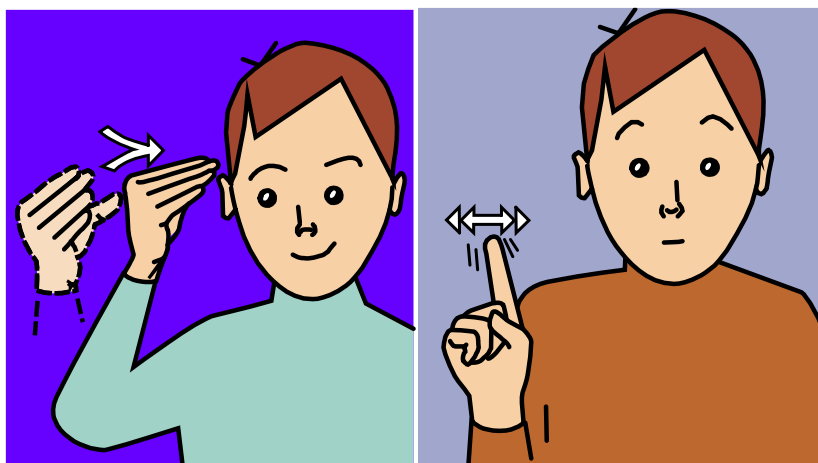


Longwill

a primary school for Deaf children

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Foundation Dinosaurs



Welcome to Foundation!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and meet our new children too. We do hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! Our first topic is 'Marvellous Me!'. We will be learning about the key concepts of belonging and identity by exploring how we are the same and different and what we like and don't like.

To encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will have a class rabbit called Will. We will take it in turns to take him home at the weekend and then tell our friends what he has done every Monday. The children will have the opportunity to learn new vocabulary as they share photos and news about Will's weekend adventures.

In literacy we will be sharing the story of 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' and make a class book to show what we like. We will also be developing our phonic skills and learning how to read and write key words. Extra practice will be sent home so that you can help your child with their learning.

In maths we will continue to develop our knowledge of shape, colour and number. In particular we will be focusing on developing our ability to count using one to one correspondence (one number for each object) and to rote count. Keep practicing counting at home with your child too. Later in the term we will be learning about shapes too.

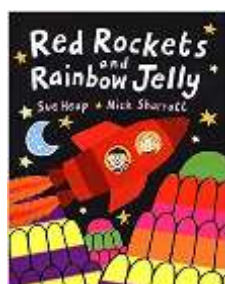
P.E. will take place on a Monday for Miss Smith's class or Tuesday for Miss Russell's class, and we will be learning how to move in different ways. Please can your child bring in a pair of named shorts, a T-shirt and some pumps in a suitable bag and we will keep them in school and send them home at half term so they can be washed. **Please make sure all clothes have your child's name in them.** We will have dance on a Wednesday. Foundation children also go outside everyday even in the rain so please can you provide a **pair of welly boots** that can stay at school so the children can make the most of the outdoors in all weathers.

On Thursdays the children will take part in Forest Schools in the afternoon. The children will be in two groups so will have a session once a fortnight. They will learn about how to be safe in the woodland, explore climb and create as well as cooking and sharing food around the camp fire. I will send out further details about the sessions next week.

Foundation will continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to relax and play (Article 31) and the right to an identity (Article 8). We will be learning about the Sustainable Development Goal 'reduced inequalities' as we learn each other's sign names.

Thank you in advance for all your support. We look forward to working with you!

The Foundation Team



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Year 1 Georgians

Welcome to Year 1 Georgians! We are really looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of exciting learning planned. We have two teachers in this class: Miss Firstbrook (Monday-Thursday) and Miss Wilson (Thursday-Friday). We also have four teaching assistants: Mrs Collins, Mrs Burton, Ms Fell and Mrs Kumar (joining us later this year). We will also be supported by Ms Sadler, Mrs Summers and Ms Ali.



Our first two weeks of term have been dedicated to our 'All About Me' topic. All of our curriculum learning has been linked to the children and finding out more about them. Our first concept will be 'Compassion and Diversity'. We will be exploring the meaning of these words and linking much of our learning to this concept. Our Building Learning Power (BLP) focus this term is 'managing distractions'. We will be learning what we can do when things happen around us when we should be focusing on our work. Campaigning is an important part of our work at Longwill and we will soon be planning our campaign with the rest of our phase group.

In our English lessons, we will begin our Foundations for Literacy scheme; which is an English curriculum designed especially for deaf children. Children in Mr Bevan's English group will be learning about poetry. During Maths, we will be learning about place value, then starting addition and subtraction. In Science, we will start by learning about Autumn. We will then learn about the human body and our senses. We will also have a STEAM day this term, where the children will take part in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths activities related to the human body.

