

# News

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## Principals Welcome

**A huge, warm welcome back to everybody and to any new families that have recently joined Broadoak. I hope you all had a lovely holiday aside from the dismal weather!**

As always, our newsletters will be giving you a flavour of the learning that children are embarking on this half term with a few messages from myself as well.

We would like to welcome back Miss Rathore in EYFS who is joining the team again this year (she can't keep away!) and to Mrs Javed who returns to Y6 after maternity leave.

Please can I remind you to ensure the correct uniform is being worn this includes fully black shoes/trainers only (there should be no other colours). Children should only be wearing stud earrings and a watch (if they have one) to school. No other jewellery is permitted.

I would also like to remind you that the car park is for school staff and blue badge holders only. The car park is small and busy and we do not have enough space for all car users to use it. I am currently looking into ways of making this safer for the children and families and will be sending out separate information about this soon.

We are really excited with the development of the hub space that has been transformed in recent months. Mrs Evans and her team of volunteers have created an outstanding space for the community with lots on offer. Watch out for an official opening day that will be happening in October.

I look forward to seeing all the wonderful learning that takes place this half term. Don't forget to look out for it too on Facebook or Twitter.

Best wishes,



Fiona Lomas - Principal

We are aiming  
for 97% or above  
attendance this  
year!



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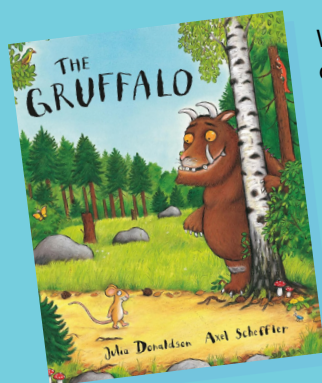


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# Foundation Stage

**Hello to our wonderful EYFS parents and carers, this is our school newsletter. These are sent out half termly and will contain a summation of the learning that your children will be doing along with some important information.**

This half term, we will be exploring ourselves, our families, and our communities. We will celebrate our similarities and differences and compare our likes and dislikes. We will be getting to know our new school and what amazing things we can do here like: attending forest school, playing on the adventure trail, visiting the animals and much more.



Within these topics, we will be using quality literature to inspire our writing. In Reception, we have been looking at The Gruffalo, describing all those characters through our FANTASTIC lenses and discussing how they are different to each other just like ourselves. Then they will study The Three Little Pigs focussing on the materials their houses are made from and which ones are the most suitable and why. Nursery are going to

be doing lots of singing this half term for example: the wheels on the bus and if you're happy and you know it. They'll also be looking at We're going on a bearhunt. We use elements of Write Dance and The Write Stuff in our teaching and learning which are built upon key principles such as: active learning and language development. You'll see lots of our provision focussed on the themes in the books.



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. We use Book Wings phonics which is a bespoke phonics scheme developed alongside reading experts both within and outside of Oasis. Every phoneme (letter sound) taught is inspired through a different story and the children absolutely love the magic of reading in this way. Nursery focus on Phase 1 whereas Reception will begin phase 2 phonics learning.

In maths, we will be exploring colour and number recognition in Nursery. They'll be grouping, sorting and discussing the different colours and singing lots of number songs. In Reception, we'll be looking at numbers 1-4. We'll learn to recognise in them in different forms and arrangements, how to subitise and how to use our number knowledge in real life.

We have lots of other amazing learning that will be happening across the curriculum like art skills, music, PE, Personal social and emotional development, and fundamental learning habits.

We have been carrying out the Reception Baseline Assessment which is a 10 minute one to one activity given to us from the Government to provide all our children with an entry level. This information is then summarised and stored for later use when tracking progress. For more information about this, please scan the QR code on your phone. To do this, hold your camera over it and it should bring up the link below.



We have other formative assessments to carry out through observations of children's play and directed learning time. You will find these on Seesaw. We will be posting all the children's

learning on there, plus any other key messages along the way. You can message us on there too and we will get back to you as soon as possible. All your children should have come home with the log in details. Let us know if you need any help signing up.

Children will receive a reading book, reading log and sometimes some key words/activities to take home. Please read with/to your child every night. Please sign their logs three times a week. These books will be changed once a week. There are gold stars and reading badges available. This information will come out with the books when they are sent home.

