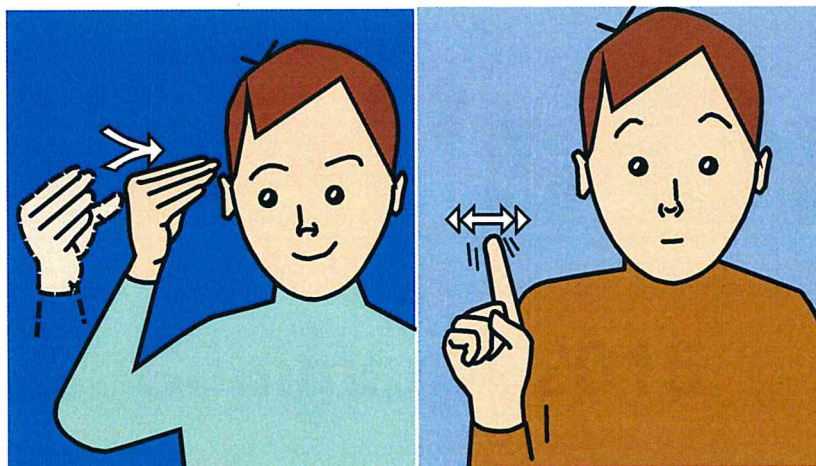


Longwill

a primary school for Deaf children

What's On

Summer A 2015



Nursery

Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed the Easter break and that the children are looking forward to having lots of fun with their learning over the next few weeks!

This term our topic is 'Growing'. We will start by learning about the how we change as we grow. We will look at photographs of when we were babies and then think about how we look now. How have we changed? What can we do now that we couldn't do before?

We will then move on to learn about the Life cycles of different animals such as a frog and a butterfly. We will link this to the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and a visit to the Butterfly Farm in Stratford!

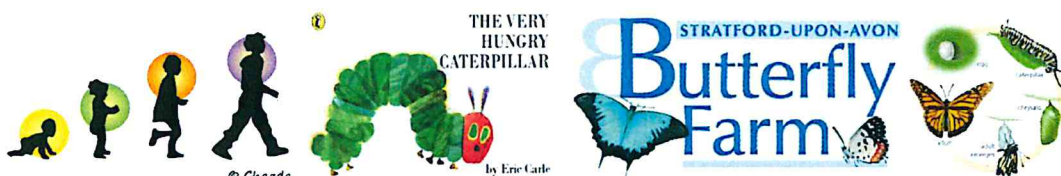
In maths we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories and practical activities. We will also develop the children's knowledge of shape and colour by making butterflies and designing symmetrical patterns for their wings.

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.

P.E. will take place on a Thursday morning and we will continue to have swimming every Monday morning. Please can you make sure that you send your child in with their swimming kit and that if your child is using swimming nappies that these come into school with their swimming costume or trunks.

This half term Nursery will be having drumming lessons with a specialist teacher every Friday afternoon. We will also continue to visit Bellfield Infant School on alternate Tuesday afternoons starting on 21st April. 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



Reception

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Summer A. Please read the exciting things your child will be learning.

This term we **will be finding out about how things grow**.

Please send in photos and video clips of your child experiencing exciting new learning your child engaged in during the Easter break. Please continue to look our school website (www.longwill.bham.sch.uk) to see all the things your child is learning!

Pupils Welcome back to all of our Reception children.

Staff The Reception team would like to congratulate our teaching assistant Mrs Kiran Roberts on her recent wedding during the Easter holidays.

Stay & Play We are excited to continue with Thursday afternoon play and stay sessions; all are welcome, 2-3pm. It is a lovely opportunity for pre-nursery aged children and parents to meet each other and get to know us here at Longwill. Come and join us!

Swimming: Swimming will continue every Monday in Reception at Northfield swimming baths. Please remember to: each child will need a clearly labelled bag with their name on it. Please send in swimming costumes, swimming nappies if needed, a towel all clearly labelled with your child's name.

Active Learning:

Trips

We will continue to visit our Nursery and Reception friends at Bellfield Infant school on alternate Tuesdays. To support their understanding of how things grow, pupils will enjoy an exciting trip to **The Butterfly Farm** where they will be able to learn about different types of butterflies and other minibeasts on **Tuesday 5th May**.

