

At Oasis Aspinal we...

# Aspire, Aim high, Achieve



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# Welcome!

## Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your amazing support this half term! The children have settled back into school really well and have been working extremely hard. A big welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children who have joined us and have really impressed us with their great start.

This half term we have had individual school photographs and Year 4 have started swimming at Wright Robinson swimming baths. Year 3 and 4 have been on a local walk as part of their History and Geography work.

Our new Academy MPs, Well-Being Champions and Physical Health Champions have all be appointed. I am sure they will all do a fantastic job in their new roles this year.

Please find the attendance information for each class. Thank you for your continued support on this, we have had a huge 115 pupils with 100% attendance this half term. Let's see if we can have even more next term!

A reminder Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 8th November (3:30pm-6pm) and Wednesday 9th November (3:30pm-5:30pm). Nursery only will have theirs on Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th November. Please make sure you have booked your appointment on MCAS its incredibly important to attend to see how your child is getting on in school.

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.

Have a lovely half term and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 31st October.

## Miss Sweeting

### This half terms attendance

Nursery	93.41%
Reception	97.20%
Year 1	94.62%
Year 2	94.19%
Year 3	94.77%
Year 4	97.98%
Year 5	96.72%
Year 6	93.19%
Whole School	95.41%



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# Nursery

**Welcome to all of our new children and their families, we are very pleased that you have joined us this year.**

**Thank you for being so patient during our gradual admission, we know that this proved tricky for some families, but it really has ensured a smooth transition for the children.**

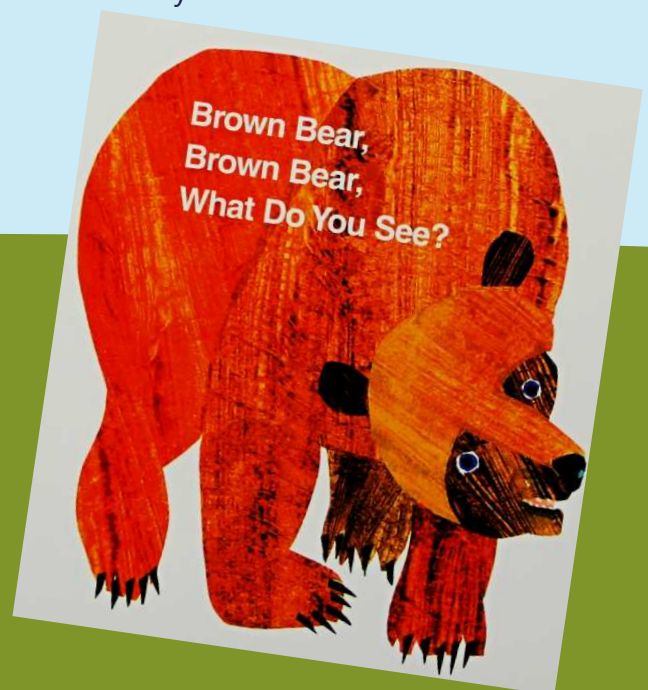
We could not be prouder of our little superstars; they have settled so well. They have been very busy exploring their new classroom. It is an absolute pleasure getting to know the children and watching friendships develop.

We have been busy bees already and lots of wonderful learning has been taking place. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story 'Brown Bear Brown Bear' and have joined in well with the repeated phrases in the story, sequenced the story and painted their brown bears.

We have also been learning about colours, going on colour hunts, matching colours and talking about our favourite colours.

In phonics we have been thinking about environmental sounds. The children loved the 'sound walk' they went on and were able to talk about lots of sounds they heard.

Thank you for continued support  
Mrs Cragg, Mrs McDonald and Mrs O'Brien



# Reception

**Welcome to all of our new children and their families, we are very pleased that you have joined us this year.**

What a busy half term!

The children have settled so well and are embracing being very grown up girls and boys, learning new routines and rising to the challenge of school expectations.

## **Homework, Reading Books, Key Words**

What a fantastic start! Our introductory Reading Meeting was so well attended. Everybody has been working so hard at home – practicing their writing and beginning to learn their key words – keep it up!

## **Houses and Homes Topic**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'Houses and Homes' in our Topic. They have been describing their own homes and talking about the different rooms. Lots of our learning has taken place through the story of the 3 Pigs and the children can talk confidently about the suitability of different materials used in 'house building'

Thank You for your continued support

Miss Bailey and Miss Okon



# Year 1



**We are so proud of the way that the majority of children have settled into the new routines in Year 1 and tackled new ways of working with confidence.**

## **English**

We have been using the story *Stardust* by Jeanne Willis to stimulate some super writing. The story is about Mabel, who wants to be a star but is overshadowed by her accomplished sister. There is a happy ending for Mabel who achieves her ambition of becoming an astronaut!