Three children are chosen weekly to be learning champions. This means they are celebrated and given a principle's gold sticker. The child with the most learning champion stickers will be the half term superstar and receive a pizza lunch.

Children do not need a PE kit this half term as they are settling in. They will need some old clothes suitable for getting mucky at Forest School in. More information about this will come out separately. Please label all items of clothing, bags, bottles, lunch boxes and so on that children bring in.

**We are looking forward to an amazing year full of fun and lots of learning.**

**Miss Rathore and the EYFS Team**





# Year 1

A very warm welcome to year 1.

**We are excited about what this term has in store for us.**

This term, the children will be studying Who Am I and Who Am I becoming in our theme lessons. We can't wait to explore our Oasis global link country - South Africa. We will explore the physical and human characteristics of the UK in Geography and gain an understanding of chronology by ordering significant events in our lives during our history unit. We will be looking at a range of art this half term and making choices about which type of art we prefer. In Science we are learning all about the human body and our senses.

In literacy we will be reading the narrative 'Stardust' by Jeanne Willis and Briony May Smith. We will be writing our own stories based around this one. We will also be learning some poetry later in the half term. In numeracy we will be looking to gain a deeper understanding of number through our place value topic. We will then move on to addition and subtraction within 10.

Over the next week children, will be bringing home their reading book and details for our BoomReaders which is an app to record your child's reading. It is essential the children have their books and iPads in school daily so we can have quiet reading in class and regularly change their reading books. We expect children to read at least 3 times a week at home and have their BoomReaders app signed by an adult each time they read. Each week that they read 3 times they will be given a gold star sticker towards their reading reward badges. App log in details will be sent on a separate letter with your child's log in details.

Phonics homework will be given to some children throughout the half term for the children to practice daily at home alongside their reading books. 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 to practice their maths skills. The log in details for both apps can be found in the back of your child's iPad case.



All children need a full PE kit in school, Year 1 PE days are Monday for 1LW (indoor), Wednesday (outdoor) for both classes and Friday for 1SA (indoor), 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.

Your child will need to bring their own water into school every day 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 school uniform needs to be labelled including coats and shoes. We look forward to a fantastic year 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



Who am I? Who am I becoming? These are two of the questions that we will be asking ourselves in year 2.

**We will be using these questions to explore the history and geography of our academy and our local area. We will cap the topic off by looking at ourselves to create a self-portrait in art using a variety of textures.**

In maths, we will investigate and develop our knowledge of number and place value before moving on to addition and subtraction.

In English, we will be exploring a range of high-quality picture books and poems to develop a love of reading. Our writing unit is based upon the tale Leaf. We will use the story to write our own narratives in the same style as the author Sandra Dieckmann.

Your children will also now have a reading book. 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 for at least 10 minutes every night. Once the children have read, please leave a comment on Boom reader. Information on this has been sent home.

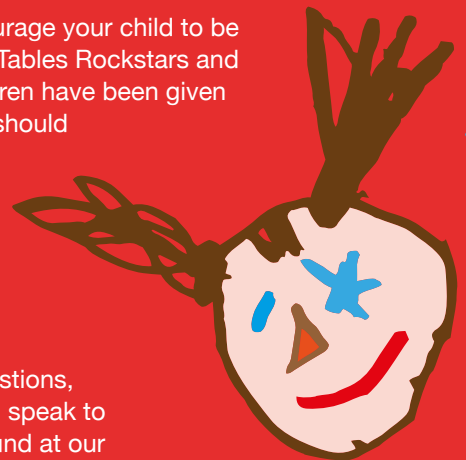
Year 2 have PE on Tuesdays (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor). Please make sure that every item of kit, including pumps, are labelled clearly. Pupils should NOT come to school in their PE kits. They will be getting changed in class, which is part of the National curriculum.



Please also encourage your child to be accessing Times Tables Rockstars and Sumdog. All children have been given logins again and should be stored on their iPads.

Learning is a partnership between home and school, so if you have any questions, please come, and speak to us. We can be found at our classroom doors at the end of most days. We are excited and looking forward to what will be a wonderful year.

