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Principals Welcome

Welcome back everyone and a happy new year!

I hope you all had a lovely break and a lovely Christmas, for those who celebrate this. We had an extremely busy half term before we broke up with lots of parties, pantomimes and plays and this term has started off busy also. Already we have had Year 4 enjoying a Roman trip to Chester and Y6 will be off on their travels to the air raid shelters to support their study of World War 2.

This is a relatively short term in comparison to the terms before Christmas and before we know it we will be breaking up in five weeks!

Every newsletter always seems to bring you news of teachers or staff who have left and new people who have joined us. We welcome Mrs Gibb in Year 1 who is now with us until summer. In a few weeks we will welcome back Mrs Thornton who has been on maternity leave.

She will be returning on a two day basis covering in Year 1 when Miss Wright and Mrs Gibb have their release time. Mr Rahman (year 5) also left us at Christmas to start a new job and we would like to welcome Mr Appleby to Broadoak who will be working in this class.

As always, I am looking forward to all the amazing things that the children will be learning this half term.

Best wishes,

Fiona Lomas

Fiona Lomas
Principal

Attendance

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

RNM - 93.04%

RSM - 89.72%

NSG - 91.38%

1LW - 92.17%

1SA - 93.76%

2AD - 95.88%

2BD - 92.39%

3AC - 95.35%

3NA - 95.33%

4HW - 92.37%

4LJ - 95.01%

5AJ - 92.74%

5SR - 94.12%

6MJ - 93.97%

6RC - 95.28%

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Whole school 94.11%

Foundation

Stage

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely, relaxing Christmas and New Year break. We have lots of exciting learning happening this half term.

In reception this half term, we will be exploring Castles and Knights, Dinosaurs and Space. We will begin by exploring castles around the country, what they look like and what they were used for. We will look at present and past Kings and Queens. Then we'll become archaeologists when we dig up fossils from years and years ago in our dinosaur unit. Lastly, we will jump in our rockets and head off to space. We'll look at Earth and the planets around us. 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. In maths, we will be continuing looking closely into numbers 6-10. We will be exploring their composition, arrangements, and number bonds. We will still use Numberblocks which can be accessed on Youtube and BBC Iplayer.

In nursery this half term, there will be lots of singing and cheering as their learning will be planned around Row, row, row your boat for their transport unit, Three little pigs for their houses and home unit and Pirate Pete for their unit all about pirates. In maths, the children will be exploring the number 5 through number songs, such as 5 little men in a flying saucer, 5 cheeky monkeys and 5 little speckled frogs, all of which can be accessed on YouTube. As part of our circle time, we will be looking at families and friendships.

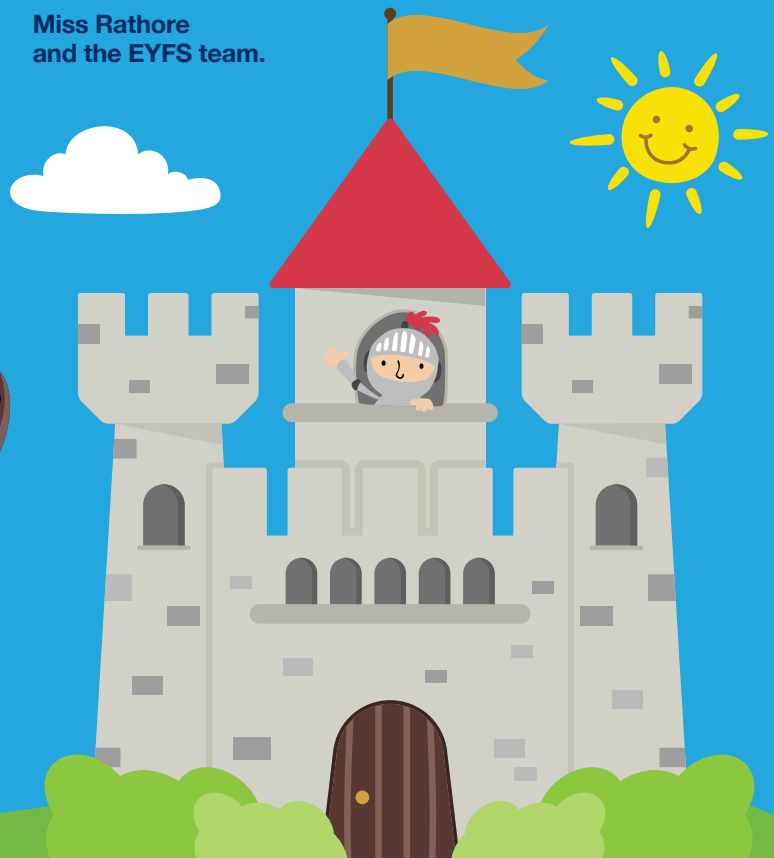
Focusing on playing co-operatively with others by sharing and turn taking.