PSPs

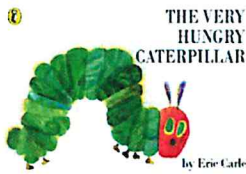
We would like to encourage all pupils and parents to use the PSPs to capture exciting new learning at home. Please use the PSPs to share signed stories with your child.

Understanding the World

As our topic this half-term will be about how things grow we will be encouraging the children to look at and identify similarities and differences we see in our natural environment. They will be investigating plants and animals and explain how they grow. This half-term we will be learning about the life cycle of butterflies, ladybirds and chicks. Please look on the school website for current photos throughout the half-term. We will start looking at ourselves and how we have grown. It would be lovely to see baby, toddler and current photos of your child.

Some ideas for you: continue to encourage your child to draw pictures of those in his/her family. Play fun activities to encourage your child to fingerspell the names of family members. Send in a family photograph. Take your child on a minibeast hunt. Look at different types of minibeasts. Which ones do we see every day? How many can you name?

Physical Development *(please make sure your child has a labelled bag of PE clothes in school)* During Thursday PE sessions in the hall, we will be using tri-golf equipment. We will practise how to hold a club correctly and safely. We will practise hitting a ball and then aiming it towards a target. During the warm ups we will be travelling in a variety of ways trying to avoid collisions and being aware of space. We will look at how exercise effects the body. Can you encourage your child to notice a change in heartbeat during any physical exercise that you do? Each Friday, Garry will teach our children sequences of movements that represent the life cycle of a butterfly or plant.



Year 1

This half term we will begin with the topic of Owls. We hope that the items collected in our home learning shoe boxes will inspire this topic and lots of questions from the children. We will begin with art work for 'The Big Hoot' project; designing and decorating our 90cm owl to display in Birmingham City. In Literacy we will do some work on prediction with the story 'Owl Babies' as our starting point. Every Friday we will be going to the drama room at Victoria where we will work to bring our English work to life. We will look at different text types to create information texts about Owls. We will use our computing skills to manipulate digital content to improve the presentation of this work. In Science we will look at Owls as well as learning about amphibians. We hope to meet some of these animals during the half term, with a visit from the animal man.

We will continue to work to secure foundation number skills in Maths lessons as well as snappy maths sessions.

In addition to our Owl topic work we will enjoy further visits from Benji, a fire safety session with Fireman Matt, and forest school sessions. Our History work will look at the local environment; comparing old and new Northfield as well as changes to the school site.

PE will continue on Monday afternoons; please send PE kits into school.

Please continue to support your child at home by sharing their reading book, supporting them to complete weekly home learning tasks, and using online learning tools.



Year 2

Year 2 will be having a very busy half term. The main topic is Castles and Kingdoms. This will link to the creation of maps, using a Robin Hood theme and the 800 year celebration of the Magna Carta. This work will give us extra opportunity to work in the forest and to design costumes in art. Our work with the Magna Carta provides a community link to the 2015 Election.

The extra work in the forest will link to science work on habitats and nocturnal animals. We will be able to create our own habitats and link our knowledge to how animals (and Robin Hood) would make suitable shelters.

One of the nocturnal animals will be in evidence throughout the summer. We are involved in the "Big Hoot" project, which means the whole of Key Stage One will take part in decorating an owlet. The owlet will be displayed somewhere in the city over the summer months, before returning to Longwill for a permanent home.

Throughout this half term, we will continue with Yogabugs on Mondays and drumming with Sam on a Friday.



Year 3

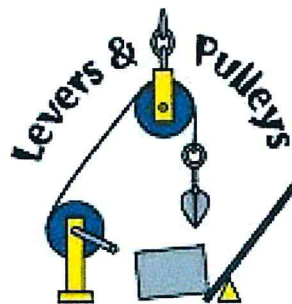
We will be kick starting this term with our DT week. The focus will be gears, pulleys and levers. We will investigate how they work and then use this information to design a product to use in the garden. The process will incorporate key maths and English skills, as well as designing our own products and making them, we will have to evaluate our own work and think how we could improve it next time.

Our P.E. focus will be athletics. We will be practising our running, jumping and throwing skills in a range of activities. As always please ensure P.E. clothes (t-shirt and shorts for indoor, jogging bottoms and jumpers for outdoor) are in school for Tuesdays and Fridays. Swimming will continue to be every Thursday so please send in a named towel and swimsuit, in a bag.