**Miss Davies and Miss Dale.**





# Year 3

Join us and Jemmy Button on the journey of a lifetime. During our writing lessons, we will be following his journey from Tierra del Fuego to England and watch as he learns all about his new home, whilst trying not to forget his homeland. We will use the story to write our own narratives in the same style as the author Alix Barzelay.

The theme of journey carries on throughout all our subjects this half term. In maths, we will be learning how to move numbers between 100s, 10s and 1s. we will then move onto addition and subtraction.

In our thematic lessons, our key question is "Who am I? Who am I becoming?" We will be using these questions to explore the history and geographic areas of our academy and our local area.

Our journey will continue through to science, where we will be learning all about our bones and muscles. We will then advance onto learning about the differences between human and animal skeletons and how different types of joints work.

As always, weekly homework is Sumdog and TT rockstars. Please encourage your child to be accessing them as much as possible. All children have been given logins which are also stored on their iPads.

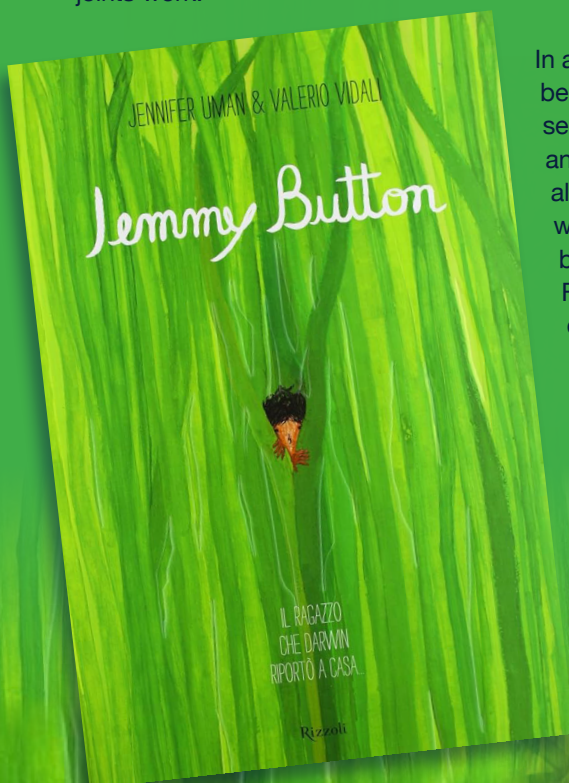
Your child has been given a reading book so that they can focus on improving their reading fluency and develop their love for reading. Please encourage and listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes every night. Once they have read, please leave a comment on Boom reader. This is an app for you to sign once you have listened to your child and to also record any comments about your child's reading. Information on this has been sent home.

PE will be on Wednesdays (indoors) and Thursdays (outdoors). Please make sure that every item of the kit, including pumps, are labelled clearly. Your child will need to bring their own water bottle into school with their name on. We ask that the children don't bring juice in their bottle, just juice.

**We are so looking forward to our first term together. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are available at the end of each day at 3.15pm.**

**Mr Ajmal and Miss Chilton.**

In art, we will be looking at self-portraits and learning all about the work produced by the artists Francisco de Zurbaran and Georgia O'Keeffe.





# Year 4

'We are the music makers, we are the dreamers of dreams!' ...In this Autumn term, year 4 will be guiding their main character, Charlie Bucket, through the wonderful, fun-filled, absolutely-bad-for-your-teeth world of Willy Wonka. We are excited to get started on our own version of Charlie and the chocolate factory. You'll have to stay tuned on Twitter and 'choc out' our independent pieces!

We'll be counteracting all the chocolate in our PE lessons by getting active and learning about gymnastics and basketball. Science lessons will be focussed on animals including humans, paying particular attention to teeth and the journey that our food takes during digestion.

