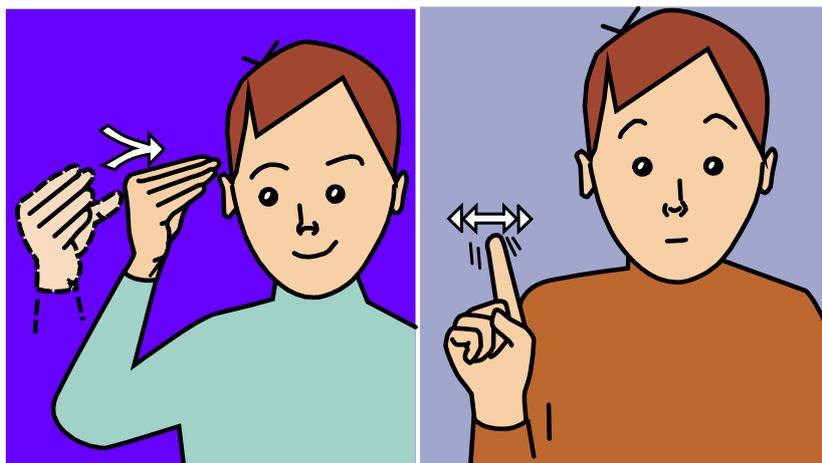


Longwill
a primary school for Deaf children

What's On

Summer A 2016



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 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 would also like to share photographs of our families- How have our parents, grandparents etc changed as they have grown older? If you could send in any photographs from home to support our learning we would be very grateful. We will also share the story of 'Titch' and think about why he was different to his brother and sister and couldn't do the same things as them.

We will then move on to learn about how plants change as they grow. We will share the story of 'Jack and the beanstalk' and plant some beans ourselves! This will link to our work in maths where we will be learning about different measurements and we will measure our height and the height of our bean plants!

In maths we will also 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 Wednesday morning and we will be having some lessons this half term with a PE coach who will be working on children developing their athletics skills. We will also have dance on a Friday morning

We will also visit Bellfield Infant School on alternate Thursday afternoons. Please can you make sure that your children bring a suitable coat to school on these days - appropriate for the weather. Nursery will also have gardening with Hannah every Monday morning.

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

The Nursery Team



What's happening in **Year 1**

Thank you to all parents and children, who were able to take photos, draw and or write about the exciting things that happened over the Easter holidays. It makes it much more interesting for the children to talk about when they have photos.

Science- classifying and sorting different types of plants. We will be looking at different types of trees and learning the correct names for each. We will be going on a tree and flower trail using our local surroundings. We will be learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. We will link this to our PSHE about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. We will investigate where food comes from and talk about a child's right to best possible health (RoC24)

Maths: we will continue to look at counting forwards and backwards to beyond 50. We will be learning about less than and more than. We will be measuring the length, height and capacity of various objects using standard and non-standard units. We will be looking at compass directions and link this to our Geography lessons.

English: Our main book this Half-term is called- Fatou, fetch the water. We are continuing are work on our grammatical structure and trying to improve our simple sentence writing. Encouraging your child to write in any capacity e.g. Cards, notes, shopping lists, letters to relatives, would be really helpful.

R.E. We will be learning about commitment. This will involve looking at Christian and Muslim religions and discussing our commitment to a name. We will be going to visit a Mosque on 9th May for our place of worship visit.

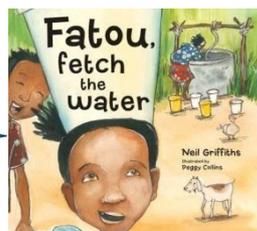
ART; We will be investigating different types of printing materials, including food materials.

Building Learning Power; Our BLP learning muscle is – **Revising** understanding that it is alright to have an idea, a plan that you change when you have a better idea. At home, take photos of your child showing this learning skill.

PE: we will be continuing with our swimming lesson every Thursday, dance on Friday and this half-term we will be learning to play tennis. Look out Wimbledon!

Enjoy this half- term

Mrs Jackson, Mrs Russell, Danielle, Aayisha, Michelle and Sheena



Year 2

This half term our topic focuses on homes and habitats. We will start the topic with a visit to the Back to Back Houses in Birmingham. Children will be able to experience the living conditions from the 1840's through to the 1970's and as part of the experience will be dressing up and playing Victorian games. Pupils will then be able to compare the houses of the past with how they live today.

In science learning will focus on identifying and naming animals in a variety of habitats. Pupils will then learn about how animals are adapted to suit the environment that they live in. For example how fish are suited to living in water and how polar bears are suited to living in the Arctic.

