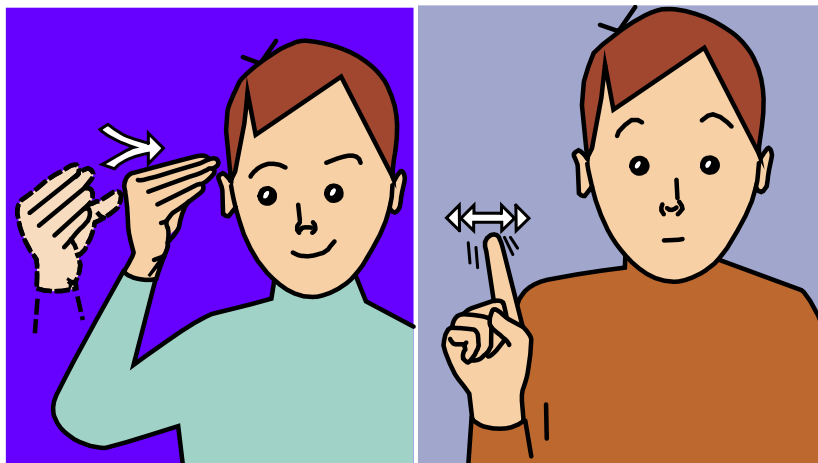


What's On

Autumn B 2015



What's On in Nursery

Welcome back!

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

This term our topic is 'Celebrations'. We will start by learning about how and why we celebrate Bonfire Night and we will also think about what we need to do to keep safe.

We will then move on to learn about other celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas and these will link in with our Wonderful Wednesday show and tell sessions. A separate letter will come out to you with details of what we would like the children to bring in each week, but we will start with talking about what we did in the holidays and sharing our photographs on the children's PSPs.

Nursery will also be sharing the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and visiting the theatre to see a production of this story on Tuesday 24th November.

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 and shape and this half term we will be learning about the colours yellow, gold and grey and the shapes square and hexagon.

P.E. will take place on a Thursday morning and we will start our work on gymnastics thinking about different ways we can move and balance and starting to explore using low apparatus. We will also be having dance lessons with a specialist dance teacher every Friday morning.

This half term we will continue to have gardening every Monday morning and we will visit Bellfield Infant School on alternate Tuesday afternoons starting on 10th January. 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



What's On in Year 1

This half term we will be learning about different types of Fairy-tales and the different settings. Our stories will be – The Three Little Pigs, Shrek and Cinderella. We will be going to see Cinderella at the MAC theatre on Wednesday December 9th as part of our topic. There will be a voluntary contribution of £5 to support costs.

We will be investigating different types of materials and linking this to the story of the Three Little Pigs. We will naming, sorting and classifying different material and record our findings. We will describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

Linked with our story of Shrek we will be classifying big and small objects, investigating absorbent and non-absorbent materials. We will investigate different types of materials used for different footwear. Your child will be challenged to distil their learning to create something new e.g. a cushion.

They will be gaining skills in sewing and creative arts. They will learn stitches that will help them to design and produce a sock puppet using their own material, Parents, keep a close eye as we might even make something worth selling for Christmas! In music they will be investigating the use of un-tuned percussion instruments and will create music for their fairy-tale settings.

In computing your child will be researching ways in which to use technology safely. We will be enjoying our Friendship week from Monday 16th November to support anti-bullying week. Please talk to your child about being safe on the internet, using their tablets safely and also about treating each other with care and respect. Your child will be learning about developing healthy, positive relationships with those around them. Please send in a photo of your child with their close family members. Remember to write their names and ages at the back. We will also be discussing the common uses of technology around us.

In PE your child will be creating dance and shape movements to support their fairy-tale topic. They will be learning and improving their skills of balance and co-ordination on the mats and using apparatus.

