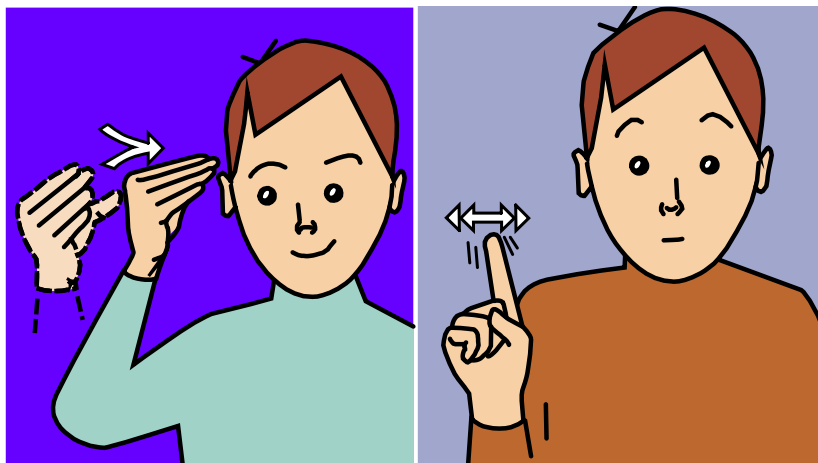


What's On

Autumn A 2015



Welcome back to Nursery!

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 also thinking about our families. If you have any photographs of your children or of family members that we can use at school please send them in!

We will also be thinking about how families celebrate when children are born and give them their names. As part of this work we hope to visit a local church to learn about how some babies are christened. If your child has been through a naming ceremony we would love to hear about it!

In order to encourage the children to develop their communication skills we will be continuing with our 'Wonderful Wednesday' show and tell session. Our first session (Wednesday 9th) 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 practical counting skills- Can you give me 1 pencil, 2 cubes and so on. It would be great if you could practice this at home with your child- Can I have 2 spoons please?

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 will also be visiting Bellfield Infant School on alternate Tuesdays and will let you know when these visits will start. School library books will be changed every Monday. Home/ School books will be used every day to let you know what is happening in school. Please feel free to write in these any questions you have or just to let us know what your child is doing at home.

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

The Nursery Team



What's on in Year 1

Autumn A 2015

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to all our Year 1 pupils and welcome to our new team of staff. Your child will be taught by Mrs. Jackson, Miss Russell, Danielle, Randip and Aran. This is going to be an exciting year for us all!

Our theme for Autumn A is 'All About Me!' This is our time to get to know each other and our likes and dislikes. We will be talking about our favourite things e.g. colours, friends, books, foods etc. We would really appreciate parental support in sending in named family photographs with your child.

We will be looking at the 5 senses: sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste. We will link this to where these are on our bodies. Our aim is to investigate scents that energise and calm us, so that we are ready to learn. We will be visiting LUSH in Birmingham this term, please inform us of any allergies your child might have as we will be making scent bags and bath bombs!

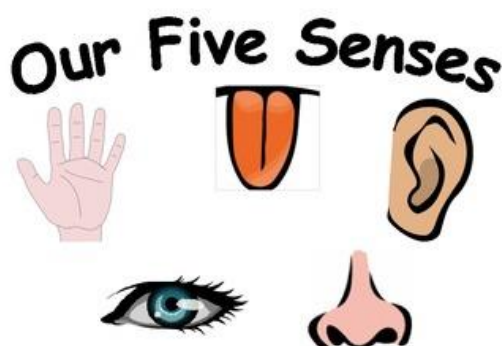
In our curriculum we will be discovering ways to sort and group objects, we will be recognising similarities and differences in old and new objects, namely toys (parents and grandparents get ready to talk about your favourite toys!)

We will be having daily opportunities to recognise and write our full name, as well as; writing labels and captions within our investigations and be extending our knowledge of phonics and vocabulary.

In Science we will be investigating our bodies and the ways in which we move objects and our bodies E.G. pushes and pulls.

In P.E we will be looking at improving our ball skills and our sense of direction.

To support your child in learning all about themselves you can discuss your favourite things and encourage your child to talk about theirs. Using everyday objects to help your child understand the idea of grouping and sorting. You can find an appropriate space to practise your child's ball skills, using large and medium size balls.



