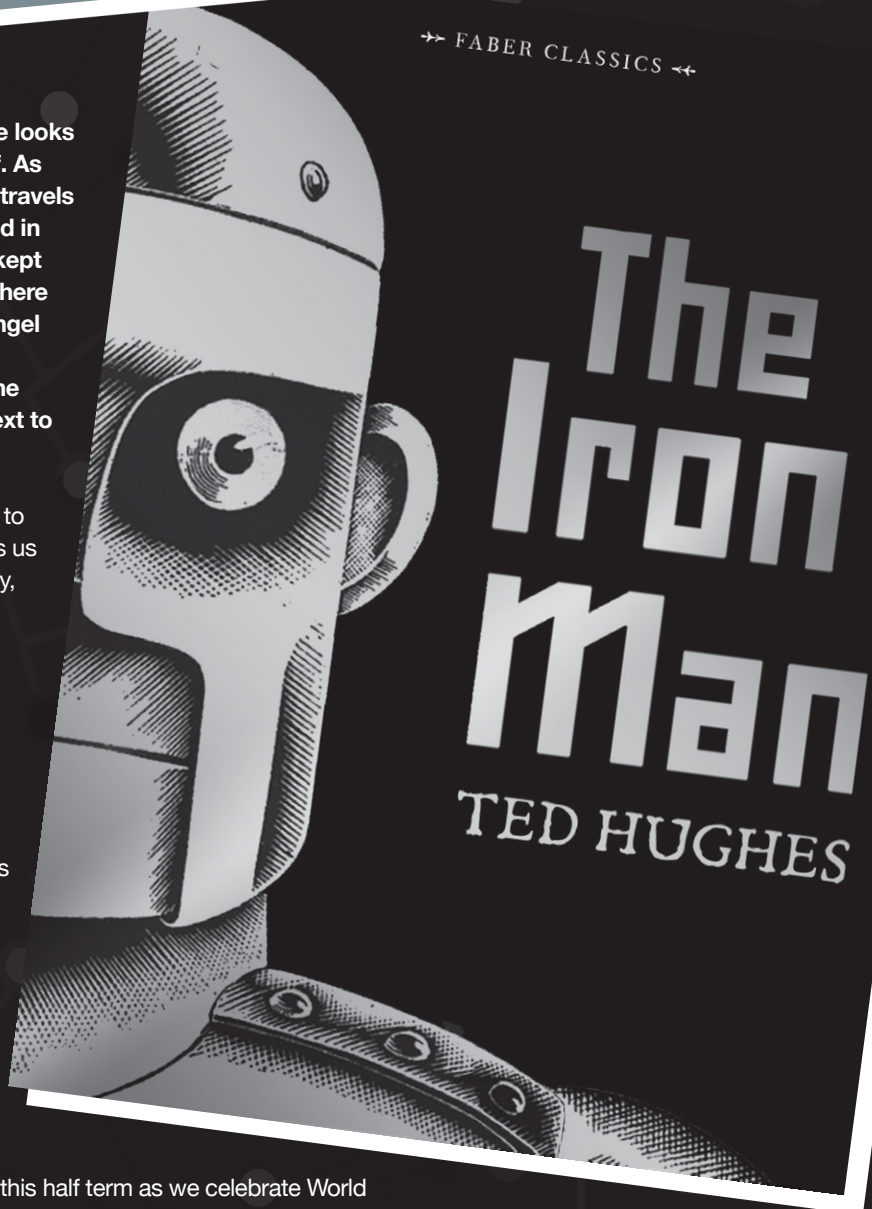
Our love of reading will be a bigger focus this half term as we celebrate World Book Day and also have the opportunity to visit our wonderful library in Ashton.

PE will as usual take place on Monday (Indoor) and Wednesday (Outdoor) please ensure students are coming to school with their correct PE kits on these days. PE kit and full school uniform expectations can be found on our school website if you are unsure.

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

Thank you,
Miss Thomas and Mrs Woolf

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Year 5

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 suspense narrative.

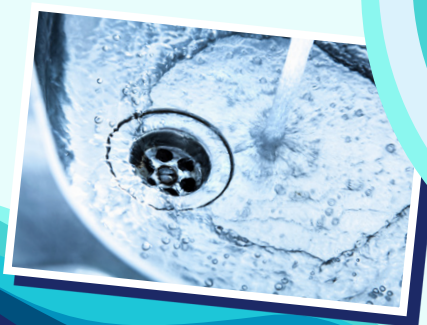
In theme, we will be looking at how we can make the world we live in more sustainable. In 2015 the world leaders decided on 17 global goals to help tackle issues across the world. Year 5 have been given Global Goal Number 6 – Clean water and Sanitation and they will complete a variety of history, geography,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

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 Isaac 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.

5MH will be swimming in spring 2 and 5SR will now be having indoor PE on a Monday.

Mr Hoban and Mr Rahman



 **WaterAid**

YEAR 6

Welcome back super year sixes! Here's your rundown of what to expect this half term:

Calling all Harry Potter fans... it's finally the time of year where year 6 will immerse themselves into the world of wizardry and produce some fantastic writing on the series of novels by JK Rowling. Children will be working towards producing a narrative and non-chronological report independently. Whether you're a Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin this unit is sure to tingle your writing tastebuds!

In maths, children will be exploring converting units, finding out more about area, perimeter and volume and delving into ratio. We'll be working super hard to develop our reasoning and problem solving skills and of course practising our test technique to prepare us for our SATs.

Our theme for this half term will be 'Building our sustainable world', so we will be looking really carefully at the Global Goals and how we, year 6, can make a change – we'll channel our inner 'Gretas' and do our best to make a difference.

In science year 6 will learn all about electricity by building circuits and conducting several investigations. All of this will be topped off with our wonderful art and DT project where we will be creating our very own wind turbine models.

PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday for 6RC and for 6CS they will be Thursday and Friday – please make sure you have your kits.

This half term is super busy as we lead up to the SATs tests in the first summer term. Look out for more information on those very soon and please ensure that any additional work sent home for your children is completed to support their learning.

If you have any questions, please do pop and see us.

Miss Carr and Miss Taylor.



Clubs Spring 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EYFS			Cosy Club	Busy bodies	
KS1 (Years 1 - 2)	Reading Club Boxing	Arts and Craft	Street Dance	Adventure games	Lego
KS2 (Years 3 - 6)	Supersinger Tag Rugby	Athletics Street Dance Boxing (Y5&6)	Drama Hockey Boxing (Y3&4)	Girl's football African drums (Y3&4 ONLY) Rounders	Football Dodgeball Arts and Craft

Spring 2 Term Dates

Monday 27th February	Return to school
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 15th March	NEU strike day
Thursday 16th March	NEU strike day
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day (wear something RED, for a small donation)
Thursday 24th March	Year 4 Library visit
Monday 27th March	Professional class/group photo
Tuesday 28th March	Year 1 Library visit
Thursday 30th March	Reports (via MCAS)
Thursday 30th March	Year 3 Formby beach trip
Thursday 30th March	Easter Egg competition (bring in your creation)
Friday 31st March	Easter Egg competition winner announcement
Friday 31st March	Last day of term (FULL UNIFORM)

