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Welcome!

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your great support again this half term. It has been a very busy one! The children have all worked really hard this half term and have enjoyed learning about the different Global Goals.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening it is so important to hear how your child is doing in school and how we can work together to support them. The Academy MPs ran a book stall and we raised over £100 for our foodbank. They were fantastic on the stall.

Thank you to everyone for their brilliant outfits on World Book Day! The children were introduced to some great vocabulary and enjoyed showing each other their outfits. Year 5 and 6 had Bikeright! sessions and we have had lovely comments from people in the community about their behaviour and how sensible they were riding on the road. We are so proud of them!

Early Years have ordered some new equipment for their outdoor area, we can't wait to see the children using it in their outdoor learning when it arrives.

Work has now started on the final phase in school where the old Year 4 classroom will be turned into two much needed group rooms and a storeroom with the remainder of the corridor being completed.

And finally please find the attendance information for each class. Thank you for your continued support on this.

A reminder we have also updated our school website (www.oasisacademyaspinal.org). Please make sure you check MCAS as all letters will be attached to the app again this year rather than sent out.

Have a lovely Easter and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 19th April.

Miss Sweeting

This half terms attendance

Nursery	86.60%
Reception	94.95%
Year 1	91.19%
Year 2	94.03%
Year 3	94.51%
Year 4	93.88%
Year 5	94.16%
Year 6	93.33%
Whole School	93.50%



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Early Years Foundation stage

What a really busy half term!!

Animals

This half term our Topic has been 'Animals.' We have learning all bout different types of animals: pets, farm, jungle, nocturnal animals and animals that help others such as guide dogs. We have discussed our favourite animals, talked about animal homes and habitats and how to care for animals.

Parents Evening

It was lovely to have the chance to talk to you and share your childs progress at Parents Evening – there were some very proud parents looking through their childrens work.

Outdoor Area

We are very lucky that we have been able to secure some funding to upgrade our EYFS outdoor space. We have had some new equipment and more new equipment will be arriving shortly- the children are really excited by this. Can I please ask you to be mindful and respectful of this when you are collecting the children from the playground- we don't want to have any losses or damages.

Maths

We continue to work hard in our daily Maths sessions developing our oral / mental skills in particular – doubling, halving, addition and subtraction to 10.

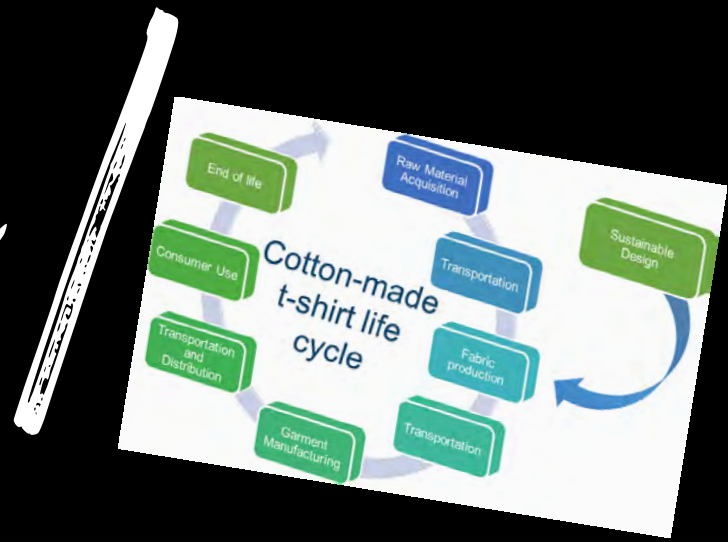
Literacy

We have continued the animal theme in our Literacy sessions – we have focussed on Traditional Tales and animals in stories , such as The 3 Pigs, Little Red Hen . We have been developing our writing skills and are making some lovely progress.

