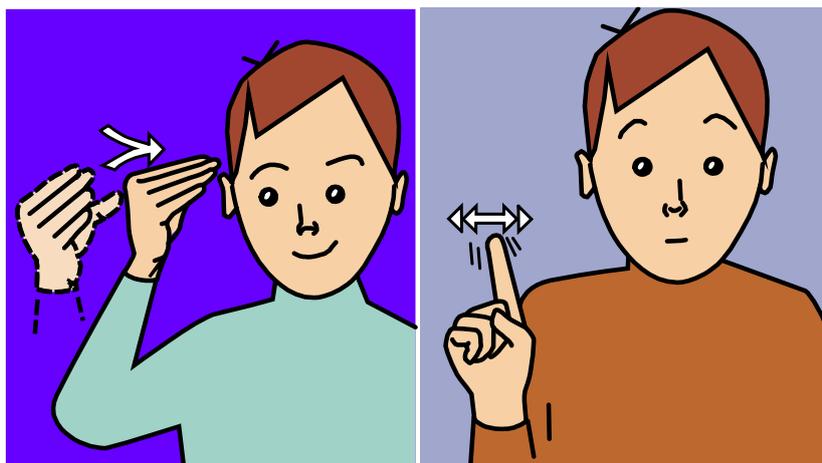


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Foundation Starfish



Happy new Year!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. It has been great so see so many photographs of the children celebrating with their families over the holidays. We're very envious of all the matching pyjamas!

This term our topic is people who help us and we will be exploring the concepts of **commitment and resilience**. We will learn about the real-life super heroes who help us stay safe and alive. Why do fire fighters have to be resilient? How does their uniform help them to do this? How do nurses show commitment? We hope to have visitors to come and help us learn about these important jobs too. We will have a role-play hospital and fire station to help us try out these jobs with our friends.

In Literacy we will be sharing the story of 'Chinese New Year' and identifying parts of the story when the animals were resilient. We will also be using non-fiction books to learn about what life is like for people who do different jobs. We will be showing our resilience as we continue to learn to write our names and begin to write other words too.

Please keep practising the children's flashcards and reading at home and remember to make a comment so that we know they have read the book at home too.

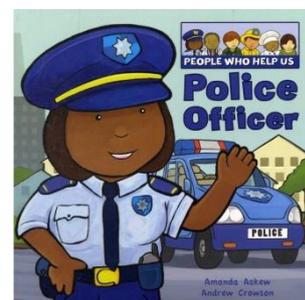
In maths we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories and practical activities focusing this half term on counting, adding and number bonds within 10 as well as positional language and learning about measuring.

In P.E we will developing our balancing skills in PE and practicing climbing up and back down an A frame. Dance is now moving to a Thursday and we will be taking part in a traditional Chinese dragon dance as well as choosing a dance to perform in the dance festival next term.

Foundation will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to have access to quality healthcare (Article 24) and the right for all children to be able to find out and share information (Article 13). We will also be learning about Sustainable Development Goal 8 decent work and economic growth.

The whole school will be having clubs they can choose from on a Friday afternoon to extend the children's experiences. This term Foundation children will be able to choose from a STEAM club or a climbing club.

The Foundation Team



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Year 1 Jelly Fish

Welcome back to Year 1 Jellyfish class. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break, and the children are eager to be back! Our concept this half term will be 'Place and Community'. We will be looking at how this concept links with our topics throughout the curriculum.

In Maths we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, number bonds, 2D and 3D shape, measure and problem solving. We will continue the Foundations for Literacy scheme in English that has been specifically designed for Deaf children.

In science we will be researching habitats of living things. We will focus on what lives where and why and explore what happens if animals have to live in other habitats.

In RPHSE, we will be learning about belonging to a community. We will think about what groups we belong to, for example school or football clubs. Alongside this we will be thinking about how we should be a responsible member of our community and care for others and the environment. In RE we will continue the concept of community and we will be visiting a local church.

In history, we will be looking at events beyond living memory. The topic we will be studying is The Great Fire of London. Our computer lessons will focus on digital photography and creating music.

