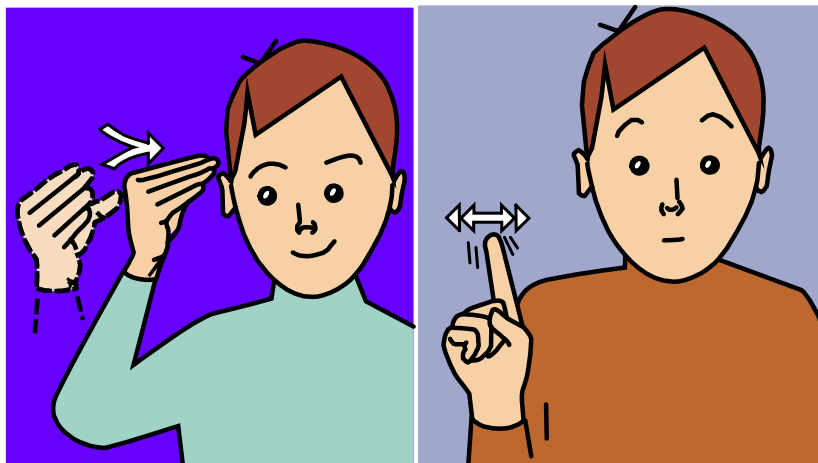


# What's On

Spring A 2016



## Nursery

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that the children are ready to have lots of fun with their learning over the next few weeks!



This term our topic is '**People who help us**'. We will start by learning about the people who are in our families and how they helped and looked after us when we were babies and how they help us now.

We will then move on to learn about other people who help us including all the people who help us at school including the cooks, the dinner supervisors and all the people in the office. Then we will think about the people who help us outside of school including the Doctor and the Dentist and all the people who help us when we go to the hospital.

We will also learn about the people who can help us cross the road and we will learn how to cross the road safely.

In order to encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will continue with **Wonderful Wednesday's** show and tell session. A letter will be sent out to confirm the topics for each session but we will start with talking about what we did in the holidays and sharing our photographs on the children's PSPs.

In **maths** we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories and practical activities. We will practice counting to ten and beyond and we will be developing our understanding of 1 to 1 correspondence when counting real objects. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of colour and shape.

**P.E.** will take place on a Thursday morning and we will start our work on football, learning how to kick a ball correctly and how to control it so we can pass the ball to each other!

This half term we will continue to have gardening on alternate Monday mornings and visit Bellfield Infant School on alternate Tuesday afternoons starting on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please can you make sure that your children bring a suitable coat to school on these days - appropriate for the weather.

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

The Nursery Team

## What's On in Year 1 Spring A 2016

Happy New Year to all of our staff, pupils and parents.

This half term we will be learning about different types of animals and their habitats. We will be investigating where animals live on land and on sea. We will be looking at different types of woodland animals, where they live and what they eat e.g. birds, fish and mammals. In the first week of term we will continue to look at whether materials around us are man-made or natural. At home it would be lovely for you to share these discussions with your child. **What animals do you see around your home environment? Do you recycle your paper, plastic and fabrics?**

In Literacy we will be looking at non-fiction texts and poems about animals and where they live. **At home, Can you find any poems, songs, rhymes about animals?**

In computing we will be using Beebots. We will be using our knowledge of computers to investigate photographs of different types of animals and habitats.

We will be looking at the history of significant people and events within our local history. We will talk about the history of Longwill School. **Did any of you as parents attend our school? Do you have photos? Would you like to come in and talk to the children about your experiences?**

In music they will be investigating the use of drums and will create their own music.

PE this term is very exciting. We will have a special trainer to teach us all about Yoga bugs.

We will continue to discuss the weather and seasonal conditions daily. We will be looking at hot and cold places around the world.



Please remember that your child's PSP is an educational tool for the both of you. Do not be afraid to use it. It would be lovely to see short clips of your child enjoying memorable moments with their close family members and friends.

In maths your child will be counting daily from 0- 5, 0-10, 0-20, 0-30, 0-50 and beyond, forwards and backwards (where appropriate) and estimating amounts. They will be investigating simple reword problems.