Last term flew by and so the Science topic of Light will be carried over into this term. We will learn how light helps us see, how shadows are formed and why it is dangerous to look at the sun. We will then go on to look at Forces and Magnets, this links beautifully with our DT work using pushing and pulling.

Our main learning journey will be focusing on 'Stone age to Iron age'. Our trip to Sarehole Mill will be happening at the start of the half term and so will stimulate our learning. We will be looking at how man survived, what did he eat? What did he wear? Where did he live? This will be interesting to compare it to modern day.

PSHE will look at how to respect and look after our environment. It will link to DT, recycling materials to make our product; It will also link to our learning journey as we can think about what the environment was like in the stone age and what might it be like in the future.



Year 4B

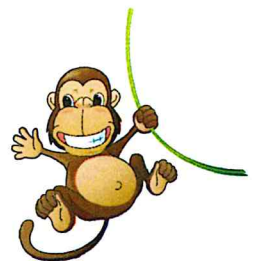
This term we are being miniaturised down on the floor of our rainforest in the classroom. We have met some pretty nifty leaf-cutter ants and have avoided being eaten by poison arrow tree frogs. However there is so much going on and we're having so much fun learning that we are staying here for a bit. We will gradually regain size and visit the monkeys that live in the canopy before finally moving into the mountains where it will be cooler and we can watch and learn as the clouds form around us...actually I think we're going to try and invent a rain machine as part of our science topic on the water cycle.

We are lucky this half term to have a 'Kwik-Cricket' coach in school who will be working alongside the KS2 staff to train the children up ready for a regional competition later this term.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and will be expected back on Wednesday ready to hand in. There will be a home learning club during Tuesday lunchtime to complete any work. Please help your child by supporting them in completing their home learning and by reading with them. They will also have a PSP challenge set which will help link home and school learning opportunities.

Year 4B will be doing PE on a Wednesday, please send shorts or trousers, T-Shirt and trainers to stay in school this half term. This half term they will be doing Kwik-Cricket.

They will be continuing swimming every Thursday, please continue to send their swimming costume and a towel in a labelled bag each week.



Year 5

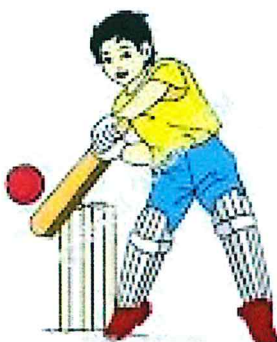
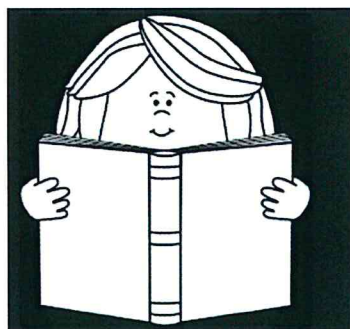
Our first week back after the Easter break looks to be a very interesting one as we will be watching a presentation called Benji and the Jungle. We shall then be involved in a workshop to explore the ideas that come out of this presentation. Later in the week we look forward to learning a lot about fire safety in a session with Fireman Matt. This links well with the work we will do in PSHE on the emergency services. In PSHE we shall also be focussing on the importance of money in our lives.

Our learning journey will give us the opportunity to develop geography skills including learning about a particular area of France. In connection with this we shall have a cooking week around the theme of crêpes (that's pancakes in English!) which will link perfectly with our French language day on food and drink.

After the great success of the football coaching sessions in PE and lunchtime football club, we look forward to being coached in Kwik cricket. Hopefully, this will prepare our pupils well for the Kwik cricket tournament later in the term.

Our link with Bellfield Junior school continues as we write our letters to the Y3 pupils and our pupils from Y4 and Y5 deliver deaf awareness to them.

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



Year 6 What's On Summer A 2015

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. My name is Miss Thomas and I will be teaching Year 6 for the Summer term. This half term Year 6 will be learning habitats. They will explore different habitats around the world and study how animals adapt to the places they live. They will also be introduced to a new topic in the last week, which is water. They will learn about rivers and the water cycle.

In literacy we will be looking at poetry and Deaf poetry. The children will study different poems and create and perform their own poem in BSL.

In Numeracy will be learning about time and money. The children will learn to convert minutes to seconds, use digital and analogue clocks and 12 and 24 hours clocks.

PE will take place on **Wednesday** where they will be participating in Kwik Cricket. Swimming will continue to take place on a **Thursday** and Dance on a **Friday**.

