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# Aspire, Aim high, Achieve



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Welcome!



## Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your great support again during this very busy half term, particularly with bringing in items for the Jubilee Jamboree. The children have all worked really hard this half term, I have been so proud of Year 6 and their attitude to learning, they have worked so hard in their SATS tests. Year 2 have also completed SATS tests. After half term Year 1 will have their phonics screening and Year 4 their Multiplication Check.

We have been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting School Award. The staff and children have worked really hard to gain the award. The children who spoke to the assessor were a real credit to the school. The report noted: 'The children demonstrated good global awareness and discussed how, for some children, their rights may not always be easy to access. They discussed the impact of poverty explaining that "Some children don't have clean water or sanitation." "Sometimes children are enslaved." And that in some countries, "People have to pay for their healthcare." They explained that watching Newsround and linking issues to rights has helped their understanding of the wider world.'

All classes have school trips booked for next half term. Payment is to be made on MCAS, if you have any problems with MCAS please speak to the school office and they can help.

A huge thank you to everyone who has attended the coffee mornings and helped with preparing for the Jubilee Jamboree. I would also like to thank our Hub Council for their support with the event.

The building work has also now been completed on the KS2 end of the school. Year 4's old classroom has been turned into two much needed group rooms. Work has also been completed on the school library.

And finally please see the table for each class' attendance this half term. Thank you for your continued support on this.

A reminder we have also updated our school website ([www.oasisacademyaspinal.org](http://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 holiday and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 6th June.**

## Miss Sweeting

## This half terms attendance

Nursery	93.23%
Reception	96.04%
Year 1	93.35%
Year 2	97.10%
Year 3	93.39%
Year 4	95.59%
Year 5	96.91%
Year 6	97.13%
Whole School	95.85%



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# Early Years Foundation stage

What a really busy half term!!

## Mini Beasts

This half term we have been learning all about Mini beast,s we especially enjoyed the 'Bug Hunt' that we did outside.

We have been able to complete some fantastic writing through this topic: labelling models, writing information that we have found out and creating our own stories.

In Maths we have learning about sorting and matching minibeasts, doubling, halving and sharing

The children have been finding out about Life Cycles – learning how creatures grow and change.

## P.E

WOW! Our P.E sessions have been amazing – the children are so independent and confident getting changed into their kits – they look so smart too.

## Reading

The children have made amazing progress with reading this year – please continue to hear your child read their reading book as often as you can – remember 5 minutes each day will make all the difference – please don't forget to sign the parent / teacher comment book too

## Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle with fresh drinking water in school EVERY day

**Have a good half term break!**

**Miss Bailey, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Currie**



Please apply high factor suncream to your child before school if we have warm sunny days.



# 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 focusing on multiplication and division facts- counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, making equal groups by grouping and sharing and making arrays and doubles.

## Science

Our Science topic this half term has been 'Plants', We have named and the different parts of plants and learned their functions as well as learning the names of common plants. We have also planted and observed the growth of our own sunflower plants.



**THE JOLLY POSTMAN**

## History/Geography

Our humanities theme this half term has been 'Building an Inclusive World: Moments and movements that changed the world'. In History we have used photos and stories to find out about the past, we have explored the concepts of gender equality in the workplace and sport and positive changes over time. In Geography we have read information from a UK map, locating where famous women are from, named and located the four countries and capitals of the UK and used the words North, South, East, West.

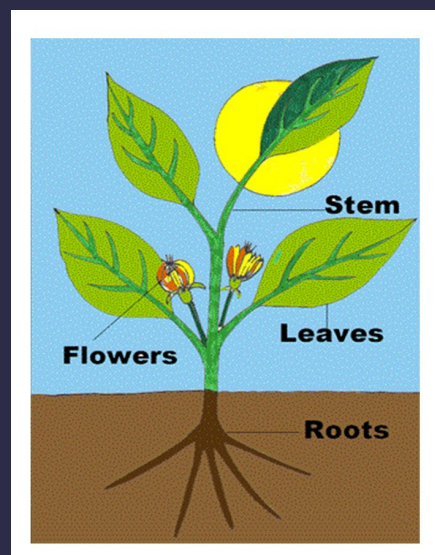
## Art and Design Technology

In Art, we have learned about the artist Keith Haring and worked collaboratively to produce a class collage. We have also created worked collaboratively to create class sculptures using tubes and foil.