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and this term we have Yogabugs coming into school. We will also have dance lessons on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has a **labelled** PE kit in school.

As always, our curriculum will link to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our main focus will be article 15: the right to be with friends and join clubs. We will also be learning about the United Nations Sustainable Goals. We will be focusing on Goal 10, which is to reduce inequalities. We will do this by thinking about how we belong and how we can help others to belong ensuring that everyone is treated equally.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be returned to school the following Wednesday. Please also share the reading books the children bring home and record any home reading in the yellow reading record.

Thank you for your support! Miss Wilson, Mrs Taggart and Mrs Aaron.

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Year 2 Sea Turtles



Welcome back to school for the Spring Term and Happy New Year! We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas holidays with your children.

Our key concept that will link all of our learning together this half term is, "Place and Community". We will be exploring the meanings of these words in many different ways which will help to expand your children's vocabulary, as well as their learning.

In English, we will be learning about fairy tales. We will be learning about the stories of, "Hansel and Gretel", "Sleeping Beauty" and "Puss in Boots". We will be learning about how to structure stories, how to write simple sentences correctly and use punctuation. In Maths, we will be finishing our learning on subtraction before moving onto learning about 2D and 3D shapes. After, we will be learning about securing our number knowledge up to 20. In Science, we will be investigating habitats and how they are suitable for the animals that live there. We will be expanding our vocabulary of plants, animals and micro-organisms that live in those habitats.

Your child will take part in lots of exciting learning during their foundation subject lessons. In Art, our topic will be 'drawing'. During History, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and comparing London in the past and today. This will link with our Dance lessons, where we will be creating a dance about the Great Fire of London. We will be listening to recorded music in our Music lessons with Helen (our Music teacher) and learning about the structure of music. We will also be learning about making music in our Computing lessons. Our PE topic will be Yogabugs, which will be taught by a specialist Yoga teacher. This forms part of our learning around Sustainable Goal 3: 'Good Health and Wellbeing'. In RPSHE, we will be learning about what it means to be part of a community and how this links with the UNCRC Article 15: Our right to meet with friends and join groups. We will also be completing learning around LGBTQ+ History Month, Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. During RE, we will explore the importance of community across different religions.

Your child will continue to have a weekly Deaf Studies lesson this term and the topic will be, "Technology". They will also have weekly 1-1 BSL lessons and a weekly BSL story. This forms part of our learning around the UNCRC Article 30: 'We have the right to speak our own language'.

PE will now take place every Tuesday morning. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is named and remains 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 in school every day.

Spellings will now be sent home in a plastic wallet for children to practise at home and school. There will be individual words for them to practise and words will be changed when they spell them correctly in their spelling test. Please make sure that their spellings are in their school bag every day. Home learning will be sent home every Thursday and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. Spelling tests will continue on Wednesdays. Your child should always have their current reading book and their school library book in their bag. It is essential that you support your child to complete their home learning and spellings every week. Reading at home should take place at least 3 times a week and parents should make a short comment in their child's yellow reading record.

If you ever have any queries or anything you need to discuss, please feel free to contact us using Class Dojo.

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Year 3 Orcas



Hello and welcome back to Year 3 and to Orca Class, this half term we will be beginning with the topic “The Rocking Romans”. Our Concepts are invasion and contemplation where we will explore different examples of invasions that took place during the Roman Empire and what it means to be contemplative.

In English, we will be exploring Roman mythology, and looking at the origin story of the Roman Empire. We will also be looking at information texts, in particular, different historical sources and non-fiction texts that teach us about the Roman Empire.

In Maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will be using grouping and sharing to demonstrate how this can be written as multiplication and division sentences.

In History, we will be exploring the Roman Empire. We will be investigating their culture, language, history and beliefs. We will be comparing how life in Ancient Rome compares to life in modern Britain. We will be exploring examples of invasion, and how we can use contemplation to analyse different historical accounts (RR13).