Have a good half term break!
Miss Bailey, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Currie



Year 1



English

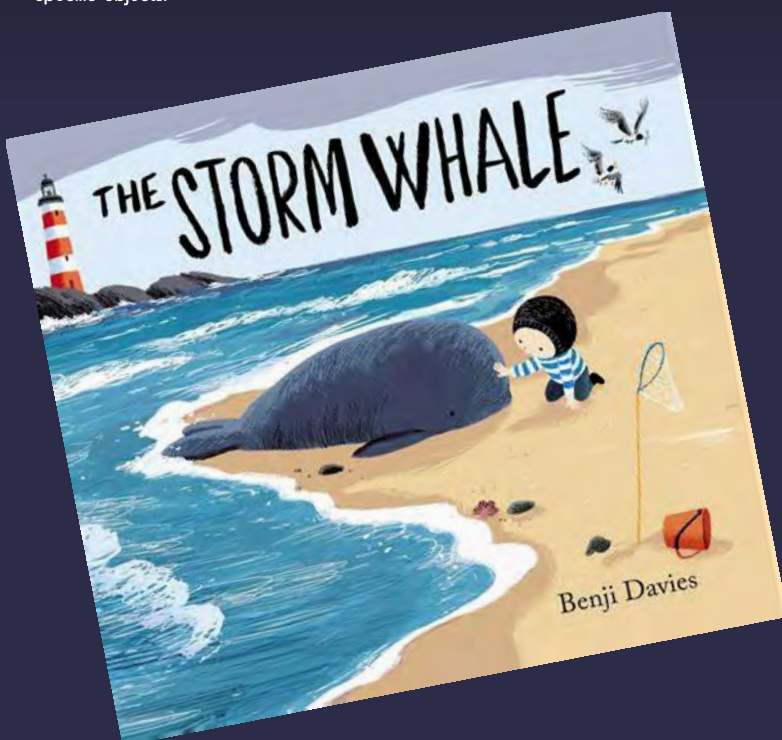
In English we have studied a lovely book 'The Storm Whale'. We have been focusing on improving our sentence construction and punctuation through the use of adjectives, conjunctions such as 'and' plus the use of exclamation and question marks. We have planned and written our own fantastic stories based on 'The Storm Whale' titled 'The Storm Turtle'.

Maths

In Maths, we have been focussing on place value, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and comparing numbers. We have also been exploring length and weight, using the correct mathematical vocabulary and comparing length and weight using mathematical equipment such as rulers and balance scales.

Science

Our Science topic this half term has been 'Everyday Materials'. We have named and described the properties of everyday materials, grouped and sorted materials and begun to understand why materials are chosen for specific objects.



History

As part of our 'Sustainable World' unit on Global Goal 12- Sustainable Consumption and production, in History we have been learning about fashion through the decades and the impact of fast fashion.

Geography

We have been introduced to the Global Goals and their aims and have explored the meaning of some of them. In particular, focusing on our Global Goal 12 and have tracked the production of a t-shirt to see the impact this production has on the World. We have considered our own behaviour and habits and planned and executed a 'changemaker' session (our toy swap shop) to help make a small change in our big world to encourage repurposing and reusing rather than always 'buying new'.

As part of being school ready, we asked that all children ensure I-Pads have sufficient charge for the following day in school. We ask that parents/carers regularly check I-Pads to ensure not too many out of school apps are downloaded and that screens and cases are clean.

We are so incredibly proud of our superstars this half-term. We have seen fantastic engagement in learning sessions and super outcomes. Very well-done Year One.

As always, thank you for your continued support as we work together. Have a lovely Easter!

Mrs McDonald, Mrs Cragg and Miss Stringer



Year 2

What a brilliant half term we have had in Year 2!

Year 2 have grown in confidence with linking learning from earlier in the year and have gotten better at spotting the cross-curricular links in our learning. The Year 2 team have persevered and have worked hard to be the best versions of themselves this term.

In Maths we have investigated 2-D and 3-D shapes, lines of symmetry, reasoning and problem-solving questions. We developed our knowledge of edges, vertices and faces and used our key mathematical vocabulary to describe shapes.

In English we examined 'Halibut Jackson' by David Lucas and empathised and engaged with our protagonist. We explored themes and issues and sustained our ideas through discussion, drama and illustration and composed a free verse poem.