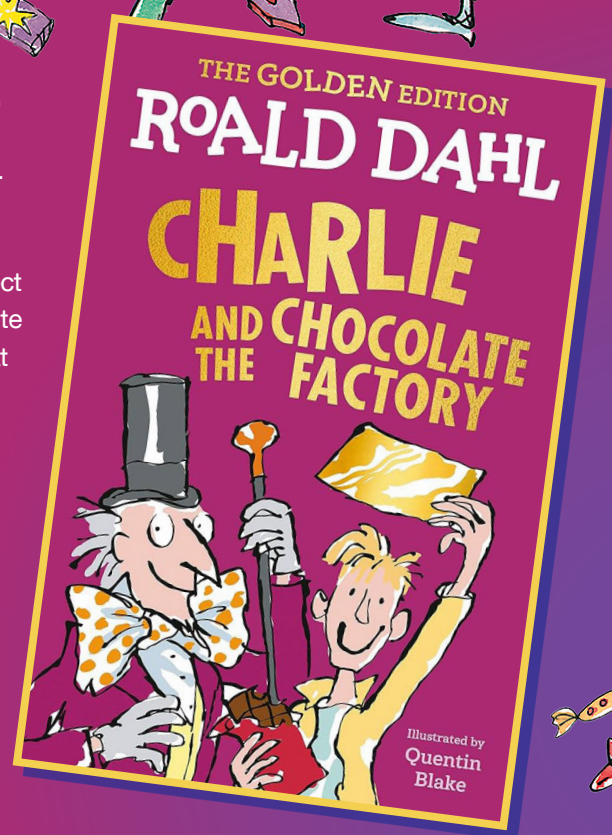
In our theme lessons we are taking a personal approach, asking ourselves 'Who am I? Who am I becoming?' We will be looking at our local area in history and how Ashton has changed over time. In geography we will be exploring the different regions and cities in the UK and comparing our local weather to the weather in our Oasis global country, Mozambique!

In maths, we will be learning all about place value, exploring different ways that we can represent 4-digit numbers.

PE is Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor), please ensure your child has their full and correct PE kit in school (black pants or shorts, white top and plain trainers or pumps) and that it is labelled with their name. As always, weekly homework is TT rockstars and Sumdog.

**We are so excited to be back and to get stuck into our learning!**

**Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Woolf**





# YEAR 5



"He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't even like lemon sherbets, which are my favourites!"

This half-term we will be studying Onjali Q. Rauf's novel, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. The children will produce writing in the form of a meeting tale.

**In Art, we will be focusing on the question 'How can I represent myself in an abstract way?' We will look at the work of the famous artists Frida Kahlo, Rene Magritte and Yayoi Kusama and produce our very own masterpieces of our beautiful faces!**

In Geography, we will be focusing on the countries and capital cities within the content of Europe, with an emphasis on our Oasis link country of Belgium and where our place in the world is.

In History, we will be looking at the History of European invaders and their long-term impact on Britain focusing on their place in time and linking it to our Geography learning.

Have you ever wondered how we have so many pretty flowers in our gardens? In science we will be looking at living things including animals and plants. We will look at the difference between sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and a variety of life cycles.

In Maths, we are going to make sure we are maths whizzes and will be starting our autumn term learning with place value and addition and subtraction to deepen our knowledge. Additionally, we will learn a variety of formal methods for adding and subtracting, two-, three- and four-digit numbers.

The children must continue to complete their home reading and practise on TT rockstars/spelling shed/Sumdog a minimum of weekly. The children now have full access to all apps on their iPads to enrich their learning.

It will be 5SR's turn to go swimming this half term. Please make sure that children have their swimming kits on Tuesdays. Outdoor PE for both classes is on Monday. 5AJ have an indoor PE session on Tuesday.

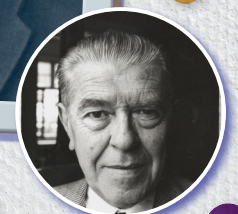
**We can't wait to work hard and do lots of learning together!**

**Mr Rahman and Miss Jones**

FRIDA  
KAHLO



RENE  
MAGRITTE



YAYOI  
KUSAMA





# Year 6

**Welcome to your final year in Broadoak! Can you believe it? Don't blink or you're going to miss it. There is so much to look forward to this term, and we can't wait to get started. We hope you've all had a rested summer and are ready to hit the ground running with all the amazing learning we have planned. As long as you remember just how high the expectations are in year 6, we are sure to have a fabulous year enriched with lots of learning.**

In year 6 we explore a plethora of different genres in writing and reading, and to start off we are going to be delving into the works of Louis Sachar, who has produced popular books such as 'holes', that our children might have already come across in their Broadoak journey previously. However, we are going to explore his comedic novel 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' which will get our year 6's thinking about how to write in the style of Sachar himself. We will be working towards writing a narrative, and then finishing off the half-term writing a poem inspired by Karl Nova.

