

What's On: Spring A

Foundation Bears



Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that the children are ready to learn

This term our topic is 'Superheroes'. We will be learning about all the different people who help us including doctors, nurses, the police, and fire fighters. However, we will start by thinking about our families- Who is in our family, what jobs do they do and what do they do for us? If you could share some photographs of the people in your family that would be great!

In order to encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will continue with *Marvelous Mondays*, we shall start by sharing what we have done over the Christmas holidays.

In maths, we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories, and practical activities. We will practice counting to five, ten or 20 and beyond and we will also be thinking about which numbers are one more than a given number, or one less. We will be looking at the language of capacity and measuring.

In Literacy we will be learning more about phonics and how we put sounds together to make words to read and write. We will also be sharing the story of 'The Snowman?' We will sequence the main events and think about how the characters are feeling and why.

In PSHE we will be thinking about what makes us special, our talents and skills.

P.E. we will be practicing our throwing and catching skills and using these to play some small games.

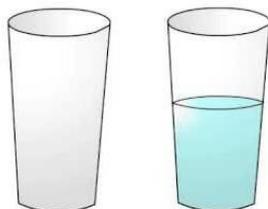
Our focus for BLP this half term is on 'noticing' and how we can improve our learning by using what we are learning in different areas of the curriculum. Foundation will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to have the best health care possible (Article 24) and the right for all children to have an education that develops their abilities and talents (Article 29).

Thank you in advance for all your support and we look forward to working with you!

The Foundation Team



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Year 1 Dolphins



Welcome back to Year 1 Dolphins class. We hope that the children had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for the half term ahead. We start our learning this half term with our topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We will begin by learning where London is and about some of its landmarks, before learning about what happened in the Great Fire.

In English we will be learning about non-fiction. We'll also look at some of the key features of non-fiction books. We'll use this information together with our learning about the Great Fire of London to write our own non-fiction text. In maths we continue to focus on number. We will be practising our skills to add and subtract. We will also be using our knowledge of number bonds to complete addition and subtraction calculations. We will continue to practise our counting skills, including learning how to count in 2's 5's and 10's.

In art we will be practicing our drawing skills. We will learn about different drawing techniques such as sketching and shading. We will learn about how the importance of shape and the use of space are to creating good drawings as well as think about how we can use different drawing tools to create different effects, such as pencils, pens, and pencil crayons. In music we are focussing on signed songs and how to use our signs expressively. We will begin by learning some signed songs before discussing how we can change our signs for example by making them bigger or slower to add more expression to what we are signing.

In science we will begin learning about different materials. We will learn the names of the materials and what objects are made from these materials Next we will learn about the properties of those materials like hard and soft. We will use this to find out which solid objects we can change the shape of and why certain materials are used to make certain things.

Our PE topic this half term is yoga. We will be learning a variety of yoga poses and using these in short sequences to move and stretch our bodies and to help us to relax. The theme for dance is 'spring' and we'll be thinking about how the winter is changing into spring, dancing among the spring flowers and dancing like spring animals.

In PHSE we will be focussing on safety, we will be learning about being safe at home and about road safety. We will also be learning about who can help us to stay safe and how we can respond in an accident to help others stay safe. Our BLP focus will be distilling. We will begin to think about how we can choose information and skills relevant for the task we are doing. Our curriculum will link to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our main focus will be article: 17 the right information.

Please also share the books the children have on Bug Club and record any reading in the yellow reading record.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Sheppard, Mrs Shuck and Mrs Lee



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Year 2 Badgers

Welcome back to this Spring term, albeit a very different Spring term. We know that the children will be learning remotely for the whole half term. During this time, please remember I am here to help and support you. Although the half term maybe different, hopefully we will have some fun with the work we will be completing.

Our English and history will be interlinked a lot this half term. In English we are looking at Fiction and Non-Fiction. We initially investigate London, where it is, what it is like and what it is famous for. In history we will then look at comparing London from the 1600s to now. This will then link us to our History which is The Great Fire of London, we will look at where it started, what happened and how it changed London.