## **Maths**

Year 1 have been getting used to working on their I-Pads for maths and have kept up brilliantly with the pace and organisation of the lessons. We hope that you have taken time to look on Showbie at their super work about Place Value and Addition and Subtraction.

## **Geography**

We have been studying our local area and thought about what makes our community a great place to live. Lots of children appreciate the shops, the park and of course McDonalds!!

## **History**

Year 1 have been learning about personal timelines. They enjoyed sequencing pictures of Miss Hardy from childhood to an adult, then considered significant milestones in their own lives.

## **PSHE**

This half term we considered who we are, and what makes us special and unique. It was amazing to hear stories from children about their family origins, and we were impressed by how many different languages are spoken, and the diverse cultural heritage that makes up our community.

Miss Hardy and Miss Stringer



# Year 2

What a superb start to the Year! Firstly, can I thank all the parents who attended our welcome meeting and who have come and spoken to me regarding supporting their children. It has been lovely to be working together to help the children make progress.

We have had such a busy term, in English the children have been reading a fiction text called Leaf. A young polar bear is separated from his family and finds himself arriving in a forest where all the animals are too scared to talk to him. It is only when the crows decide to help, does Leaf get to make his journey back home to his family. We have used this story to begin building our own meeting adventures.

In Maths the children have been working attentively to understand the true make-up of 2-digit numbers: knowing what each digit is worth; how to make the number; placing it on a number line and being able to partition it in as many ways as possible.

Learning about the history of our school has been so much fun and children have grown in confidence at working with timelines. Year 2 now know the island we live on, the country we live, the city we live and the name of our local area. They have located all our local amenities on a map of Gorton and compared Manchester to India (our global partner).

Lots of families have whole-heartedly embraced our new boom reader app and it has been uplifting reading all the wonderful parent comments.

We hope you have a fantastic half term break with your families and we cant wait to see you back next half term for lots more learning fun.

Miss Cairns and Miss Morrison

## Physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom



# Year 3

Well done to all Year 3 for working exceptionally hard in all areas of the curriculum this half term! It did take a while to get used to being in a new classroom, a new key stage and working around the iPad issues. However, they have all worked hard to settle into new routines and make some fantastic progress.

In Maths, the children have been using their knowledge of place value, to help them master column addition. They have used their knowledge of numbers to calculate in the most efficient manner. We still need to continue working on our times tables, to be able to complete more complex calculations.

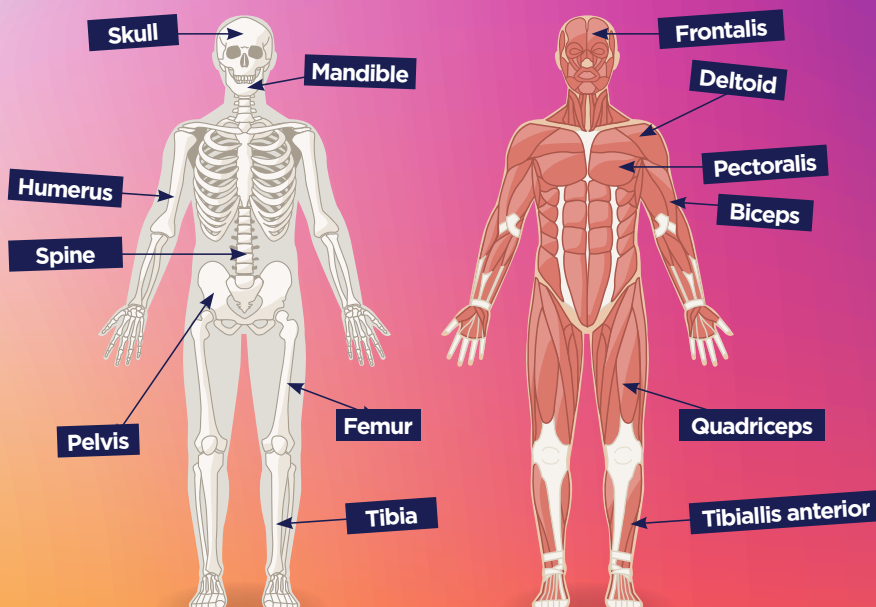
In English, we have been focusing on the fictional story of Jemmy Button. The children have really enjoyed listening to and reading the text. Their imagination levels when writing their own stories have been remarkable! They have shown high levels of resilience and confidence when experimenting with a variety of adjectives and consistently using fronted adverbials correctly.