We have lots of other amazing learning that will be happening across the curriculum this half term like art skills, music, PE, and fundamental learning habits. In our final week before half term the whole of the Foundation Stage will be learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year.

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 beginning phase 3 sounds now. We will be holding a reception parent workshop for Phase 3 this half term on Friday 26th January 9:30-10:00am. We will be sending more information about this imminently. We would like to remind nursery parents to please return your child's Lilac book and library book every Friday to ensure they are changed in time for the weekend. Also, to remind reception parents that your child's book packs need to be returned on Thursday to give the staff the chance to change the phonics and library books and add letter tiles in a timely manner.

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

**Miss Rathore
and the EYFS team.**



Year 1

Welcome back to another exciting term to year 1. We are excited about what this term has in store for us leading up to Spring.

This term, the children will be studying Design and Technology focusing on structures. Children will develop resilience and perseverance through problem solving. They will have to think critically about existing structures and what makes them stable whilst thinking about how to improve the stability and stiffen their own structures.

In Science we are learning all about materials and their properties. We will explore a wide range of vocabulary to describe everyday materials.

In literacy we will be reading the narrative 'George and The Dragon' by Christopher Wormell. Later in the half term we will be reading the narrative 'The Queen's Hat' by Steve Anthony. We will be writing our own stories based around these two books. In numeracy we will be working on our place value within 20 unit before moving on to looking at addition and subtraction 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. Please ensure you are listening to your child read at least 3 times a week at home and signing the Boomreaders app 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, plus gems on Boomreader.

Phonics homework will be given to some children again throughout this 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 we be introduced to their weekly spellings. We also ask they access Sumdog at least 3 times a week. Log in details for both apps are on the back on your child's iPad.

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 another fantastic 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 Gibb



Year 2

Happy New Year from Year 2 and welcome back!

In maths, we will be learning about money and then we will be focussing on multiplication and division. This includes the core skills of grouping and sharing as well as cementing our knowledge of our 2, 5, and 10 timetables. All children are expected to consolidate their learning at home through portals such as Sumdog, TTrackstars and Hit the Button.



In our writing lessons, our two main books to support our learning will be 'Grandad's Island' by Benjy Davis and 'Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History' by Vashti Harrison. Grandad's Island explores the theme of loss, as we build up to writing our own narratives in the style of Benjy Davis. We will also be looking at bold women in black history and writing a non-fiction biography.

This half term, our theme explores Heritage and Culture. Whilst being historians, we will be travelling back in time and explore our heritage through how childhood has changed since the Victorian era. We will be focussing on Queen Victoria and the impact she had.

In Geography, we will be learning about maps. We will be focussing on our school, looking at both aerial images and maps so we can then compare the two. We will be using a new and exciting website, called Digimaps to explore the world around us.

To continue to develop our love of reading, we will continue to use a wide range of high-quality picture books in class. Throughout the week, the children have as much exposure to a wide variation of books and text types as possible.



This will be during independent reading, teacher led stories and guided reading lessons. 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 on Boom Reader when you have listened to them.