### Where do different animals live?



## Year 2

This half term our topic focuses on fire. Pupils will learn about artists that create fire drawings and paintings and reproduce some of their work, before trying a variety of methods to create their own.

In history pupils will be learning about the Great Fire of London. Pupils will start by learning about the geography of the UK and locating England and its capital city before learning about the Great Fire itself. To link with this, in Science, pupils will be looking at the properties of different materials, including how easily wood burns. Pupils will be able to link how quickly wood burns with the speed that the fire travelled through London's wooden houses.

In English pupils will learn about the story of the 3 little pigs and think about what the best material is to build a house from and why. In computing pupils will be creating a map of a London street and writing algorithms that will direct a bee bot around their map.

Photographs and videos from home on the PSP will help pupils to share and discuss their weekend news.

PE continues to be on Mondays and children will need shorts, t-shirt and pumps. Swimming is on Thursdays and children will need a swimming costume/trunks and a towel. There will also be weekly sessions of dance on a Friday.

Home learning will be given out on Fridays and needs to be returned to school on Wednesdays. We hope that you will support your child with these tasks each week. Please share and discuss stories with your child and hear them read regularly.

We look forward to all our exciting learning this year.



Welcome to the New Year, we have a very exciting half term planned in Year 3.

Our main learning journey topic this term will be 'Rocks and volcanoes'. We will start the topic by making our very own exploding volcano!

We will be using maps to locate volcanoes around the world using grid references. Using the iPads we will look at the features of a volcano and the effects it can have on people living near-by. In science we will be learning about different sources of light and investigate how the lengths of shadows change .

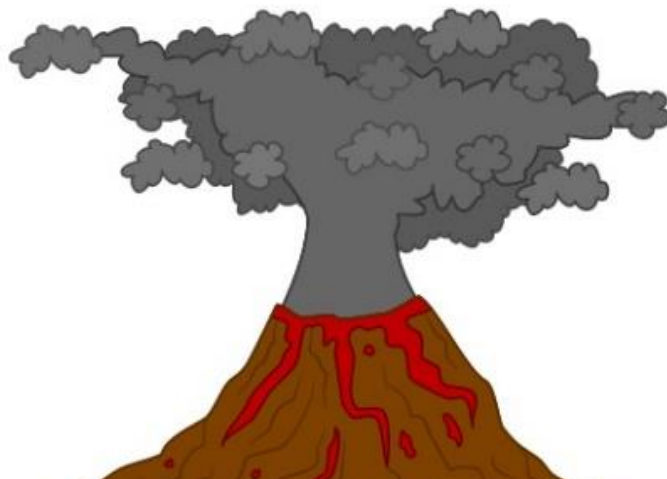
Computing will have the children investigating algorithms and learning how to input them on programmes. These will be accessible from home using Purple mash logins given out at the start of the year.

In PSHE we will be learning what to do in an emergency, how to respond and how to give basic first aid. We will learn all about the emergency services and how to get their help. In RE we shall be learning about listening to others and modesty as well as exploring a sense of belonging. At the end of eh half term we shall find out more about how people celebrate the Chinese New Year.

P.E. will continue to be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**, please make sure your child has their kit on these days, and preferably leave it in school in a named bag for the whole half term. We will still be doing P.E. with Year 4 and class 5M; Basketball on a Wednesday and Dance on a Friday. Swimming will still to be every **Thursday**, please make sure their costume, towel and bag are labelled and in school every week.

Home-learning really helps the children learn so we will continue to set it on a Friday and will be expected back the following Tuesday, spellings will also be set and tested on Fridays. The children have loved sharing their photos in News time, please continue to send them in on PSPs, we will use the photos as a way of developing questioning skills.

Mrs Plews & Mrs Sutton



Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. The Year 4 members of staff are Mrs Straw, Randip and Imogen. We are really looking forward to working with the children for the rest of this year.

The children will be completing a 'Habitats' learning journey whereby they will explore and understand the difference between habitats such as the rainforest and the desert. They will know the names of organisms found within these habitats and have an understanding as to how these living things are suited to their environments. The children will be learning new skills such as reading and creating food chains. They will also be exploring their own local habitats at school and at home and using keys to identify unknown plants and creatures.

