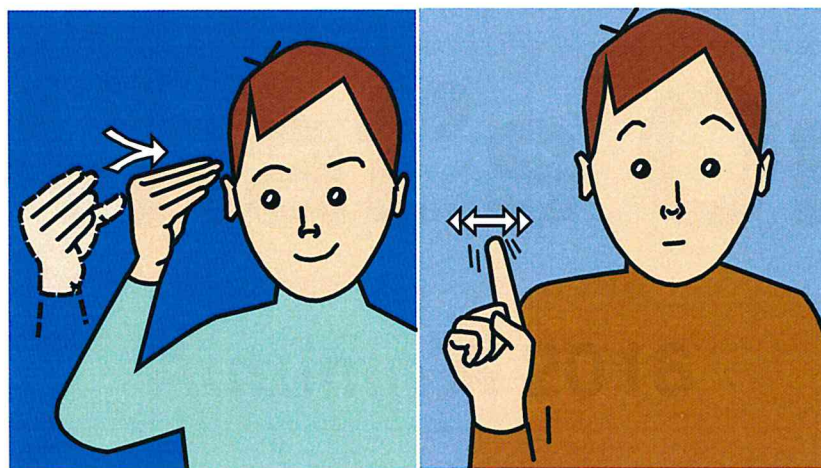


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What's On

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Welcome to Nursery!

We hope that you have had a fun-filled Summer. Our first topic is 'All about me!' The key emphasis is learning about what makes us unique and different. In the first two weeks, we will be exploring our own faces and bodies, trying to identify and describe our eyes and hair colour. We will be encouraging nursery children to recognise photographs of themselves and their friends. Over the next few weeks we will explore family, homes as well as our favourite foods, animals and toys. We will incorporate all aspects of learning around this theme and use it as an opportunity to identify interests and appropriate next learning.

In order to encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will also be continuing with our 'Wonderful Wednesday' show and tell session. Our first session (Wednesday 14th) will be all about our names. Can you bring in something with your child's name on it. A list of the focus for each week will be sent home. During circle time we will focus upon introductions, turn taking and describing how we feel.

P.E. will take place on a Thursday morning. Please can your child bring in a pair of shorts, a T-shirt and some pumps to wear. Can you send these in a suitable bag and we will keep them in school and send them home at half term so they can be washed. Can we also ask you to make sure all clothes have your child's name in them so we can make sure they come home with the correct clothes! Thank you.

We will have gardening with Hannah every Monday morning and we will have dance on a Tuesday. Library books will be changed every Friday. Please remember to complete the comments book to let us know if your child enjoyed the story and any language they used when you shared the book.

We are always appreciative of your support and we look forward to seeing your child grow and develop over the next half term.

The Nursery Team (Mrs Sutton, Danielle and Lesley)



Welcome to Reception!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! Our first topic is 'All about me!'. We will be learning all about ourselves and thinking about all the things that make us special. We would love to see lots of photographs of your children riding bikes, playing football, going to the park and doing all the things that they really enjoy. This will help us to talk about our favourite things.

In order to encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will also be continuing with our 'Wonderful Wednesday' show and tell session. Our first session (Wednesday 14th) will be all about what we did in the holidays, so please send in any photographs etc that the children can share with their friends.

In maths we will continue to develop our knowledge of shape, colour and number. In particular we will be focusing on developing our ability to count using one to one correspondence (one number for each object) and to count by rote beyond ten. Any counting practice you can do at home would be great.

P.E. will take place on a Friday morning. Please can your child bring in a pair of shorts, a T-shirt and some pumps to wear. Can you send these in a suitable bag and we will keep them in school and send them home at half term so they can be washed. Can we also ask you to make sure all clothes have your child's name in them so we can make sure they come home with the correct clothes! Thank you.

We will have gardening with Hannah every Monday morning and we will have dance on a Tuesday. Library books will be changed every Monday. Please remember to complete the yellow comments book to let us know if your child enjoyed the story and any language they used when you shared the book.

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

The Reception Team

Welcome to Year 2. This half term will focus on "All About Me".

In English we will be writing about ourselves: what we look like, our likes and dislikes, our families and friends. In Maths, we will be creating pictographs, tally charts and block graphs. We will be using this to answer questions about our school friends.

In Art, we will be doing self-portraits. We will be learning about different portrait artists (Picasso and Warhol) and their methods. In Geography, we will be looking at different maps and we will create a visual map of our classroom.

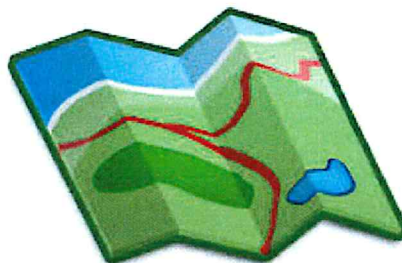
For RE, the theme is *Choice* and we will learn about Diwali. In PSHE, we will focus on why we have rules and how we can keep ourselves and other people safe in school.

We will have PE on Mondays and children will need their PE kit (shorts, t-shirt and pumps). Swimming is on Fridays and children will need a swimming costume or swimming trunks and a towel. Dance lessons will be on Tuesdays. We will be doing gardening fortnightly on Mondays.

