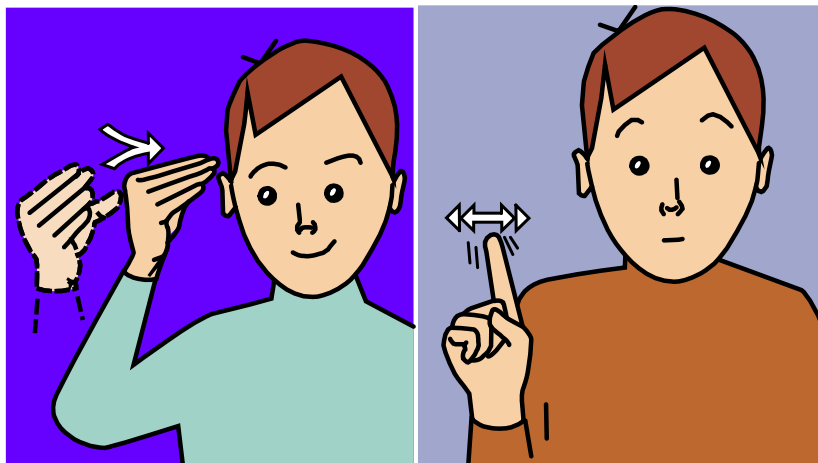


What's On

Spring B 2016



What's On in Nursery

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 and in particular what pets we have at home.

We will then move on to learn about the animals that we can see in different places. What animals can we see if we visit the zoo or the Safari Park? Where do they come from? What do they eat? Hopefully this will culminate in a trip to see some of the animals we have talked about!

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 and in particular we will focus on counting real objects using 1 to 1 correspondance. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of shape and will start to learn the names of some 3D shapes such as the sphere and the pyramid.

P.E. will take place on a Thursday morning and we will be working on travelling in different ways. We will be using the low level PE equipment and be exploring how we can move along, over and under it. 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 every Monday morning and visit Bellfield Infant School on alternate Tuesday afternoons starting on 23rd March. Please can you make sure that your children bring a suitable coat to school on these days - appropriate for the weather.

As our class is growing in size we will be having 2 library sessions from now on. Half the class will change their books on a Monday and the other half on a Wednesday. This will allow all the children to have to lots of time to look through all the lovely books available in school and to share a story.

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

Welcome back to an exciting Spring half-term.

Last half-term we said goodbye to the three Y5 pupils and to Mr Belton and Kellie who had joined our class for a short period. We would like to welcome Ayisha Ahmed and Michelle Prestige to Year 1 this half-term.

The teaching and learning we want to share with you is:

Science- classifying and sorting different types of animals into what they eat. We will be looking at herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. It would be really helpful if you can use safe computer programs to gather information of your child's favourite 3 or 4 animals and say what group they belong to.

Maths: we will be looking at counting forwards and backwards to beyond 50. We will be learning about less than and more than. We are looking at 2D & 3D shapes.

It would be really helpful if you can support your child to use their Mathematics program to help their math learning.

English: We are working 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.

History: This half-term we will be investigating our local history of Longwill and the Northfield area. It would be great to hear from any past pupils of Longwill to share your/ their experiences and share with the children how things have changed.

PSHE: This half-term we will be looking at how we can improve our own health and be fit and ready to learn. We are learning about the Rights of the child and looking at what that means to us all.

BLP: this half-term, our Building Learning Power learning muscle is - understanding how we learn as individuals.

At home, take photos of your child showing their individual and independent learning skills. That can also be, making the decision to work alongside someone else to get the task/job done in a better or faster way.

PE: we will be continuing with our swimming lesson every Thursday, dance on Friday and our Yoga bugs lessons every Tuesday for P.E.

Enjoy this half-term

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

What's On in Year 2

This half term we will be continuing to focus on the theme of fire.

In Geography, we will be continuing to look at the United Kingdom by looking at the seas around England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. We will be looking at plants and how they grow in Science. In DT we will be looking at how to make structures stronger, linking to our work on the Great fire of London looking at how houses were built.

Looking at the way houses were built at the time of the Great Fire of London will tie in nicely with a visit to Aston Hall, seeing old artefacts and thinking about being able to distinguish between items from the past and items that we find around us today.