In Literacy the children will begin by looking at non-fiction texts such as information books. They will use the organisational features of these to research information as well as create their own pages on habitats. In maths we will be learning about the place value of numbers and using this to complete number operations. The children will be expected to know all of their times tables and division facts by the end of the year so please support them in practising at home.

In PE we shall be doing basketball. PE will happen every Wednesday. Swimming continues to be on a Thursday and dance on a Friday. Please ensure your child has their named PE kits in school on these days.

In Year 4 the children will be given a piece of English and Maths home learning each week in their home learning books. This will be given out on a Friday and is expected in the following Wednesday or before. The children will also have spellings every Wednesday and will be tested the following Wednesday. The spellings will be signed onto the PSPs. Please encourage your child to read every day at home, whether with you or silently reading to themselves. If you would like to support your child's learning further at home please use the following websites:

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

My Times Tables		
2 times table	5 times table	10 times table
0 x 2 = 0	0 x 5 = 0	0 x 10 = 0
1 x 2 = 2	1 x 5 = 5	1 x 10 = 10
2 x 2 = 4	2 x 5 = 10	2 x 10 = 20
3 x 2 = 6	3 x 5 = 15	3 x 10 = 30
4 x 2 = 8	4 x 5 = 20	4 x 10 = 40
5 x 2 = 10	5 x 5 = 25	5 x 10 = 50
6 x 2 = 12	6 x 5 = 30	6 x 10 = 60
7 x 2 = 14	7 x 5 = 35	7 x 10 = 70
8 x 2 = 16	8 x 5 = 40	8 x 10 = 80
9 x 2 = 18	9 x 5 = 45	9 x 10 = 90
10 x 2 = 20	10 x 5 = 50	10 x 10 = 100
11 x 2 = 22	11 x 5 = 55	11 x 10 = 110
12 x 2 = 24	12 x 5 = 60	12 x 10 = 120



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a Christmas break and ready to start the New Year 2016.

The topic for this term in **Year 5T** is "Vikings are Coming!". We will be learning about invaders and settlers by interpreting archaeological evidence and researching where they came from and why they chose to settle in Britain.

In English, we will imagine that we are archaeologists. We will be looking and describing Vikings artefacts and writing explanations text about what the item may have been used and who they may have belonged to. Just like you would see in a museum! We will also be looking at diary entries. They will write diaries describing their thoughts and feelings moving from their homeland to Britain.

In Science we will be learning about Earth and Space. We will explore the different planets in the solar system.

PE will take place on **Monday** where they will be participating in Basketball. Swimming will continue to take place on a **Thursday** and Dance on a **Friday**. There will be an opportunity for your child to be involved in a Football Competition in Derby. If they would like to take part, please encourage them to go the lunchtime football club where they can practice their skills and be prepared for the competition.

Home Learning will be set on **Friday** to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will be given on a **Friday** and they will be tested on **Thursdays**. Please help to support your child to complete their home learning and spellings.



Happy New Year from Y6!

In our Learning Journey we move on from the Victorian era and begin our study of a key event of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, World War Two. In this half term we will focus on the first couple of years of the war. Why did it start at all? What was evacuation? What happened in the Blitz and how did people protect themselves? We will use the wonderful film 'Goodnight Mister Tom' to help us in our learning and if you have any stories of the war in your own families please do share them with your child and with us here in school.

2016 will see big changes for us because Y6 will be saying goodbye to Longwill School and moving on to secondary schools. To help the pupils prepare for this we shall be writing stories in English, bringing together characters created by us and settings created by Y7 Braidwood pupils. Early in March we will spend a day at Braidwood School sharing and filming our stories together.

We are delighted to have a day with Isabel Reid from NDCS on 20<sup>th</sup> January when she will be helping Y6 pupils understand what it means to be a peer mentor for other students in the school and passing on skills needed to fulfil this role.

In Science we will be learning how to group plants and animals and in PE pupils will be learning the skills and rules of basketball. PE is on Monday afternoons and swimming continues on Thursday mornings.

Thank you for all your support. Please do continue to support your child with their Home Learning, especially with their reading and spellings.

