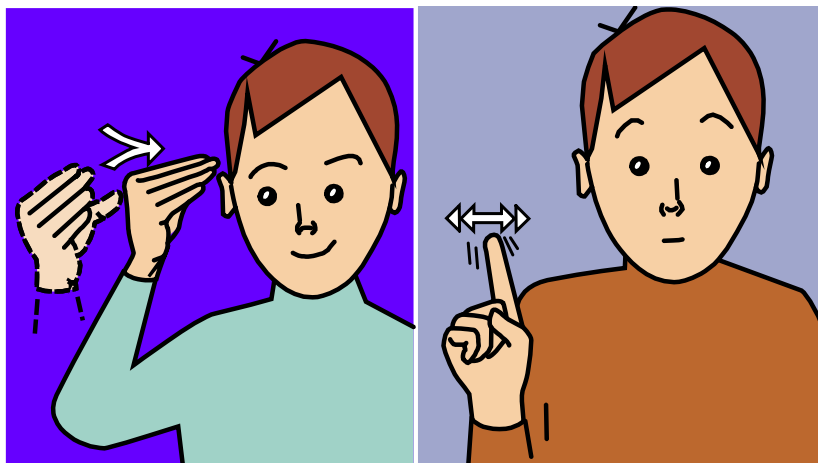


Longwill

a primary school for Deaf children

What's On

Spring B 2015



NURSERY SPRING B 2015

Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed the half term break and that the children are ready to have lots of fun with their learning over the next few weeks!

This term our topic is '**Animals**'. We will start by learning about the different animals that people keep as pets. We will think about what we need to feed them with and what other things we need to do to look after them.

We will then move on to learn about the animals that we can see outside. We will learn their names and think about where they live and what they eat. We will also learn about the different animals that you might see on a farm and link this with the song 'Old Macdonald had a farm' and the story of 'The three little pigs'.

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.

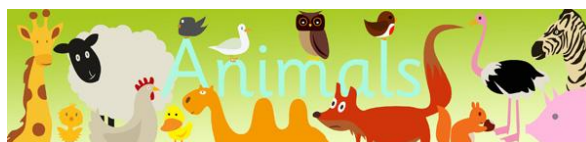
In **maths** we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories and practical activities. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of colour by learning about the colours purple and pink.

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. Nursery will also be having **dance lessons** with a specialist dance teacher every Friday morning.

This half term we will continue to have **gardening** on alternate Monday mornings and visit **Bellfield Infant School** on alternate Tuesday afternoons starting on 24th February. 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 SPRING B 2015

We have a short half term ahead but there will be lots of learning and progress to be made.

Our theme is '**Animals**' and we are linking all learning to this where possible. In the first week we will look at the book 'Dear Zoo' and focus on pets. This will encourage children to build on their learning in Autumn when we visited the pet shop. Our 2nd and 3rd week will link to farm animals and we are planning to visit a farm (details will follow). Our final weeks will then focus on jungle and safari animals. Each week we will encourage the children to describe the animals and write sentences about them. There will be sorting activities based on the fur/skin colours of animals. Also we will be matching adult to baby animals. Counting and shape recognition is a continual area to be developed within Reception and we shall use animals to support this.

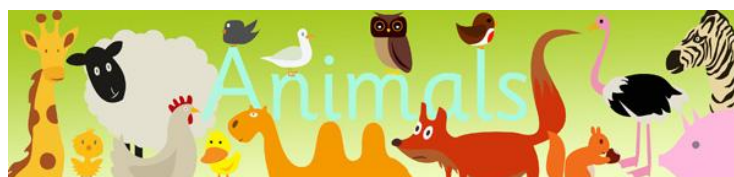
The final week will look at the **Easter Story** and develop fine motor skills by decorating eggs and Easter bonnets. Our **PE** focus this half term is orienteering and Mrs Sutton will encourage use of directional words to find a location within school. **Swimming** will continue each Monday morning - please ensure your child has named kit and swimming nappies if appropriate). Sam will lead **drumming** sessions on Friday afternoons. We will continue to develop the children's use of computers each Friday morning as we explore our keyboard and mouse control in the **ICT suite**. We will take opportunities to use the **zebra crossings** at Victoria to help consolidate and practise the children's use of the green cross code learnt last half term.