In RE, we are building on our understanding of Judaism. Now we know about core beliefs, teachers and leaders, we will explore the art and literature of Judaism and how they relate to our knowledge of other religions.



Year 2 have PE every Tuesday and Friday. 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.

We look forward to a very exciting half-term ahead!
Miss Davies and Miss Dale.
Year 2 teachers.

YEAR 3

Happy New Year from year 3. This half term, we will be reading the book Leon and the place between by Angela McAllister. The story is about Leon wanting to prove to his brothers and sister that magic really exists. Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show and gets transported to a mysterious world. We will be writing our own narrative based upon this text.

Our theme for this half term is Heritage and Culture. Our history lessons will involve looking at various artefacts to help us to understand and learn about how houses, tools and food evolved from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age period. We will also be discussing the significance this period had on the world.

In geography, we will be developing our fieldwork skills by understanding how to use atlases, globes and digital maps correctly in order to measure and record accurately.

Our science topic is all about super scientists. This will involve learning all about some influential scientists of our time to understand how they have paved the way for the future.

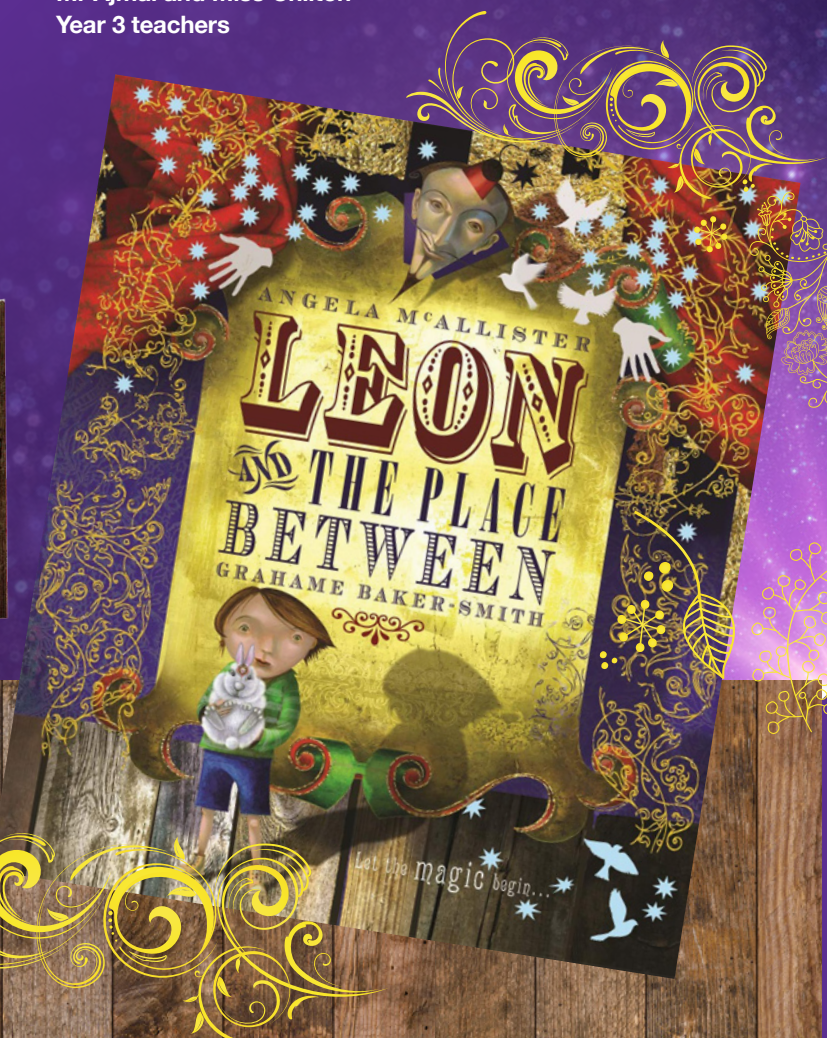
In maths, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication and division and then moving onto length and perimeter. All children are expected to continue to consolidate their learning at home by using Sumdog and Hit the Button, whilst also practicing their timetables using TT rockstars.