Photographs and videos from home on PSPs will help pupils to share their news from home especially weekend news.

Home Learning will be given out on Fridays and needs to be returned to school on Wednesdays. Children will read regularly and please share and discuss stories with your child, and read with them regularly.

We look forward to an exciting and busy start of the school year.



Welcome to the new school year, we have a very exciting half term planned in Year 3. Our first two weeks will be 'all about me', and will involve lots of art work sketching and creating models of themselves. We will also look at 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and look at similarities and differences between him and us.

Our main learning journey topic this term will be 'Ancient Greece'. We will be using maps to locate Greece and other European countries and we will learn how to find key information about countries from an Atlas. We will look at food, housing, clothing and culture, the children will decide the direction our learning takes by asking questions and being curious.

In PSHE we will be learning how to be responsible, this includes looking after belongings, following school rules and looking after the environment. This links well with RE which covers making choices and looking at rules and promises.

P.E. will be on a **Monday and Tuesday**, please make sure your child has their kit on these days, preferably leave it in school in a named bag for the whole half term. We will be doing P.E. with Year 2; Ball skills on a Monday with our sports coach Adam and Dance on a Tuesday with Clare. Swimming will now to be every **Friday**, please make sure their costume, towel and bag are labelled and in school every week.

Home-learning will be set on a Friday and will be expected back the following Tuesday, spellings will also be set and tested on Fridays. Reading is extremely important, your child will bring home a reading book daily, please encourage your child to read at home, maybe make it part of their bed time routine. We will be using our PSPs to share exciting events between home and school, please take plenty of photos to share with the class.

Remember there are lots of resources online, we have Mathletics, whereby if children complete tasks they can earn points which in turn earn certificates. Activities on the site are fun but also help learning. We also have purple mash. If you need reminding of any of these logins we will happily send them home again.

Miss Sheppard, Mrs Plews & Miss Russell



This half term, we will be learning all about the rainforests.

We will be learning where they are, what animals and plants live there and all about the history of the Mayan civilisation.

We will be working as scientists and explorers to work out how people lived in that environment and how we are damaging the rainforests today.

We have some exciting events coming up this half term with the gymnastics festival and preparations for Christmas.

We will also be doing some exciting learning about the sculptures and structures made by the Mayans in the rainforests. We will be building some of our own monuments in the same style using a variety of materials.



We will use our computing skills to make an animation about the importance of the rainforest and what will happen if we continue to destroy them.

Thank you for your support with the children's home learning and reading. P.E. will still be on a Wednesday afternoon while they prepare for the Gymnastic festival and swimming will be on Friday mornings.

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. The staff in Year 5 are Mrs Smart and Mrs Straw. Mrs Smart will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Straw will teach for part of the morning on Tuesday and then Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Our TAs are Sheraz and Aran. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

The children will begin this half term by learning about 'All About Me'. They will be thinking about their place in the class and as a group making and displaying their class charter. They will also be writing acrostic poems and creating Kandinsky style artwork based on themselves and their friends.

Our learning journey will be based on the Romans. We will look at key historical events and how the Romans influenced our lives today. Therefore in Maths we will be reviewing place value and compare and contrast the Roman number system. We will also be studying places and where the Romans invaded. To support this, in English we shall be keeping diaries, pretending that we are Roman soldiers!

In Art we shall be using a variety of materials such as charcoal to explore sketching techniques. The children will look closely at the different architectures within our beautiful city of Birmingham. We will be drawing our city's skyline focusing on icon landmarks. The children will discover the value and purpose of a sketchbook. We will be looking closely at the weird and wonderful artwork of Hundertwasser, an Austrian artist and architect.

In Science we are learning about life cycles, we will focus on how animals and plants reproduce. The children will be dissecting real flowers to analyse the internal parts. We will be investigating what happens when we age.

In Year 5 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. Please encourage your child to read everyday at home.

If you would like to support your child's learning further at home please use the following websites / activities:

If you visit Birmingham City Centre please encourage your child to look up at the buildings and talk about what patterns you see on the different buildings

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zwmpfg8> - Romans

www.mathletics.co.uk



This is the start of an exciting and important year for us as we begin Y6 together. Y6 have already agreed a charter based on the rights of the child which we hope will create an environment in which we can learn and develop as individuals and as a team over the year ahead. We are all very excited about our visit to PGL, Boreatton Park, in the second week of term when we are going to have great fun as well as learning lots of new skills.

Our Learning Journey over this term will encourage us to think about the environment. We will be studying the changes that have taken place in Birmingham over the last 150 years. What has changed? Why has it changed? We will explore the way George Cadbury provided a better place for people to live by moving his chocolate factory from the industrial centre of Birmingham to the countryside and creating Bournville village. In RE we shall be thinking about making the right choices so that we are able to behave responsibly towards others and play our own part in creating an environment where everyone is respected and cared for. This will include learning skills in PSHE that will equip us to mentor younger pupils in school so that they are better able to cope with school life.

In Science we are learning about living things in their environment. We shall be thinking particularly about how and why we classify organisms into particular groups. Our PE lessons will focus on cross country running in preparation for the competition in Derby on Tuesday 4th October.

Home Learning will be given every Friday to be handed in on Monday morning. Please do continue to support your child with their Home Learning, especially with their reading and spellings.