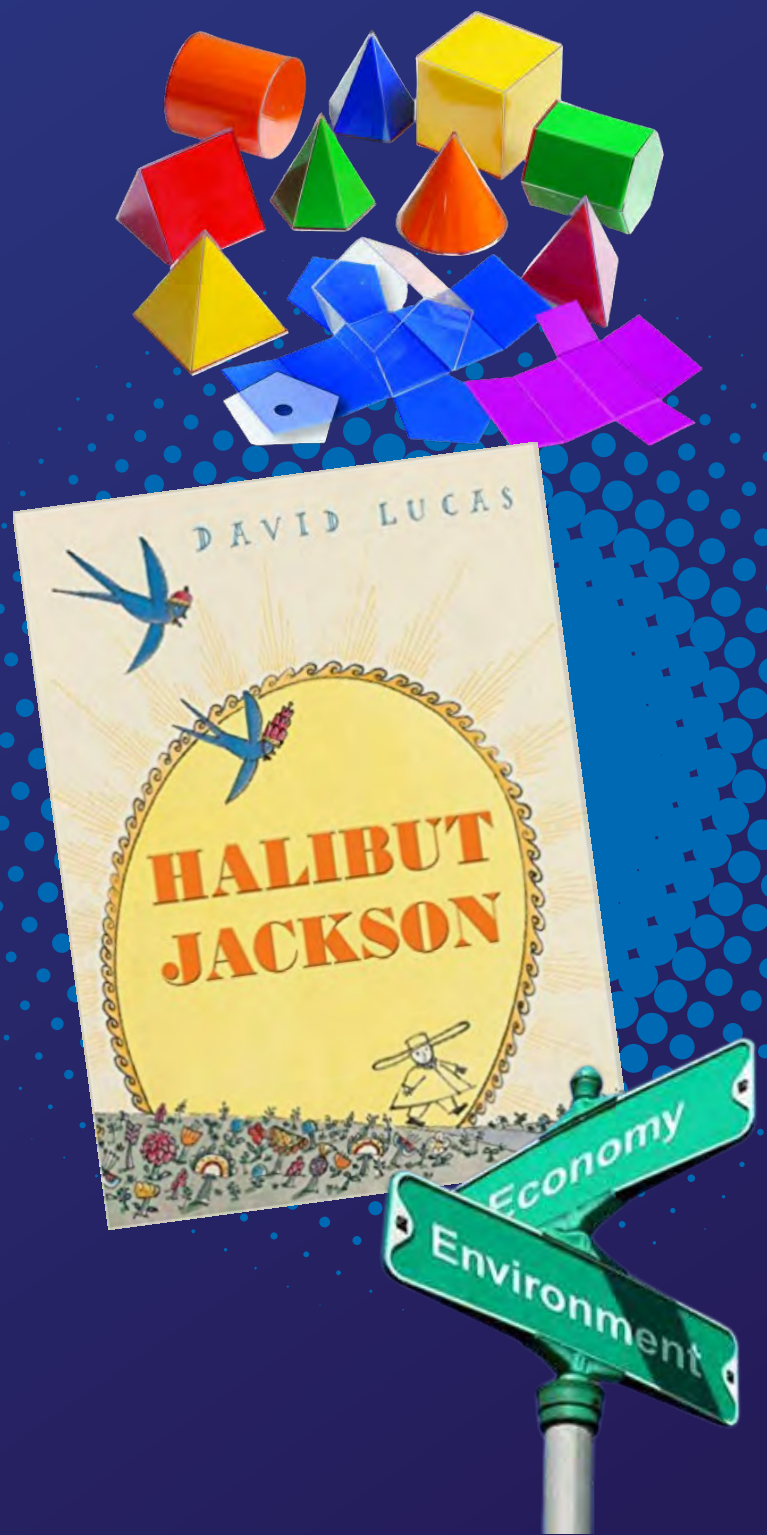
In Science pupils have enjoyed building on their Materials knowledge by investigating which materials are strong and waterproof and which materials would withstand strong wind.

In our History sessions we have explored Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and their significance and impact on hygiene, care and gender equality. Whilst in our Geography and Global Goals sessions we have looked at sustainable employment across the World and decent work, economic growth and investment.