In Art we will be beginning an exciting new project. The children will have the opportunity to work with pupils from Bellfield school to engage in puppetry and theatre and explore different ways that they can express themselves.

In Music, we will be investigating pitch. We will be exploring how different shapes and sizes elicit different pitches and how we can manipulate this to express a theme. We will continue investigating notation, and how to follow musical prompts both independently and as a group.

In Science, we will be studying the brain and its functions. We will be examining how sound works, what causes it and how it travels.

Swimming is now every Thursday; please ensure your child comes to school with a labelled towel and appropriate swimming gear (a swimming costume/ swimming shorts) to allow the best engagement in this fantastic opportunity.

Due to our exciting arts project, Forest School will not take place this term.

We will be learning all about our rights in school and their importance to us. Our BLP focus will be resilience, in particular how we can use our experiences to absorb new things to develop ourselves.

Our sustainable goals focus will be Life on Land and how invasion has impacted this through history.

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

Thank you for all of your support! Mr Bevan and Mrs Clarke

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Year 4 Sea Otters



Welcome back everyone! This half term sees a focus of 'Rocking Romans' in all of our academic subjects to link History and our concepts, Invasion and Contemplation. We will be learning about who the Romans were, also, where and when they lived. We will be looking into why Romans invade Britain and its impact on Britain. In English, we will be reading Romans Myths and we will practise our 'magpie skills' of making use of the idea and vocab of others, based on the Roman Myths. Then we will write our own story.

In Science, we will be learning about sounds. We will be doing lots of exciting experiments to find out how sounds are made, how do different sounds travel and how high and low sounds are created. We will also be carrying out soundproofing experiments to explore which materials keep the sounds in. This links with our computing topic, in computing, we will be creating some exciting digital music.

In Maths, we will be practising our timetables (2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, 8x, 6x). We will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will be looking at making equal groups, quick recall of timetables and odd and even numbers.

In RE, we will be exploring contemplation which includes being open, honest and truthful. We will be looking at what Christianity and Islam teach about honesty. In RPHSE and computing, there will be a focus on how to be safe online.

Swimming will take place on every Thursday. Please send your child in with swimming things! Dance will take place on a Monday and the focus for this half term is creating our Roman dance. Forest School will not happen this term, as we are doing something amazing! We will be engaged in an Arts Projects of making shadow puppets with Bellfield School. We will be involved with lots of creative Art and DT designs and performances along with pupils from Bellfield Infant and Primary School, over the next few weeks!

Year 4 will also continue to develop their understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to have access to information from the media (Rights of the Child Article 17) and the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. (Rights of the Child Article 31). We will be focusing on Sustainable Goal 4 which is quality education. Our focus for BLP this half term is Resilience and Absorption.

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



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Year 5 Puffer Fish



We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! Our topic for this half term is 'Bombs, Blackouts and Blitz!'. We will be learning all about World War 2 in history, how it started, the countries involved and what life was like for children during this time. What was it like to be evacuated? How did life change for people when the war started? All of this will link with our key concepts for this half term of **Invasion** and **Contemplation**.

In literacy we will be sharing the text 'The lion and the Unicorn' which describes the experiences of an evacuee. We will be writing character descriptions, predicting what might happen next and writing diary entries to describe our experiences as evacuees. This will link with our key concept of **Invasion** as we think about what life was like for children during this time, as they faced the fear of Germany invading this country.

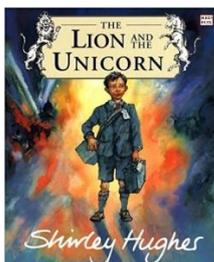
In maths we will start by learning about money, converting between pounds and pence, completing addition and subtraction problems and working out change. We will also continue our work on multiplication and division and learning our times tables.

In Science we will be learning about light and its properties and how shadows are formed and in RE we will be focusing on our key concept of **contemplation**. We will learn how to be reflective and self-critical and the importance of developing our knowledge. 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). This work also links with Sustainable Goal 16 as we will learn about the importance of Peace and Justice.