In maths we will be focusing on Number this half term, we will start with addition and subtraction, we will then move onto focusing on counting, some of us will be looking at counting in 2s or 5s and then using this knowledge to understand multiplication.

In science, we will be looking at 'materials', we will be looking at the properties of different materials and how we can group them according to these properties. Hopefully with the support of your families, we may even get to do a few experiments.

You will not be in school to enjoy Forest School, PE and dance but we want you to continue to be active so we will be sending home Forest school ideas for you to do in your gardens or whilst you are out doing your walks. We were due to be covering yoga this half term, so I will send you some yoga videos and Miss Sheppard will be getting you moving with dance videos.

You will receive English and Maths work each day alongside a foundation or humanities subject (these include things like Science, music, RPSHE etc). In addition to this we will be holding group meetings at 10am and 2pm every day. Each pupil will also receive at least one, 1:1 with me each week to have a catch up and to go through the English and Maths focuses for that week. They will also have a 1:1 with Mrs Clarke to practise their spellings and reading. Then Mrs Ahmed will do BSL 1:1 with them, looking at different vocabulary and different aspects of the language including NMFs). I will pre-record lots of the lessons so your adults at home can also watch so they can help you as well, but please let me know if you need any extra help with anything.

Take Care and Stay safe from Miss Hall, Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Clarke

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Year 3 Meerkats



We will be home learning for this half term. We will of course be setting up lessons through TEAMS and supporting the children during this difficult time.

This term we will be introducing our new topic: The Romans!

We will learn about who the Romans were, where they were from and how they have changed Britain. We will also get creative by designing a Roman shield and creating a mosaic. I would like the children to 'find out things and share what they think with others' (CRC article 13) so I will be asking the children if they can find 5 interesting facts about the Romans.

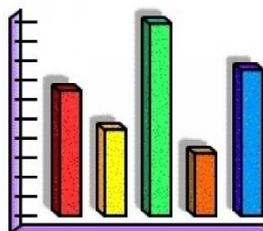
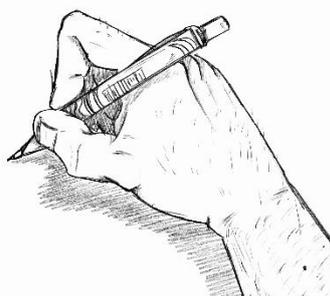
In English, we will think about what being a Roman soldier, a Caesar and a gladiator would be like. We will also have a grammar focus on suffixes, thinking about past, present and future tenses when adding suffixes to root words. I will be asking children to focus on their punctuation, whether that is using capital letters and full stops correctly, using commas in lists or the use of an apostrophe for contraction.

In maths, we will also continue to practise our times tables and extend our knowledge of multiplication and division using our visual maths pathway. We will be thinking about the vocabulary used, finding different ways to solve multiplication and division problems and understanding the inverse relationship between them. Some of the children will be learning about statistics and the information that can be represented and retrieved from pictograms, graphs and charts.

For science, we will be continuing our topic on teeth and the digestive system. We will be investigating the impact of different drinks on our teeth and the different types of teeth animals have and whether that tells us what food they eat. We will also look at ways to look after our teeth in RPSHE. Our science will support our BLP focus with the children reflecting on their prior knowledge to answer questions and 'distil' the relevant information.

We will be focussing on drawing this half term, exploring shading techniques. The artist we are going to learn about is Stephen Wiltshire, a British artist who draws black and white landscapes from memory. We will be trying to recreate some of his work as well as producing our own black and white landscape drawings.

Miss Russell, Mrs Collins and Mrs Murphy



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Year 4 Monkeys



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas filled with joy, and are ready to be back and learning!!