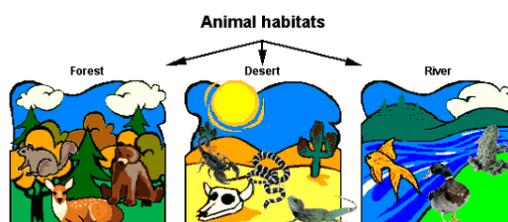
In art pupils will be working towards completing their Discover Arts Award. They will learn about creating and working with clay. They will also research and compare how different artists work with clay. Finally they will share what they have created with their friends.

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.



Year 3

This term our main learning journey will be focusing on 'Stone age to Iron age'. A letter will come out soon informing you of our exciting trip to Sarehole mill, where we will look at materials used by people through the ages and consider how they built their homes. We will be learning about 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.

In DT we will be making a gadget, as we will be using recycled 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.

PSHE will focus upon taking good care of our teeth and in RE we will be looking at commitment, learning about the Sikh festival Vaisakhi and hopefully visiting a Gurdwara in May.

With the weather getting warmer our P.E. focus will be rounders. We will be practising our hitting, throwing and catching skills in a range of activities with a deaf sports coach. 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.

Our new Science topic will be forces and magnets. The children will be able to investigate how forces affect things in everyday life. We will look at the uses of magnets and make links to pupil's cochlear implants. We will also be making our own compasses. We will try and develop our fair test skills and try to increase our knowledge of scientific words.

We appreciate any support you can give to help your child learn their weekly spellings and read any books brought home. Please use the mathematics website where possible to further support their maths learning. www.mathletics.co.uk



Year 4

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely Easter term break.

The children will start a new Learning Journey based on History. They will study the Egyptians and Mayans side by side so by gaining an understanding of when these societies existed and where they lived. They will be able to research aspects of life such as daily routine, art, celebrations and use this research to compare and contrast the two civilisations.

In Literacy the children will be learning about Myths and Legends to make sure that their learning links with the Learning Journey. They will begin to understand what a myth is and the features of myths. The children will study two different myths: one Egyptian and one Mayan and compare the features. They will then be expected to write their own myth by the end of the topic. In Maths we will start looking at subtraction and using visual maths to subtract up to three digit numbers. We will also be continuing to learn our timetables in Snappy Maths to ensure the children are more fluent. In PE the children will be being taught by Adam, our deaf BID partner, and they will be learning how to play rounders. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every Wednesday.

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. Please encourage your child to read everyday 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://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Egypt.html>

http://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt.php



Year 5T

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and ready to start the new summer term.

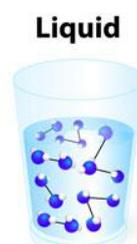
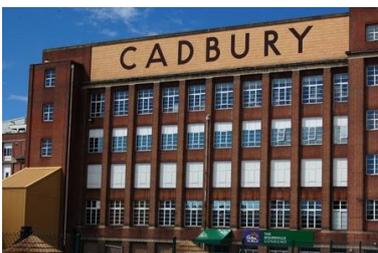
The topic for this term is "The Victorians". We will be doing a local history study of Birmingham learning about the importance of the Victorians shaping our city. We will be learning about the Cadbury Brothers and the development of Bournville. In geography we will be looking at where our energy, food and water comes from - focusing on our food and water supply in Birmingham.

In English, we will be reading *Oliver Twist* and imagining life as a child in a Victorian Workhouse and learning about the author Charles Dickens.

In Science we will be learning and developing an understanding of many different materials and their properties. We will be undertaking practical work which will involve separating mixtures of solid and liquids.

PE will take place on **Monday** where they will be participating in Tennis lead by a Deaf coach. Swimming will continue to take place on a **Thursday** and Dance on a **Friday**.

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.



Year 6

In this half term we shall be learning about volcanoes in our Learning Journey. We will find out what they look like, how they are made, where they are found in the world and what happens when they erupt. We aim to have some fun making our own erupting volcanoes. In particular we will study the famous eruption of Vesuvius in AD79 which destroyed the city of Pompeii. We shall be considering what this would have been like for the people who lived there and creating our own drama script imagining how different people might have reacted.

We need to complete our Science topic of Evolution and Inheritance, after which we will begin our final area of study all about our bodies. This will involve learning about the circulatory system and how diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle affect our health. We are very fortunate in Longwill to have so many activities that have a positive impact on our health and wellbeing such as our gardening sessions every fortnight and the many physical activities that are on offer through lunchtime clubs, swimming and PE lessons. In PE this half term, pupils are developing their skills in tennis.

As always there are one-off events during the half term to enrich our learning. So, we are looking forward to another visit from Benji for a performance called 'Benji and the Sandman', the NDCS Life bus is visiting us when Y6 will have a session called 'Decisions' and we are also going to have a visit from a paramedic with his ambulance. He will be explaining all about his work and how the fact that he is deaf hasn't stopped him achieving something he really wanted to do.

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