Our RE topic this term is 'Choices'. We will learn about being accountable, living with integrity and being fair. In RPSHE, we will be learning about families and friendships, then safe relationships. Our Computing lessons will focus on IT around us and we will be learning about our right to access safe information online (UNCRC Articles 13 & 17). In History, we will be learning about Stephen Wiltshire as part of our work on significant individuals from the past and Black History Month. Our Art focus will be on drawing this term and we will have an art gallery at the end of term where we look at each other's work across the school. Our Music lessons will be with Helen and she will be teaching us about playing untuned instruments. During Deaf Studies, the children will be learning about their right to an identity as a deaf person (UNCRC Article 8). The children will also have weekly BSL lessons with Mr Reid and learn about their right to use their own language (UNCRC Article 30).

Our PE lessons take place every Tuesday and it is essential that children have a named PE kit in school at all times. This will be sent home at the end of term to be washed. Our focus for PE this term is ball skills. Dance lessons take place every Monday and our focus will be dance technique and skill. Forest school takes place on a timetable across the term with the rest of the school. We will keep you informed about our next forest school date.

Home learning is sent home every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Reading books should be kept in children's bags at all times and please write in their yellow reading record to show when you have read with your child at home.

We are keen to work together with you to support your child, so please feel free to send us a message on Class Dojo if you need to ask us anything.

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Year 2 Victorians



Hello and welcome to Year 2 Victorians! This half term we will be starting with our topic “All About Me”. Our Concept this term is Compassion and Diversity; in particular how we can celebrate and appreciate the diversity of our world and its living things.

In English, we will be studying traditional tales, in particular, Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be examining the features present in these stories.

In maths, we will be learning about the place value of numbers. We will be looking at how we can solve mathematical problems using this knowledge. We will also be looking at different methods for addition and subtraction using concrete objects.

In history, we will be celebrating Black History Month by learning about influential figures that helped change our world for the better (RR13). We will explore how people from diverse backgrounds contribute to the lives we experience today.

In art, we will be practising our drawing skills using different techniques and tools. We will be comparing how artists drew in the past to techniques that we use today.

In science, we will be studying the four seasons, and the changes that they bring to our environment. We will also be looking at the human body and how we can explore the world through our five senses.

Dance will take place every Monday, and P.E will take place every Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in a labelled P.E kit which will remain in school until the end of term when it will be sent home to be washed. Additionally, please make sure that your child has a water bottle.

We will also be learning all about our rights in school and their importance to us, in particular, the children's right to an identity. Our BLP focus will be resilience, in particular how we can manage distractions to empower our learning. We will investigate how a resilient attitude helps us to achieve the best we can by engaging positively with others.

Our sustainable goal focus will be zero hunger. Our Longwill school food collection will be situated by reception. Please feel free to send in any non perishable food items that will be taken to a local food bank on the last week of every month. Thank you in advance.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please feel free to contact Mrs Taggart or myself with any questions through email or Class Dojo.

Thank you for all of your support!

Mr Bevan and Mrs Taggart

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Year 3 The Ancient Greek



Welcome to the new school year and Year Three. This year the class names are based on different eras, year 3 will be called The Ancient Greeks, which we will learning about in the Summer Term.

Our concept for the half term is Participation and Involvement, which will be woven into all of our lessons.

The first two weeks we will be concentrating on our theme 'This is me!' where we learn about each other and our differences now we have moved up to Year 3. We will focus on class rules/charter, alongside thinking about our helping hands and who we can talk to in school if we feel upset or want to talk about something. We will be thinking and discussing our likes and dislikes alongside our aims and wishes for the year. It will also be an opportunity to explore our likes and dislikes. As always, we have a focus on our rights and will be investigating these further within this time and throughout the year. We have lots of fun things to learn about this term, our theme in history is The Stone Age, to link with this we will be learning about geology in science, looking at different types of rocks, and grouping them. The theme also moves into English where we will be reading the Cave Baby and Stone Age Boy. We will also be reading about Mary Anning who was the first female paleontologist, after discovering and selling fossils on the beach in Dorset.

Maths will focus on numbers particularly place value, number bonds and addition. In addition to this, we will also be looking at shapes and describing them and investigating their properties.

Home learning will be sent home on a **Friday**, please ensure this is sent back to school by Wednesday the following week. Home learning helps to consolidate what we have been learning in class. The children will receive 2 Dojo points for returning their work and children who bring this back each week will be in with a chance of having afternoon tea with Mrs Carter. Please encourage the children to complete the home learning.

PE will be on a **Friday**, please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school ready for PE each week. **Swimming** will be on **Thursday** and will be starting on Thursday 14th September.

We look forward to getting to know you all. If you need to speak to me, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me via Class Dojo or via my email g.hall@longwill.bham.sch.uk.

Miss Hall, Mrs Cotter and Mr Sheraz

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Year 4 Romans

Welcome to the new school year and Year Four. This year the class names are based on different eras, Year 4 will be called Romans which we have already learned about it in Year 3.