Gardening continues to take place alternate Monday mornings and visits to **Bellfield Infant School** will continue on Tuesday afternoons starting 24th February.

Home Learning: As always, we appreciate and value your support with practising the key words children take home each Monday, reading library books taken home on Tuesdays and using the PSP to take photographs of anything relevant to our topics as well as any key learning happening at home. The children always love sharing their photographs and videos and it's a great chance to see their communication skills in action. Semacoded stories will also continue to be sent home (if you need any support with this – let us know). Wonderful Wednesdays will continue and we appreciate your support with this (Mrs Jackson will let you know the focus for each week). Our phonics focus is with b, f, ff and l. Any support you can give with fingerspelling name and recognising letters within the alphabet is always beneficial.

We will continue to use the home/school books to share key learning each day. We find this a useful place to share information with you and read comments from yourselves daily.

Reception Team



Y1S & Y1M SPRING B 2015

This half term we continue with our topic of **transport** before learning about **spring**. In **Design and Technology** we will be learning about wheels and axles and looking at the different ways that we can make them. We will then be using this knowledge to design and make our own vehicles.

In **English** we will be learning about building and writing sentences using the Wallace and Gromit: film A Close Shave. We will be learning about describing the characters and retelling the story. In science, as the weather gets warmer, we will be learning about spring and how trees and weather change throughout the seasons. We will also be learning about different animal's diets and sorting carnivores and omnivores. Linked to this in RE we will be learning about being compassionate and caring for animals.

At the beginning of March we are going on a visit to the **Think Tank**, where we will be able to learn about a wide range of old and new vehicles including steam engines.

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. Yoga Bugs will be coming into school and teaching children different postures, relaxation and breathing techniques. These will be taught through and story. **Swimming** is on Thursdays and children will need a swimming costume/trunks and a towel. **Dance** continues this term on a Friday and pupils will be given more opportunities to create their own routines.

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 a busy and exciting half term.



Y2 SPRING B 2015

During this half term, we will continue to focus on the “**World Around Us**”. This will link well to the work with Hannah and the garden as we look for changes indicating the start of Spring. We will look for buds and signs of growth as part of geography, PSHE and science. This work will provide an opportunity to review the work done during last half term.

Our **science** will continue with the investigation of different materials. This will include labelling and sorting according to the different properties. The work will begin with an exploration of the materials around school and what they are used for.

We will need to study the school site very carefully for this work. To help us, we will be addressing the **use of maps**, both inside and outside the classroom and hope to extend this work to the local Northfield area. As part of our surveys around school, we look at the various eco places around school, including recycling and explain why they are important.

Recycling will form an important part of our **D and T project**. We will plan, make and review a toy using recycled socks. This will involve both sticking and sewing skills.

At the end of term, we will think about the **story of Easter** and enjoy the festivities, leading up to the next holiday.



Y3 SPRING B 2015

This Half term we will be continuing with our '**Volcanoes**' theme. We have investigated rocks and started to learn about the different layers of the Earth. Now we will find out where volcanoes tend to happen and why. The children really enjoyed making an exploding volcano so it will be good to develop this topic further. We will be using Andy Warhol's volcano picture as a stimulus for **Art** lessons. They will learn to use a variety of vibrant colours to create meaning. Children will find out all about Warhol and his style of pop art.

Our **P.E.** focus will be orienteering this may mean going outside so they will need to bring suitable P.E. clothes (t-shirt and shorts for indoor, jogging bottoms and jumpers for outdoor). Swimming will continue to be every Thursday so please send in a named towel and swimsuit, in a bag.

Links with **Bellfield School** are now established and we will be visiting them every other Monday. Whilst there, the children join in with drama sessions, this encourages social skills and helps develop friendship bonds.

Light will be the focus in **science**. They will learn how light helps us see, how shadows are formed and why it is dangerous to look at the sun.

PSHE will focus on how to respond to situations and how to ask for help. This will link to lessons on emergencies and what to do in an emergency situation. This will develop our deaf studies knowledge as the children have been learning how to use texts to communicate, which is very important if they need to contact the emergency services.