It is essential the children have their books in school daily so we can continue to listen to your child read and regularly change their reading books. Please ensure you are also listening to your child read daily at home and recording a comment on Boomreader after each read.

Your child's PE days will continue to be Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that they have the correct PE kit (pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoor PE) and a water bottle. Your child's school uniform also needs to be labelled including coats to help us to identify who they belong to.

We look forward to another fantastic 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. 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
Year 3 teachers**



YEAR 4

This half term we are looking at heritage and culture. Starting off with a trip to the ancient Dewa (or modern day Chester) to introduce our Roman history topic where we will be learning all about Roman history, battle and the legacy they left behind. We will also be looking at the Celtic reactions to the Roman invasion and discussing Queen Boudica. We will be using our map skills to plot the Roman invasion in Geography, looking at the map coordinates and locations and translating these skills to read other map coordinates.

In mathematics we will be continuing with multiplication and division, focussing on factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and efficient ways to multiply. We will then move onto length and perimeter, developing our learning and understanding of this from year 3 before finally starting fractions.

In writing we will be following 'the marvellous adventure of Edward Tulane' a beautiful, pampered China rabbit who finds himself lost from his adoring owner, we will follow his journey to find Abilene- and himself! We will be using this book to write a narrative piece as well as a diary entry.

In science we are beginning to focus on sustainability. We will be looking at a variety of materials and then looking at reducing, reusing and recycling. We will be thinking back to our Formby trip last year where we learn all about the dangers of single use plastics.

PE this half term will be 4LJ: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor) and for 4HW Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor). Please ensure your child has their full kit ahead of these lessons. This should be a white top, black joggers or shorts and plain trainers.

Homework as always is daily TT rockstars and daily reading. Please ensure that an adult is reading with your child daily and logging this on the Boomreader, a brief note should be made about what they have read and how they have read it. TT rockstars is set Friday-Friday and it is imperative that all students are completing this to best prepare them for their MTC this year!

Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Woolf.



Boudica

Battles



Rome



Chester

YEAR 5

Welcome back year 5! It's a busy half term once again...

In our writing lessons, there will be blood and guts and gore! (Not ours, don't worry!) This half-term the children will be studying Tony Bradman's 'Viking Boy.' The story is about a Viking Boy and is the coming-of-age story of Gunnar, whose peaceful life on his family steading is shattered forever by raiders. As his father dies, protecting his family, and his mother is taken prisoner by the raiders Gunnar swears a blood oath to avenge his family and to take back his life. The children will be producing a historic tale followed by a non-chronological report – we can't wait to read them.

Our theme this half term is heritage and culture. Whilst being historians in our history lessons will be travelling back in time to learn all about the Anglo-Saxon's, Vikings and the Normans – we wouldn't be here today without them.

In Geography we will be learning to read a map, an eight-point compass and understand 6-figure grid references. Don't worry, if you get lost, year 5 will be able to help you!

This half term in our **music lesson** we shall be based in the music room learning to play the African drums and we can use those drums for a drum roll... Because this half term we have the most exciting event... **Young Voices is on Wednesday 7th February 2024!** Year 5 having been practising super hard and we're so excited to take part in this incredible experience.



Science is: Healthy me, in this unit we will be looking at lots of different ways we can be healthy and how being healthy is good for our bodies and minds.

In maths we will be starting the spring term by focusing more on multiplication and division before moving on to fractions as always becoming fluent and then pushing ourselves to reason and problem solve.

The children must continue to complete their home reading (remember to log this on Boomreader!) and weekly set practise on TT rockstars.

5SR will be back swimming this half term. This will begin on Tuesday 9th January – don't forget your kits! 5SR also need PE outdoor PE kits on Mondays. 5AJ need outdoor PE kits for Mondays and indoor kits for Fridays.