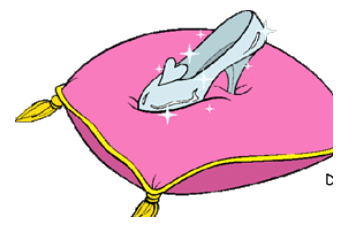
We will continue to discuss the weather and seasonal conditions daily. We will be looking at hot and cold places around the world. This will be closely linked with our English fairy-tale focus; looking at the different settings heroes and villains are found in.

Our Christmas show will be held on Wednesday 16th December. We will be discussing the Christmas story, Diwali and Rangoli patterns as part of our R.E focus of creativity.



Please remember that your child's PSP is an educational tool for the both of you. Do not be afraid to use it. It would be lovely to see short clips of your child enjoying memorable moments with their close family members and friends.

In maths your child will be counting daily from 0- 5, 0-10, 0-20, 0-30, forwards and backwards (where appropriate) and estimating amounts. They will be investigating simple repeated patterns and sequences.



The Year 1 Team: Mrs Jackson, Miss Russell, Randip, Danielle and Sheena

What's On in Y2

This half term we will be continuing with our topic of 'All about me'. In English we will be looking at fairy tales in preparation for our visit to MAC to see 'Cinderella'. In RE we will be reflecting on beautiful images and thinking about how to express joy in our lives and being thankful for what we have. In PSHE we will be looking at our friendships (especially with friendship week being this half term!) and relationships with others, raising awareness of bullying and how we look after the environment together.

In maths, we will be looking at how we use numbers in the world around us. We will be looking at how to tell the time, how to use money and how to measure things. We will also be looking at the language that we use in maths to help our explanations for answers.

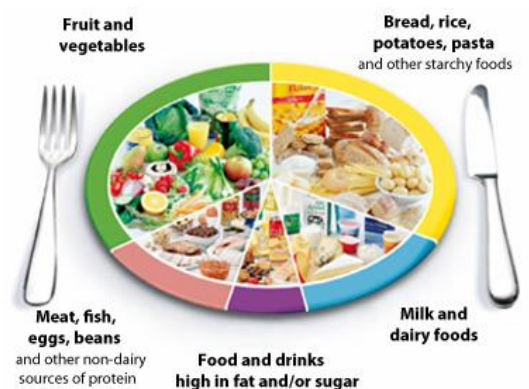
In Science, we will be looking at how the body changes to exercise, how animals (as well as humans!) need to eat, breathe and have water to live. As well as this we will be having a go at creating our own healthy eating ideas and looking at what foods are healthy and unhealthy. We will also be conducting a science experiment using paint on our hands!

In history, we will be comparing the life and work of Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, looking at what their lives were like when they were alive and why they are famous people.

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.



What's On Y3

This half term we will be continuing our topic of 'Ancient Greece', focusing more on the history side. We will be using pictures and artefacts to learn about the past. In English we will look more closely at famous Greek Myths such as 'The Horse of Troy' and 'Pandora's box', we will then use these stories to create some amazing sketches.