Y4C SPRING B 2015

Our Learning Journey this half term will be focussed on **the seasons**. We will be learning about the four seasons and different weather we experience through the year. In **Geography** we will look at different climates around the world. We will also be thinking about how we look after our local environment and the animals in it. Our work in **Science** will look at seasons as well as light and sound. We will investigate how we can control light in a circuit. While in art we will explore light and dark using different media. In **ICT** we will work to create, save and retrieve our own seasonal scenes. Our **Design and Technology** project for this half term will be to investigate and make our own wind chimes that we will use in our outdoor area.

We will begin to explore different stories in **English** this half term with the use of the new story sacks. These story sacks will help stories come alive. We will begin with Handa's surprise. We hope to make our own story sack too.

In **PE** we will begin orienteering skills. We will begin **drumming** with Sam on a Friday this half term. In **RE** we will be learning about the Easter Story and the preparations made for this time in the Christian calendar.

Using the PSP really helps to link home and school learning; please continue to complete activities set.

Don't forget: Monday; Gardening, Tuesday; PE and Thursday; Swimming.



Y4B SPRING B 2015

This half term we will be finishing our topic on 'Ancient Egypt' and begin an adventure into the **deepest, darkest jungle** you can imagine. This will be a topic packed full of learning. We will be learning about where the rain forests are and what the weather is like. We will be finding out what it is like to live there and what kind of things we would have to eat, and what might eat us! We are lucky this half term to have the use of the **drama studio** over at Victoria School and so will be putting our acting skills through their paces as we travel back from Egypt for a short spell to say 'Hi' before we jet off to the jungle.

The **football coaches** are still with us till Easter and will be coaching the children during their weekly PE spot as well as running a lunchtime club on the same day.

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 football training.

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



Y5 SPRING B 2015

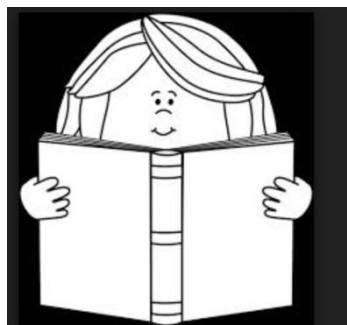
This half term is only a short one but we are packing a lot in, including a workshop to learn about playing **brass instruments** and a whole week focused on **Friendship**.

Our Learning Journey for this half term is based around the Science topic of **Earth and Space**. We shall be studying how the Earth moves in relation to the Moon and the Sun and how this causes the important time spans of a day, month and year. We shall also be discovering more about the other planets that are all part of our Solar System. During this half term we shall be watching a drama performance called '**Benji and the Aliens**' which we will be linking into our Learning Journey and we also hope to enrich our learning with a trip to the **National Space Centre in Leicester**.

The pupils are loving learning new **footballing skills in PE lessons** and the lunchtime football club and we are delighted that these sessions with our expert coaches, Jim and Carly, are continuing to Easter. The theme we shall be studying in **RE** is compassion which will include thinking about the reasons we are supporting Red Nose Day on 13th March and also learning about the Christian Easter story.

We are looking forward to **receiving letters from Y3 Bellfield pupils**. We will use this to help us learn about how to write letters in English lessons so that we can write back 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.



Y6 SPRING B 2015

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely half term holiday.

This half term the children will be continuing their learning Journey about the Mayans but focusing specifically on chocolate. They will look at how the Mayans discovered and made hot chocolate drinks and how this has influenced what we eat and drink today. This will then link into a trip to **Cadbury World** and the understanding of how George Cadbury created the village of Bournville.

English will link with our Learning Journey as the children will begin to write instructional texts about how to do something, such as making chocolate or planning a route to Bournville from school.

In **Maths** we will be continuing with our Visual Maths approach to learn how to subtract two and three digit numbers. We will also be trying to answer maths problems using our knowledge of number and new maths vocabulary. The children will continue with their times table clubs every Friday.

In **PE** the children will be continuing to practise their football skills. PE will happen every Wednesday. Swimming continues to be on a Thursday and dance on a Friday.

The children will continue to be given a **their home learning** each week on a Friday and it is expected in the following Wednesday or before. The children will also have spellings every Friday and will be tested the following week. Please encourage your child to read everyday at home, whether with you or silently reading to themselves. The Year 6 staff will be checking their reading journals daily.

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

www.mathletics.co.uk

<https://www.cadbury.co.uk/the-story>