We start a new topic this term - 'The Rocking Romans', where we will be studying the Roman Empire and learning how they conquered the world. We will be learning about Julius Caesar as well as what it was like to be a Roman soldier, before finding out how they conquered Britain and defeated Boudica.

Our English lessons will see a lot of links to the Romans too as we write a diary from the perspective of a Roman soldier, read the play 'Julius Caesar' by William Shakespeare as well as creating and performing a drama piece using the play. We will focus upon elements of SPAG including using different conjunctions to join our sentences, using exclamation and question marks and increasing our use of adjectives to write descriptive sentences.

Our maths focus is multiplication and division, using a variety of methods to create pictures to support us multiplying and dividing numbers. We will then look at measuring lengths and heights of objects using rulers and deciding whether we should use metres or centimetres to measure them. Science will continue to develop our understanding of teeth - looking at the teeth of different animals and discussing why they have different teeth. We will also be looking at how to look after our teeth as part of a PSHE and Science link. Then we will be moving on to learn about our digestive system, the components of the system and how the body absorbs nutrients from food.

Our BLP focus this half term is 'Distilling', which will be discussed within PSHE and applied throughout the curriculum as we use various resources to identify and understand key information. This half term sees the continuation of Theraplay for monkeys, a weekly group session where we explore emotions and develop our communication and social skills. PSHE will focus upon looking after ourselves, with regards to handwashing and dental hygiene, as well as how to ensure we are safe within the home. We will also learn some basic first aid, as well as how and when to contact emergency services and that monkey children are all informed and prepared for any emergency. This complies with the UNRC article 24 that children have the right to healthcare and article 27 that children have the right to be safe from harm.

In our weekly PE lessons, we will be focusing upon basketball, learning how to dribble and shoot the ball, as well as developing team working skills. PE will continue to take place on Monday afternoons so please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school and some warmer clothes so that we can do PE outside as much as possible. Forest school will continue every Thursday. You can support your child by reading with them regularly and encouraging them to complete their Home Learning, as well as accessing the many online learning platforms - log in details can be found at the front of your child's home learning book.

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Year 4 Hedgehogs



Welcome back to Spring term 2021! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year despite these difficult and trying times.

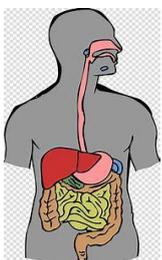
We have been preparing for online learning to take place over the coming weeks so we can continue teaching and learning during the lock-down period. I am sure it is going to be a challenge for us all but together we can work through these challenges for the stability and benefit of our children, UNRC Article 3 'All adults should do what is best for children'.

In Science we will continue with the topic 'The human body'. This term we will be focusing on how to keep our minds and bodies happy and healthy, focusing on well-being, healthy teeth, and the digestive system. Strategies to support emotional well-being will also be taught during RPSHE lessons, UNRC Article 12 'Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them'.

Our History topic we will be focusing on The Romans, looking at the Roman invasion of Britain and how they changed our way of life. We will also have opportunities to make Roman Mosaics, artifacts and other exciting models relating to the Romans.

In Art, our focus will be on drawing skills. We will be looking at a remarkable artist called Stephen Wiltshire. He has a particular talent for drawing lifelike, accurate impressions of cities, skylines, and street scenes after having only observed them briefly. We will be focusing on our own environment, street scenes personal to us, and of course our beautiful city Birmingham.

As we will be using computers and other online devices daily, we will be revisiting how to stay safe online. In English and maths, we will continue teaching skills such as reading, writing, spelling, equal groups, multiplication, and division, during our online sessions and using online platforms.



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Year 5 Crocodiles



Welcome back!

We hope you have had a good Christmas holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! Our topic this half term is 'Bombs, Blitz and Black Outs'. We will be learning about World War 2 and in particular the effect this had on the lives of children at the time.