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.

Great work everyone, have a lovely half term break and we look forward to an exciting final half term and our trip to The Whitworth Gallery.

Mrs McDonald, Mrs Cragg and Miss Stringer



# Year 2

**What another fantastic half term we have had in Year 2! The pupils have demonstrated all of the Oasis 9 Habits during a busy and demanding term, and we are extremely proud of their perseverance and growth.**

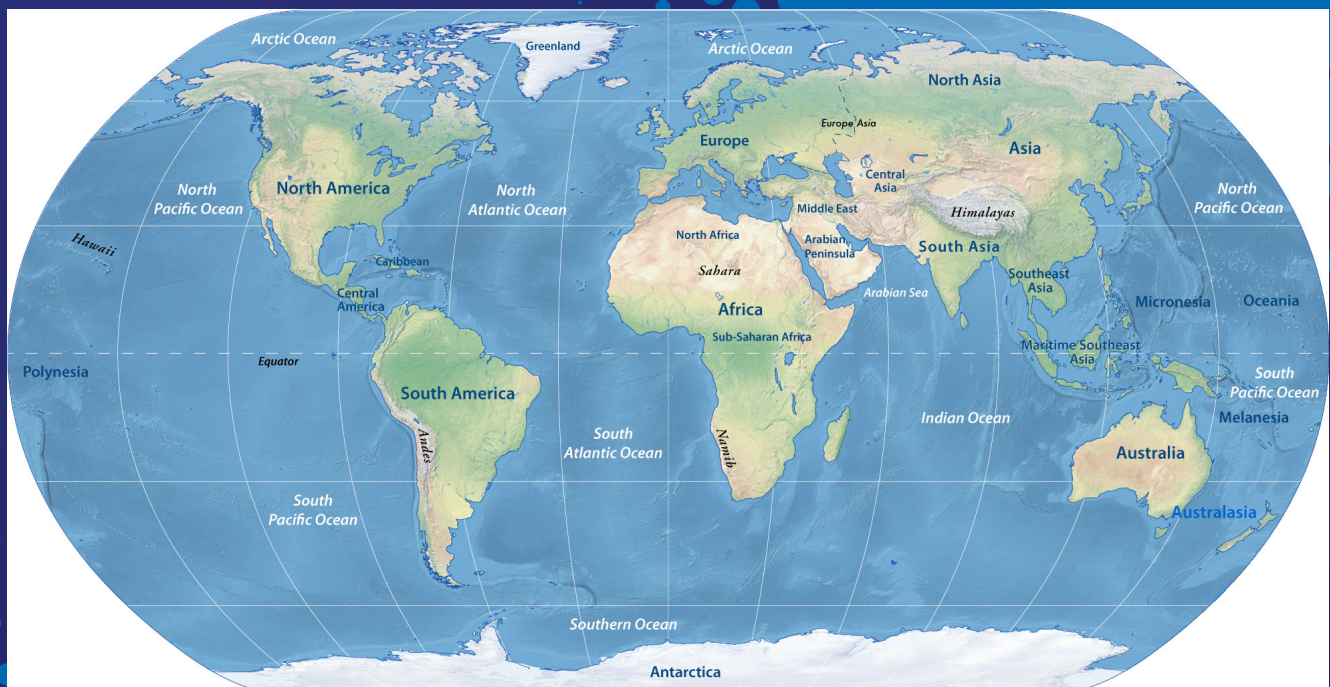
**In Maths we have investigated measurement through exploring length and height and comparing centimetres and metres using rulers and metre sticks. We have also explored position and direction and described movement and turns and have made patterns with shapes. Whilst in English we have thoroughly enjoyed the book 'Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah' and we have discussed how 'disability is not an inability.' We explored Emmanuel's challenges, determination, barriers, journey and his successes. We also enjoyed examining our second text 'The Day The Crayons Quit' and the requirements needed to write a persuasive letter.**