P.E. will take place on a Friday afternoon and the focus for this half term is dance as we start to prepare for the Longwill Dance Festival later this term. Forest School will not take place this half term, but will be on the 27th February when we come back after the half term holiday.

Our focus for BLP this half term is absorption. We will be developing our ability to reflect on our learning, retrieve previous learning and ensure new learning is stored in our long term memory.

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



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Year 6 Sea Horses



Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope everyone had a lovely and restful break.

This term our theme is 'Invasion and Contemplation' which will be interwoven throughout the different curriculum subjects.

In history we will be completing the history of Birmingham, learning about the Cadbury family and their legacy. This will also be linked to English in our first week, where we will be reading *Two Brothers and a Chocolate Factory*. Once this is completed our history and geography theme moves on to our new project focusing on World War II. Again, this will be supported through English by studying the book 'The Unicorn and the Lion'.

In art our focus is drawing, including perspective and shading, we will be using the new skills we have learnt to create World War II art pieces.

In Science we will be thinking and investigating light, how it travels and reflects. How shadows are created and how we see. We will be investigating this practically, planning the investigation and giving ideas about what to do and how to make everything fair.

In RE our focus is contemplation and knowledge, we will be thinking about how we gain knowledge and where different religious beliefs look for answers and understanding. We will then move on to Contemplation and reflection, looking at our lives and what we do well.

There is still a big focus in class to answer and start asking 'who?', 'what?' 'where' and 'when?' questions, please work with the children on this at home also.

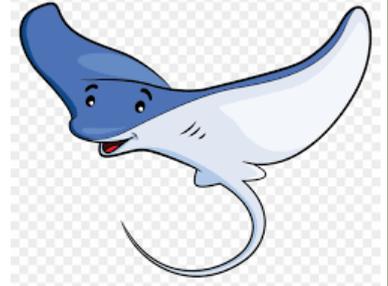
In maths, we continue with number particularly addition and subtraction, using tens frames and number lines. We will then move onto 'shape, space and measure' where we will be investigating height, length, weight and volume.

The children have already started a basic programming module in computing and are thinking about giving and following directions. They are then controlling and programming a Beebot, which they have all enjoyed so far and we will continue to explore.

We have **Forest school** on **Monday 9th January**, please ensure the children come in that day with relevant clothing for the weather. The children will continue with **swimming every Thursday** and will need their labelled swimming kits for this. **Dance** continues on to be on a **Friday** afternoon. Please ensure the PE kit is returned to school after half term.

Miss Hall, Mrs Cinkir and Mrs Murphy

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Year 6 Manta Rays

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

Our new key concept this half term is 'Invasion and Contemplation'. This will link across all areas of our curriculum as the children explore the concept, deepen their understanding and broaden their vocabularies! Our BLP focus this half term is 'absorption' as we think about how to be reflective with our learning and ensure our knowledge is stored in our memories.

In English, we will be reading stories linked to World War II, specifically the Lion and the Unicorn, which includes tales and experiences from evacuees. We will then be using this as a basis for creating our own stories. Also, we will have guided reading sessions each week, and remember to read at home for additional Dojo points!

In maths we will be learning how to multiply and divide numbers, involving larger numbers and more formal methods. Remember to practise your times tables using Time Table Rockstars at home. Then we will be learning how to find fractions and decimals of numbers.

For science, we will be learning about light, how shadows are created and how objects are seen by light reflecting into our eyes. We will be learning to use evidence to support and refute ideology.

Our RE sessions will centre around 'contemplation', learning to be curious and value knowledge and then learning to be reflective and self-critical. 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 important Peace and Justice is (SG: 16).

P.E. will continue to take place on a Friday afternoon, this half term we will be developing our dance skills. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school each week. Swimming will continue every Thursday. Our forest school session this half term is on the 16th January. Please ensure your child brings warm, waterproof clothes to school.

We will continue to have our weekly home learning, to ensure that we are deepening our understanding. We will be gaining Class Dojo points for all of our hard work at home, including home learning, spellings and reading. Please ensure that home learning is returned each Wednesday.