Year 2

This half term we will be starting with our topic of 'All about me'. In English we will be describing ourselves: what we look like and our likes and dislikes. In PHSE we will be learning about why we have school rules and how we can keep ourselves and our class mates safe.

We will be creating pictographs, tally charts and block graphs in maths and will be using this to answer questions about our friends in school.

In art we will be creating self-portraits. We will be learning about the work of Van Gogh and using his style in our own work. In computing we will be labelling the parts of a computer. We will also be learning about the uses of IT outside of school for example traffic lights and CCTV cameras.

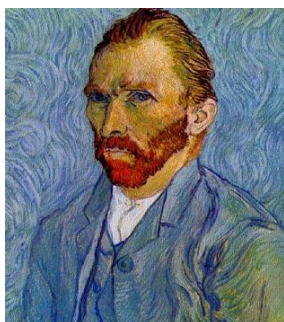
We will be studying the key features of the school grounds in geography and using this to construct basic maps.

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 and drama 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 a busy and exciting start to the year.



Year 3

Welcome to the new school year, we have a very exciting half term planned in Year 3. Our first week will be 'all about me', and will focus on how each child learns and how they can use their strengths to help them with their learning throughout the year.

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 **Wednesday** and **Friday**, 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 4 and class 5M; tri golf on a Wednesday and Dance on a Friday. Swimming will continue to be every **Thursday** from 17th September, 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 invaluable, 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 during weekend News on a Monday.

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 Oddizzi and purple mash. If you need reminding of any of these logins we will happily send them home again.

Mrs Plews & Mrs Sutton



Year 4/5M

This half term we are starting with the topic 'All about me'. This will help us learn more about each other and find out what we like and dislike doing. This will lead into our learning journey 'Under the Sea'. We will also be taking some time this half term to look at early civilisations and how things have changed since then.

We will also be thinking about our rights and responsibilities towards other people and the environment. We would also like some photos of family, friends and home to share in school to help us learn more about each other.

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 4 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 tri-golf, so if they have a tracksuit this may be useful if the weather turns cooler. They will be swimming every Thursday (not 10th Sept), please send swimming costumes and a towel in a labelled bag each week.



Year 5T

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely summer break and ready to start the new school term. The year 5T members of staff this year are Miss Thomas, Louise and Michael.

The topic for this term is "All About Me". They will be researching and gathering information about themselves and learn how the body develops from birth to old age.

PE will take place on **Tuesday** where they will be participating in Cross Country and will be taking part in a completion in Derby. Swimming will continue to take place on a **Thursday** and Dance on a **Friday**.

Home Learning will be set on a Friday to be handed in on 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

It is great to be back! We are very excited about beginning a new year as the oldest year group in Longwill School. All the pupils are very aware of how this brings with it greater responsibilities and are ready to meet the challenges of completing their time at primary school and preparing themselves for a new secondary school. With this in mind we will begin the year by focussing on Building Learning Power i.e. how we can make sure we have the skills to help us become more independent and more effective learners. The pupils will also begin to learn the skills they need to be mentors to their peers.

In the second week of term we will be off to Boreatton Park in Shropshire for our PGL trip. This will be full of fun, exciting and challenging activities – a great way to build a team spirit at the start of Y6.

In our Learning Journey we will continue to think about the Victorians by considering how they enabled Birmingham to have a clean water supply. This will lead us to learn about the geography of Wales and the importance of clean water. In Science we shall investigate electricity which will involve making circuits and finding out how they work.

Year 6 will be doing PE every Tuesday. For this they will need shorts or trousers, T-shirt and pumps in school for the half term. This half term we will focus on skills that help in cross country because some pupils from Y5 and 6 will be involved in a cross country event taking place at Derby School in October. Swimming happens on Thursday – please send swimming costume and towel in a labelled bag each week.

Home learning will be set on a Friday and expected to be handed in on Wednesday or before. To help your child complete this work there will be a home learning club on a Tuesday lunch time. It will make such a difference if you can support your child as they complete their home learning and use any opportunity to encourage them to read. Look out for other clubs happening during the week that your child will be able to attend.