In literacy we will be continue to focus on writing grammatically correct sentences and the use of punctuation such as capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks. We will also be learning about how to write recounts and diary entries and will start by writing a recount of what we did during the Christmas holidays. We will share texts such as 'Goodbye Mr Tom' which tells the story of a boy evacuated to the countryside during World War 2. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and the test for these will be the following Thursday.

In maths, we will be learning about money and how to measure and compare height and length. In number we will be learning about division and will begin by sharing objects equally between groups. We will then move on to more formal division and linking this to the inverse operation of multiplication.

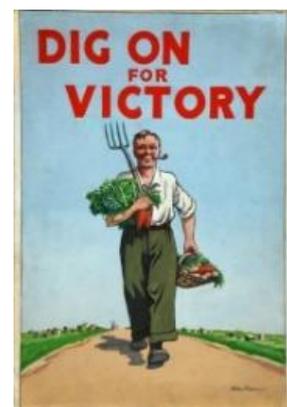
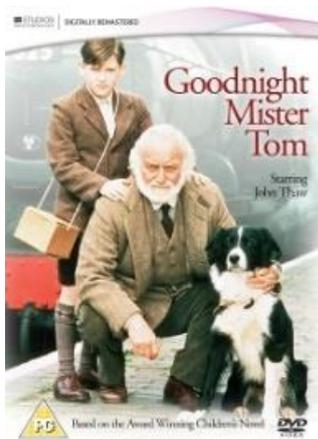
In science, we will be exploring classification, looking at the features of plants and animals and how scientists use classification keys to record and document the species of our planet. We will move on to learn about electricity and its uses, identifying the types of electrical energy and drawing and building circuits.

P.E. will take place on a Friday afternoon and the focus for this half term is football. Dance will be on a Thursday and we will be learning about Bhangra dancing. Forest School will take place every Monday afternoon. Please send you child in with a bag of outdoor clothes to change into and wellies if they have them. Thank you.

Our focus for BLP this half term is distilling. We will be thinking about the importance of how we use and share our learning.

Year 5 will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to have the freedom of thought, belief and religion (Article 14) and the right to freedom of expression (Article 13).

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



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Year 6 Tigers

Hello, I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful Christmas break.



In the Spring term, Year 6 will be studying the history of World War 2. We will learn about how the war began and who was involved. We will explore how the home life of ordinary Britons was affected through rationing, propaganda and evacuation. We will also look at the lives and experiences of significant individuals including the Tuskegee African American soldiers and the Enigma code breakers at Bletchley Park.

The WW2 topic will provide a theme for our learning in English. We will explore the genre of diary writing, by looking at the writing of famous documenters of wartime events, including Judith Kerr and Anne Frank. We will also explore newspaper reports and journalism, taking inspiration from historical events, such as the Blitz.

In science, we will be exploring classification, looking at the features of plants and animals and how scientists use classification keys to record and document the species of our planet. We will move on to learn about electricity and its uses, drawing and building circuits and linking to our topic work by designing a morse code circuit.

In maths, we will be handling money, and learning practical skills in the addition and subtraction of amounts and calculating change. We will move on to look at statistics and interpreting data, and finally, measuring and recording mass.

In RE, we will be following the theme *Commitment and Courage*, looking at the life and stories of the Buddha and the Amrit ceremony. Our creative explorations will continue in art where we will be looking at the work and techniques of the Deaf botanical illustrator Regina Olsen Hughes.

Our BLP focus this term is reflectiveness, maximising our learning by analysing our decisions. As always, our curriculum will link to the UNICEF charter of the rights of the child with a focus on Article 29, developing the children's value of and respect for human rights, other cultures and the environment. There will be a continued emphasis on RPHSE; mental and physical health and wellbeing.

PE will take place on Friday afternoons. We will be learning skills in tag rugby and creating a Bhangra routine in dance. Forest school will take place on Monday afternoons each week in our outdoor woodland area.

Please continue to support your child by reading together regularly, discussing what's happening in the news and completing home learning activities.