In computing pupils will be modifying a map of a London 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 half term.



What's On in Year 3

Our main learning journey topic this half term will continue to be 'Rocks and volcanoes'. We will think about what it would be like to live near a volcano. This will link well with science when we look at different types of rock and soil. Encourage your child to go out into the garden and see what your soil is like: sandy? Chalky? Clay? Or, is it concrete?

We will look at maps in more depth, developing our understanding of using symbols and how to locate places using grid references. This will link with our PE lessons in which we are doing orienteering. At the end of the term the children will compete in an orienteering competition, which will be very exciting.

Computing will allow pupils to practise using directional language and inputting algorithms, as they will be programming the Beebots. This will then link to computer programmes where they have to direct characters through a maze to complete the challenges. As with last term, E-safety will also be a priority, ensuring all the children know how to use technology safely.

In DT we will be looking at healthy meals. This will include planning, designing and making a meal. Our local Sainsbury's store has offered to come and talk to the class about food and where it comes from and why it is important to eat our fruit and veg. We will then go on a shopping trip to Sainsbury's to buy our ingredients.

Thank you for your continued support with encouraging pupils to be responsible for them-selves and helping them remember their kits for PE days. PE will continue to be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**, We will carry on with Basketball, building on learning from last half term. Dance will be 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.

The children are really improving with their spellings, we will continue to test and set spellings on a Friday, please practise them at home. They have loved to pick books from the library, please remember to return them on a Friday so your child can pick a new book.

Mrs Plews & Mrs Sutton



What's On in Year 4

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

The children will be continuing their learning on 'Habitats' by exploring the rainforest. The children will understand where the rainforests are situated in the world and why they have a climate different to our own. They will begin to understand how the rainforest is structured and how that impacts on the animals and plants that live there. The children will also learn about the current issue of rainforest deforestation and gain an understanding of how negatively impacts on the organisms living there. They will undertake a week long art project where they will investigate different arts focused on the rainforest and will create their own piece of art using sketches and different materials.

In Literacy the children will be describing animals of the rainforest using adjectives in concrete poems. They will also be learning how to write persuasively to discourage deforestation. In maths we will be focusing on data handling and reading temperatures to understand the climate of the rainforest. We will also learn about how to subtract numbers using efficient methods. In PE we shall be continuing basketball with a professional coach. The children will also be competing in an in-school orienteering competition at the end of the term.

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/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>



What's On in Year 5T

Welcome back! We hope you all had a nice half term break. This term we welcome to members of staff - Tracy and Kellie and a new pupil.

The topic for this term is "Vikings are Coming!". We will be researching about Viking boats and designing our own Longboat and how the Vikings lived in Britain. In English, we will be writing our own Viking story. In maths they will be continuing with their times tables and using fractions.

In Science we will be find out about hoe plants and animals reproduce. We will be planting seeds and learning how seeds germinate.

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**.

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.



What's On in Year 6

In our Learning Journey we will complete our study of World War 2. We continue to learn about the effect of the war on people's lives including an exploration of the ways the roles of men and women changed. In art we will produce a display comparing life in the countryside and the devastation caused by the Blitz. We will also study propaganda and how that was used during the war. We may even have a tea party to celebrate as so many did when the war finally ended!

In English we have now created our characters and received the settings that were written by Y7 Braidwood pupils so, in the first two weeks of the half term, we will bring these two together as we write stories that we will then share and act out when we visit Braidwood on Monday 7th March. For the rest of the half term we shall be learning more about information text.

As well as our visit to Braidwood School we look forward to some other interesting out-of-the-classroom experiences that help to enrich our learning. So, we hope to be involved in a day of playing Boccia against other schools, a day out and about the school learning through Forest School and a visit to a Buddhist Temple. We also have the exciting prospect of a trip to Bewdley Safari Park which will link beautifully with all the work we have been doing in Science on living things. Information about all these events will be sent to you when necessary. Finally, Y6 will be involved in all the traditional activities that the school engages in to celebrate Easter, including the egg-rolling competition and Easter bonnet parade.

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. It is making such a difference to our pupils' progress and achievement.