It has been super term of learning, growing and absorbing information and embedding skills and knowledge. Thank you to all pupils and grown-ups for your continued support during a short, but busy term.

Have a lovely Easter!

Miss Buckley, Miss Cairns and Miss Morrison



Year 3



The end of the Spring term is here and what a fantastic half term we have had! The children have all been working hard and giving 100% in all lessons.

In English, the children have been exploring vocabulary to build tension while writing a fear narrative. They thought hard about the structure of their sentences and produced some fantastic writing.

We have been lucky this half term and had two rugby coaches join us for PE. They always comment on Year 3's fantastic behaviour and how quickly they pick up skills. They have also enjoyed their orienteering sessions with Miss Hardy. Teamwork is key and they are becoming a strong team working together to achieve their goals.
TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

Year 3 embraced our Global Goal, Life Under Water, and became passionate about cutting out single use plastic. Ask your child what you can do at home to help build a sustainable world and help to protect life under water.

Thank you again for all your support and we hope you enjoy your break.

Miss Clayton & Miss Robinson



Year 4

This half-term has whizzed by, and it has been go, go, go! Year 4 thrive to succeed, and it is evident in every lesson! Not only do all the children try to embed the Oasis nine habits within the classroom but have started to show collaboration, forgiveness and patience around school which has allowed for a positive learning environment.

At the beginning of the half-term, there was a Sumdog maths competition and every pupil did our class proud! Out of the school, we came on top at 1st place! And out of the 347 other classes which entered, we came 11th! The children pushed and persevered and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves and their hard work!!

In class, we started off the half-term learning about the area rectilinear shapes. More recently, we started our unit on fractions which is going to be our focus at the beginning of the Summer Term.

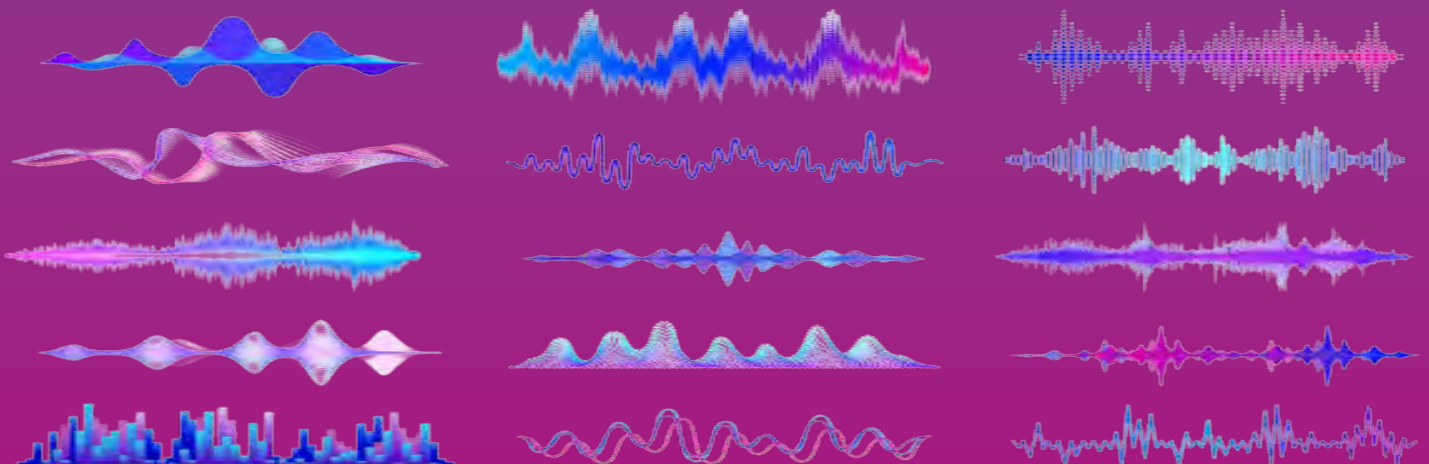
The Iron Man! The book which has allowed there to be incredible, imaginative and beautiful pieces of work. I have been beyond impressed with the independency skills the children have shown in English, each one thriving in their own, unique way. Each and every one are becoming confident writers and really do amaze me with the work that they produce.