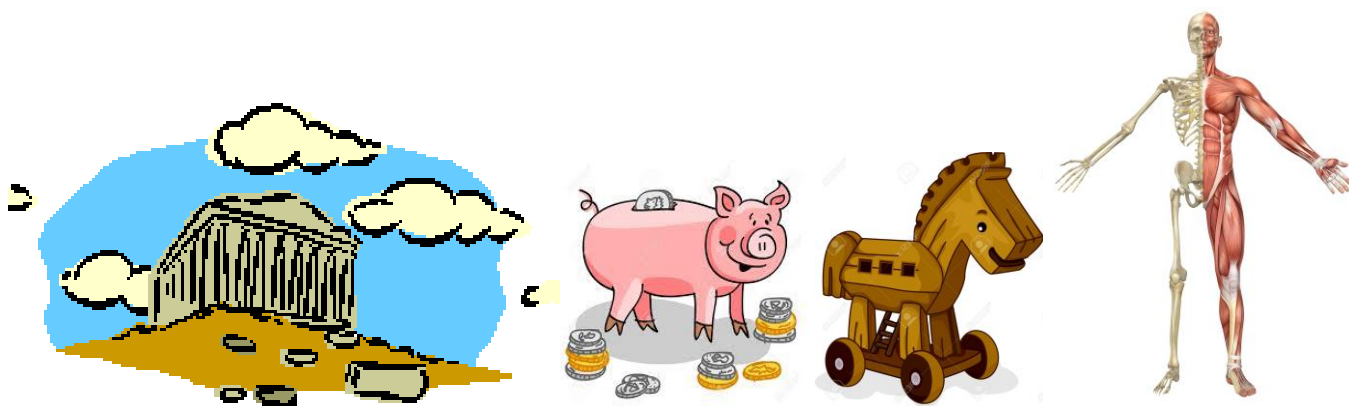
P.E will link nicely, tying in sporting activities and gymnastics with the Greek Olympics; who will get to wear the winner's wreath? We will also look at different styles of Greek dancing. P.E. will continue to be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**, please make sure your child has their kit in school for these days. We will be doing P.E. with Year 4 and class 5M. Swimming will continue to be every **Thursday**, please make sure their costume, towel and bag are labelled and in school every week.

In December we will be going to the History Museum in Birmingham to look at the Ancient Greek exhibition, whilst there we will visit the German market to look for inspiration for our design and technology week, which will have a textiles focus.

In PSHE we will be learning about money management, how to budget and how to spend money wisely. This may come in useful for our trip to the German market. In Science we will be focusing on the body. We shall explore the foods we eat and the function of our skeleton and muscles. RE will be focusing upon creativity as a focus.

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. Spellings will be recorded on PSP's to help children practise at home, we would really like children to become confident writers and knowing how to spell key words is critical. Thank you for all the photos sent in via the PSP, the children loved looking at them and sharing them at weekend News on a Monday- please continue to send them in.

Mrs Plews & Mrs Sutton



What's On in Y4 & Y5M

This half term we are moving from the sea onto dry land as pirates to bury our treasure! We will be drawing our own maps and marking on them where we have hidden the gold! We will learn about some of the famous pirates like Blackbeard and where he used to sail. We will be finding out how our body digests food and why diet is important especially to pirates on board ship. We will be learning to sing/sign pirate songs and maybe write one of our own that we can use in the drama studio to act out our pirate adventure. We're also going to learn the value of money and how to work out how much we have to spend and how much change we should get too!

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 may 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 gymnastics, so we will be inside. They will be swimming every Thursday, please send swimming costumes and a towel in a labelled bag each week.



What's on in 5T

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term break.

The topic for this term is Romans. They will be learning about the Roman Empire, the power of the army and the impact on Britain at the time. In geography they will understand the location of the empire on a map. In DT, they will be researching and making their own catapult, which was used in a battle.

PE will take place on **Monday** where they will be participating in Gymnastics. 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.



GYMNASTICS

What's On in Y6

This half term our learning will help us to think about ways the environment can be made better both now and in the past. So we will learn all about light in Science and link this with the important festivals of Divali, Hanukkah and, of course, Christmas, in which the significance of light is celebrated. This will provide us with lots of opportunities in RE to explore the theme of Creativity. In English we will base work on the amazing story of Grace Darling who lived in a lighthouse and whose brave actions helped to save people in the incredibly dangerous environment of a stormy sea. Staying in the Victorian period we will find out about how 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. We will also study the work of William Morris who wanted to create beautiful designs without the use of industrial machinery. This will include a visit to Whitwick Manor in Wolverhampton to see for ourselves his amazing fabrics and wallpaper. We shall try to design our own patterns and perhaps even create a piece of art that will improve our own environment in school. Finally, we shall think very seriously about how we should behave towards others and play our own part in creating an environment where everyone is respected and cared for. This will include learning skills that will equip us to mentor younger pupils in school so that they are better able to cope with school life.

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