**In Science the pupils have been investigating how certain plants grow from seeds and others grow from bulbs and what seed dispersal is and why it happens. Pupils have also explored how a seed germinates and what conditions are needed for plants to grow. Whilst in Geography the pupils have identified continents and oceans on maps, using compass directions. Whilst in History, we have described historical events that have happened across the World, and we have explored Jesse Owens and Luz Long and the 1936 Berlin Olympics and Tommie Smith, John Carlos and Peter Norman and the 1968 Mexico City Olympics and have asked and answered questions about the past, present and future. In our Religious Education sessions, we have looked at synagogues and alternative Jewish places of worship.**

**We have also spent time discussing what self-control and consideration mean in our Personal Development sessions and different anthems across the World in our music sessions. Whilst in Art the pupils have been creating Olympic medals from clay in their thematic sessions and have looked at Joan Miro and sculptures in their discrete sessions. Pupils have also spent time examining how to keep safe online and what is personal information and who we can trust.**

**It has been a brilliant term of growth, teamwork and understanding. Thank you to all pupils and grown-ups for your continued support and feedback. We hope that you all have an excellent half term break!**

**Miss Buckley, Miss Cairns and Miss Morrison**



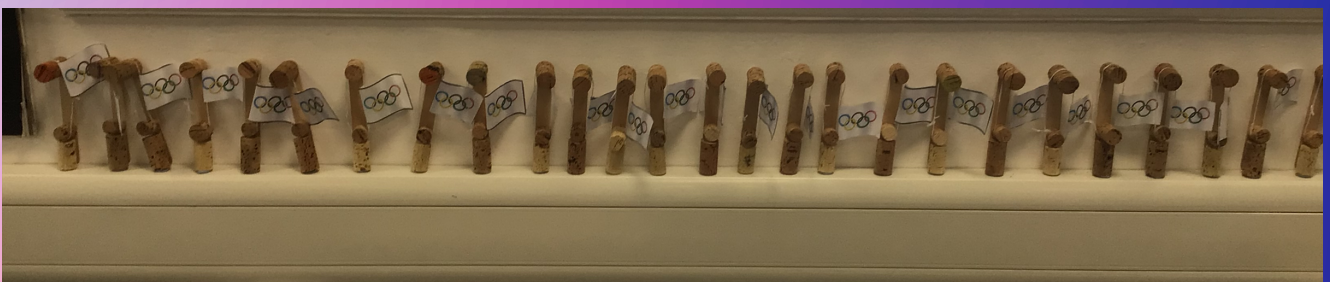
# Year 3

The end of the half term is here and what a fantastic half term it has been. The children have continued to work hard and have been making great progress.

This half term our theme has been 'Building an Inclusive World'. During our history lessons, the children learnt about key dates and events in the running of the Paralympic Games. In Geography, the children used their map reading skills and identified Paralympic Game host countries on a world map. We continued with this theme in music by exploring music from opening ceremonies and learnt how lyrics can carry a message. After, the children wrote their own inspirational lyrics and performed their song to Miss Cairns and Miss Dale. They were both very impressed and couldn't believe the children had written it themselves. During design technology lessons, the children looked at structures and built Olympic stadiums. They used pulleys and levers to build flag poles and raise Olympic flags. Throughout this theme, the children have demonstrated great empathy and we are extremely proud of them.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you all enjoyed our Jubilee Jamboree!

Miss Clayton & Mrs Robinson



# Year 4

Another amazing half-term finished! A highlight would have to be the Taekwondo Championships! The behaviour of everyone was incredible and did our school proud!

## Maths

We have been working very hard on our times tables this half-term, getting ready for the Multiplication Check. The speed and confidence of everyone has really impressed me! The class challenge and push themselves, showing both determination and motivation. As well, in class we have been learning about both fractions and then decimals. Year 4 link their learning with previous knowledge from other units and have blossomed in all the lessons.

## English

The enigmatic 'Lob' has been our book focus this half-term. Year 4 have thrived with the mystery and the unknowing. Once again, the class have blown me away with their incredible pieces of writing! The class have become much more independent when using their writing lenses and can pick and choose which vocabulary would make their written work more powerful.