In science, we have been learning all about sound! As well as looking at the anatomy of the ear, we have learnt about what sound is and how it is produced. We have had opportunities for investigations by using instruments and even completing a hertz test to see what range of frequency we can hear! It has been a very enjoyable unit, and all the children loved it!

Throughout the half term, our big focus was all about 'Building a Sustainable World'. Our specific Global Goal was 'Life on Land' (GG15). We looked at deforestation and how this is impacting the world. We even had an opportunity to investigate the inspirational Sir David Attenborough and what a huge impact he is making to life on land! The pupils have created some amazing posters and a timeline, diving deep with researching and wanting to learn more!

Another amazing term finished. Thank you to all pupils and grown-ups for your continued efforts and support. Hope you all have a fantastic and well-deserved Easter break!

Miss Dale and Miss Sweeting



Year 5



This half term seems to have absolutely flown by! It was lovely to see so many of you at our second parents evening this half term supporting your children on their journey in Year 5.

We have welcomed a student teacher into our class this half term by the name of Mr Pierce, who we are very pleased to have with us until June.

This half term the children have completed their second assessments of the year and have really shown great progress- particularly in their effort with their times table recall! Why not ask them about their scores at home?

In class we have been working on Non-Fiction texts in our English unit and the children have expanded their knowledge of grammar. We have worked on phrases and clauses which is now following into our weekly homework tasks to make sure that the children remember this new knowledge and become confident using it.

In maths, many of the children have been challenged by our new multiplication methods. They have begun to learn short multiplication and short division methods. This is something which needs regular practice to continue embedding into the summer term and Year 6.

In PE this half term the children have been learning Orienteering with Miss Hardy and gymnastics with myself. Teamwork is something they have had to develop and explore. In Gymnastics we have also looked at counterbalancing which required lots of trust and communication.

Forces has been our theme in science this half term and we have been investigating gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance! The children have learnt to develop their scientific skills by planning and carrying out investigations including making predictions and analysing their results.

10 minutes a day is all it takes to really give your child the best chances in life- just by reading with them! This half term we have tried our hardest to encourage them and are now offering children an extra playtime if they manage to read every night for 10 minutes! This can be a school book, accessing the Lexia app or reading something they choose or enjoy at home!

Have you heard about the EU's 17 Global Goals to aim to achieve by 2030? Why not ask your children about the Global Goal we have been learning about this half term. They have explored the importance of clean water and sanitation. We have looked into how we use water in our daily lives along with how sanitation has changed through history! We were horrified to learn that people used to share a public toilet and sometimes would even throw it out of their window into the streets!

After many conversations at parents evening about High School applications- if you would like any support or further information, then please do not hesitate to message or speak to myself.

I hope you enjoy the two week break and we look forward to welcoming all of the children back for their final term in Year 5 when we return!

Miss Hughes and Miss Turner

YEAR 6

PHILIP PULLMAN

This half term in English the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. We have written a setting description based on the book 'Clockwork or All Wound Up' by Phillip Pullman. We have also produced some amazing news reports on the current climate change crisis developed from our Global Goals lessons.

In maths, the children have been working incredibly hard! We have developed our skills in Algebra and have also been converting between measures including imperial and metric units.

Our theme this half term has been Our Sustainable World. The children have investigated the current climate change crisis. We have studied environmental activists Greta Thunberg who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation. We have also been working on creating a wind powered house in our design and technology lessons as part of an investigation into renewable energy.

In other areas of the curriculum, our science lessons have been based on electricity. The children began by studying basic circuits and then went on to explore how varying the components will result in different outcomes.

Well done for all of your hard work this half term Year 6!

Miss Webster and Miss Myatt

CLOCKWORK OR ALL WOUND UP



Community MATTERS

OASIS ACADEMY ASPINAL JUBILEE JAMBOREE



Thursday 26th May 2:30—4:30

- Fancy Dress Parade
- Afternoon Tea
- Games and Stalls
- Raffle and Prizes
- Entertainment.... and much more.



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