In Maths, children will start the term refreshing their knowledge of place value and numbers to 1 million. Specifically, looking at the links and patterns in place value charts and using their number knowledge to become more confident mathematical thinkers. This will help us transition into a big unit on the four operations – not the medical kind but the maths kind of course (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). This is a heavy unit which relies heavily on times table knowledge, so please make sure you are brushing up on those skills at home every night on TTRockstars.

Our theme this half term is 'Who am I and Who am I Becoming?' In History this explores the notion of cause and consequence on a vast scale – thinking deeply about how we exist here today owing to migration and periods of change throughout history. In Geography, we are exploring the world's main biomes and features, where we can make links with the places key groups have migrated from and to. We are super lucky to be offered skilled lessons alongside themed lessons, where children will sharpen their art skills to eventually be able to produce a self-portrait inspired by the works of De Vinci.

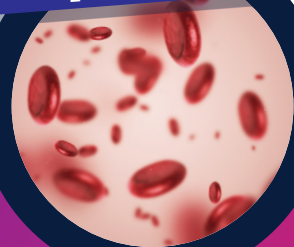
Finally, in Science, we will be exploring the circulatory system. We can't promise there won't be a lot of talk and exploration of blood, but we can promise it is going to be seriously interesting, so make sure to bring along your ideas of scientific investigation strands to see if we can become more informed scientists this half-term.

As a final reminder, in year 6 it is expected that children complete their allocated TT Rockstars and Sumdog learning, aiming to go on these apps each night. In addition to this, we have a new app called Boomreader, where hopefully you will find it easier to keep track of your child's reading and make useful notes that you and the teacher can read. PE days are Tuesday and Thursday for both classes.

**Any questions, please do get in touch.**

**Miss Carr and Mrs Javed**

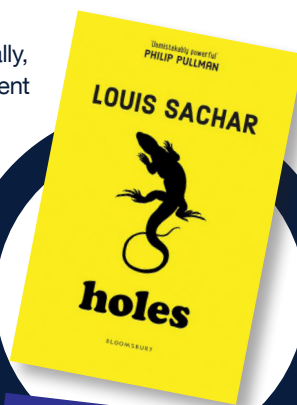
**Circulatory system**



**Migration**



**Times Tables**



**Louis Sachar books**



# Clubs Autumn 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 (Years 1 - 2)	• Arts & Crafts 1HT	• Boxing Year 3 & 4	• Street Dance	• Board games	• Adventure games
KS2 (Years 3 - 5)	• Boxing • Dodgeball • Girls football	• Street Dance • Rounders	• Boxing • Super Singers	• Rhythm Basketball • Gymnastics • African drumming	• Netball • Boys football

## Autumn 1 Term Dates

Term / Holiday	First Day	Last Day	Pupil days
Staff inset days - Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023			
Autumn Term	Tuesday 5th September 2023	Friday 20th October 2023	33
Reception - Introduction to Phonics - Thursday 5th October			
Staff Inset Day - Friday 13th October 2023			
Autumn Half Term Holidays	Monday 23rd October 2023	Friday 27th October 2023	
Autumn Term	Monday 30th October 2023	Friday 15th December 2023	35
Christmas Holidays	Monday 18th December 2023	Monday 1st January 2023	
Staff Inset Day - Tuesday 2nd January 2024			
Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024	28
Spring Half term Holidays	Monday 12th February 2024	Friday 16th February 2024	
Spring term	Monday 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	29
Easter Holidays	Friday 29th March 2024	Friday 12th April 2024	
Summer Term	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	29
Summer Half Term Holidays	Monday 27th May 2024	Friday 7th June 2024	
Staff Inset Day - Monday 10th and Friday 21st June 2024			
Summer Term	Tuesday 11th June 2024	Tuesday 30th July 2024	35
Bank Holidays 2023-2024			
Monday 1st January 2024 - During Half Term Holiday			
Friday 29th March 2024 - During Half Term Holiday			
Monday 1st April 2024 - During Half Term Holiday			
Monday 6th May 2024 - May Day - School closed			
Monday 27th May 2024 - During Half Term Holiday			