Miss Jones and Mr Appleby



YEAR 6

We are a third of the way through the school year already – can you believe it? Here's your rundown of what to expect this half term:

We are exploring the works of Ian McEwan and Roberto Innocenti who wrote and illustrated our focus book, *Rose Blanche*. We will be working towards creating our own fear narrative. Then we are moving onto *Letters from the Lighthouse*, creating our formal letter, using non-fiction writing features. Both books will help us step back in time to WW2 and really help us to use our imagination.

In maths, children will be exploring ratio, decimals and then finally dipping their toe in the water with some algebra! These are three super useful and important maths areas that children will encounter within the real world. We will be sure to explore these real-world examples in our lessons. Our multiplication tables help us access so much of the maths curriculum, so remember to use your iPad to practise Times Tables Rockstars and Sumdog at home.

Our theme for this half term will be heritage and culture, so our foundation subjects will all lend themselves to this theme. In science year 6 will learn all about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution to explain variations in animals over time based on inheritance and adaptation. In history, year 6 will explore the origins and effects of World War 2 – we have our trips to Stockport Air-raid shelter coming up on the 10th January which will help immerse us all into the realities of WW2. In geography, we will understand how humans have impacted the earth and how civilisation has changed over time. All of this will be topped off with our wonderful art topic exploring collage. We are now pro-drawers and painters in year 6, so we can't wait to explore a new medium this half-term!

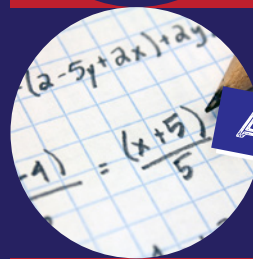
Also expect music including garage band work and gymnastics in PE! PE days are Monday and Tuesday for 6RC and 6MJ. Please ensure children have the correct PE kit on these days, so they can fully participate in the lesson.

Reading within school and at home is crucial within year 6 to aim for the highest of successes in SATS papers. Children are expected to read every night at home and log this into BoomReader. They are then quizzing as normal on Accelerated Reader. This allows adults at home and at school to log and keep track of where each child is up to!

It sounds like a busy half-term we have ahead. But - that's how we like it! Let's roll our sleeves up and get stuck in.

Miss Carr and Mrs Javed.

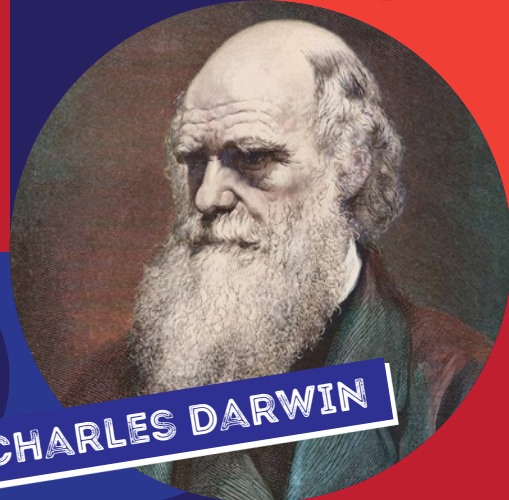
FOCUS BOOKS



ALGEBRA



CHARLES DARWIN



WORLD WAR II



Clubs Spring 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 (Years 1 - 2)	Arts & Crafts	Busy Bodies Boxing	Street Dance	Board games	Adventure games
KS2 (Years 3 - 5)	Rhythm Basketball Dodge Ball Girl's football	Street Dance Rounders	Boxing Super Singers	Boxing Gymnastics Ukuleles	Netball Boys football

Spring 1 Term Dates

Wednesday 3rd January	Back to school
Monday 8th January	Year 4 trip
Wednesday 10th January	Year 6 trip
Monday 15th January	Parents meeting
Tuesday 16th January	Parents meeting
Wednesday 31st January	3AC trip
Thursday 1st February	3NA trip
Wednesday 7th February	Year 5 young voices
Friday 9th February	Finish for Half Term
Monday 19th February	Back to school