Our concept for the half term is **Belonging and Identity** which will be woven into all of our lessons.

The first two weeks we will be concentrating on our theme 'All About Me!' where we learn about each other and our differences now we have moved up to Year Four. We will focus on class rules/charter, alongside thinking about our helping hands and who we can talk to in school if we feel upset or want to talk about something. We will be thinking and discussing our likes and dislikes alongside our aims and wishes for the year. As always, we have a focus on our rights and will be investigating these further within this time and throughout the year.

We have lots of fun things to learn about this term, our theme in history is The Stone Age, to link with this we will be learning about geology in science, looking at different types of rocks, and grouping them. The theme also moves into English where we will be reading the Stone Age Boy and Stone Girl Bone Girl. We will also be reading about Mary Anning who was the first female paleontologist, after discovering and selling fossils on the beach in Dorset.

Maths will focus on numbers particularly place value, number bonds and addition. In addition to this, we will also be looking at addition and subtraction.

Home learning will be sent home on a **Friday**, please ensure this is sent back to school by **Thursday** the following week. Home learning helps to consolidate what we have been learning in class. The children will receive 2 Dojo points for returning their work and children who bring this back each week will be in with a chance of having afternoon tea with Mrs Carter. Please encourage the children to complete the home learning.

PE will be on a **Friday**, please ensure your child has their correct PE kit in school ready for PE each week. **Swimming** will be on **Thursday**.

We look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Harper and Mrs Clarke.

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Year 5 Anglo Saxons



Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely holiday and are ready to learn!

Our first topic this year is 'All About Me'. We will be thinking about what makes us special, our likes and dislikes (**Choice**) and our strengths and weaknesses. This will link with our learning about our rights and in particular Article 13 our right to freedom of thought.

We will then be moving onto learning in more depth about our new key concepts of '**Choice and Environmental Impact**'. Our focus for BLP this half term is 'resilience - managing our distractions'.

In English, we will be writing an autobiography and learning how to use headings, subheadings and paragraphs. We will also learn how to write fact files as a different way of organising information. Guided Reading will take place every Monday and spellings will also be sent home every week on a Friday, with the test taking place on the following Thursday.

In Maths we will be learning about place value and different ways that we can represent numbers. We will also learn about how to measure accurately using cm and m and use this knowledge to collect information about ourselves we can use when we produce our fact files.

In science we will learn about forces such as gravity and wind resistance. Our RE sessions will focus on '**choice**' and we will be thinking about the importance of rules and whether it is ever appropriate to break rules. This links with the rights of children to have the right to choose a religion and choose their own beliefs (Article 14). Our work also links with our sustainable Goals as we understand how important Peace and Justice is (SG: 16)

In history we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We will think about why they decided to invade Britain (**choice**) and how and why they became farmers (**environmental impact**).

P.E. will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and the focus for this half term is badminton. Swimming will continue to be every Thursday from the 14th September - remember to inform school if there is a reason that your child should not swim.

We look forward to working with you this year!



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Year 6 Vikings



Welcome back! Hope you have all had a lovely holiday and are ready for an exciting half term ahead.

Our first topic this year is All About Me, where children will be discussing their families, what makes them special, understanding that we are all unique and that it is our right to be respected. We will also discuss the importance of upholding the rights of others as we create our class charter. We will then be moving onto our new key concept of 'Choice and Environmental Impact' which will link with many areas of our curriculum. Our focus for BLP this half term is 'resilience – managing our distractions'.

In English, we will be writing an autobiography and learning how to use headings, subheadings and paragraphs. We will be creating an interview for our peers to complete and then use the information to create a biography of that person. We will be reminding ourselves of grammatical rules and tenses during our SPaG sessions and guided reading will be every Monday too. We will continue to practice our spellings and handwriting each week, so remember to practice at home too to achieve Dojo points!

In Maths we will be learning about the value of numbers and learning how to order and compare larger numbers, before moving onto addition and subtraction. Again, we will be learning how to do this with increasingly larger numbers!

Our science topics will focus upon forces such as gravity and wind resistance as we learn how hot air balloons and aeroplanes are able to stay in the air. We will also be conducting some experiments to understand how friction affects items when they are travelling.

Our RE sessions will centre around 'choice' and we will be thinking about the importance of rules and whether it is ever appropriate to break rules. This links with the rights of children to have the right to choose a religion and choose their own beliefs (Article 14) as well as a right to express their thoughts (Article 13). RE also links with our sustainable Goals as we understand how importance Peace and Justice is (SG: 16)

Our history topic is Anglo-Saxons, we will be learning about how they used land, their way of life and their beliefs. We will also think about how we learn about the past and how historians use artefacts.

P.E. will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and the focus for this half term is badminton. Swimming will continue to be every Thursday from the 14th September – remember to inform school if there is a reason that your child should not swim. Forest School will take place half termly and we will let you know in advance when it is our session.