## Science

In science, we have been looking at living things and their habitats. In this unit children explored a variety of ways to identify, sort, group and classify living things. They have learnt how animals are split into 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates' and begun to consider the differences between living things within these classifications. Very much looking forward to our school trip to Blackpool Zoo where we can put what we have learnt into reality! 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

David Almond

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Wow! Can you believe we are coming to the last half term in Year 5? Where has this year gone?

We have been so productive and busy in Year 5 this half term. In maths our focus has been fractions- the children have learnt to find equivalent fractions, order and compare fractions, and add and subtract them too!

Our English text has been Skellig and we have been working on techniques that writers use to create tension and suspense. The children have been really creative and imaginative too when coming up with their own ideas. It has also been great to see so many of the children taking new vocabulary from our reading lessons, into their writing!

In History and Geography our focus topic has been the Suffragettes and we have learnt all about Emmeline Pankhurst who came from Manchester! The children linked this historical study to the more recent protests about Covid Vaccines and the BLM movement and were really engaged.

In Science we have learnt about the Human Life cycle and reproduction. It has taught them about puberty and the changes that happen in humans throughout their different stages of life. The children have been on the whole very mature and asked some very thoughtful and mature questions.

Our art topic has focussed around creating sculptures from plastic bottles. In PE we have focussed on fitness and cricket. This week in DT we will be sewing and making Votes for Women broaches.

We cannot wait to show you all what we can do in music next half term! Look out for the message on dojo inviting you to come and watch!

Enjoy a well deserved half term and we can't wait to enjoy a very fun- filled final half term with you all!

Miss Hughes and Miss Turner.

# YEAR 6

This half term the children have worked incredibly hard during the build-up to the SATs. They have been committed to doing their absolute best and have consistently given 100%! We could not be prouder of them. Well done Year 6!

During our English lessons, we have studied the book 'Rose Blanche' by Roberto Innocenti. Rose Blanche was the name of a group of young German citizens who, at their peril, protested against the war. The young German girl watches as the streets of her town fill with soldiers and tanks. Then, one day, she follows a truck into the woods and discovers a terrible secret. The children have written a fantastic setting description using some incredible language. They then went on to write a diary entry detailing Rose's experience.

In maths, the children have been developing their skills in using and interpreting data. We have been analysing pie charts, line graphs and finding the mean, median and mode of grouped data.

Our theme this half term has been Building an Inclusive World. The children have studied China's political history and the human and physical geography characteristics of China. We have also been working on creating a lighthouse sculpture during our art lessons.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have been putting our practical skills to the test in science. The children have carried out scientific investigations into: 'Which biscuit is best for dunking into a cup of tea?' And 'Which chocolate bar is the unhealthiest?'

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

Miss Webster and Miss Myatt





# Community MATTERS

## 9 Habits

Learning about the Oasis 9 Habits is an important part of our Personal Development Curriculum – it is a key feature of our character development and underpins our wider curriculum too. In April pupils learned all about Consideration; not only thinking of others but about the wider impact of our own behaviour. This month we have been learning about Self-Control and how we can develop strategies to manage our distractions and take a moment to think before reacting negatively to challenging situations. It has been inspiring to hear children speak confidently about their emotions and see them trying to demonstrate Self-Control in the classroom and in the playground.

## Parent Helpers

Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help Miss Chronnell to prepare the stalls for our Jubilee Jamboree. This amazing team have not only given their time freely but have also come up with super suggestions and sourced donations for our raffle. Many thanks too to our Community Hub representatives who have also been gained support from local businesses and generated lots of ideas for making it a memorable event.



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## Right Respecting Schools Silver Award

Last month Oasis Academy Aspinal became a Silver Standard Rights Respecting School. Members of the school community were interviewed by the Senior Professional Adviser of Rights Respecting Schools via Zoom to talk about our commitment to upholding children's rights, what that looks like in practice at our school, and the impact it has had on our learning. Once again, we were filled with pride and praise for our pupil voice representatives who spoke confidently about global issues, equality and diversity, and what British Values mean to them. We look forward to going for the gold standard in 2023.