In Science, our topic has been bones and muscles. The children have enjoyed learning about how our different joints, bones and muscles help us to complete movements all day, every day. We also learned about the essential nutrients in our balanced diet and how this affects our daily life.

Mr Purcell and Miss Turner

## Science Topic: Animals including Humans

### Skeletons and Muscles



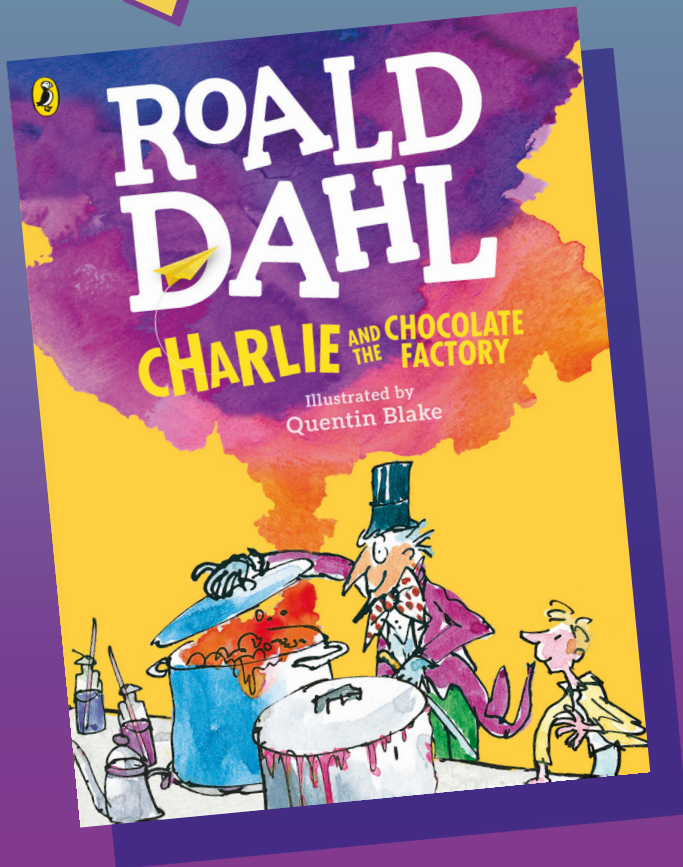
### Food groups



### Animal diets



# Year 4



The end of our first half term in Year 4 is upon us and we have had a fantastic start to the year. The children returned with a can-do attitude and were ready to continue their learning journey.

The children have written some fantastic narratives based on the text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They used everything they had previously learnt and wrote beautifully. I am looking forward to reading more of their writing as the year goes on.

Thank you to those that are engaging with home reading. Reading is a vital skill which your child needs your support with in order to be as successful as they possibly can. Thank you for getting involved and taking on the new challenge. If you need any help with this, then please get in touch and I am happy to help.

The children have taken to swimming like ducks to water. After getting over the initial nerves, they are all settled and are much more comfortable in the water. I hope with your support, we continue to have safe behaviour and our little fish will become strong and competent swimmers.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Clayton & Miss Sweeting



# Year 5

Well done Year 5 for making it to the end of our first half term! All of the children have settled into Year 5 well and have shown a hard working and dedicated attitude towards their learning!

I hope you enjoy a lovely half term break, and that Year 5 can continue to win more GOLD attendance certificates when we come back on 31st October!

Miss Hughes and Mrs Robinson.

This half terms focus for maths has been place value. They have learnt about the value of digits all the way up to a million this year and we have also expanded our understanding of Roman Numerals up to 1000. The most challenging part was rounding, and this is something which we will continue to recap and revisit.

In English, we have been reading and writing about refugees. We have been reading "The Boy at the Back of the Class" about a refugee boy who is new to the school. The children have asked very suitable and mature questions around this topic and have learnt to use fronted adverbials and brackets in their writing. We revisited their understanding of speech marks from Year 4 and are now beginning to use speech in their written work more successfully.

Our over arching topic this half term was "Who am I and Who am I becoming?". This has allowed us to explore the similarities and differences in Geography between the UK and The United Kingdom of Belgium! In music we have been thinking about what music means to us personally and it was lovely to hear the great taste in music that their parents have!

In PE, we have started our fitness journey- working on exercises which develop our upper and lower body as well as our cardiovascular fitness. We have also started learning to hold, throw and catch a rugby ball ready to develop this further next half term.

Thank you to all of the parents who have got on board with our new reading record process online using the BOOM READER app. Children with 3 or more logs a week have been enjoying their extra playtime on Fridays!

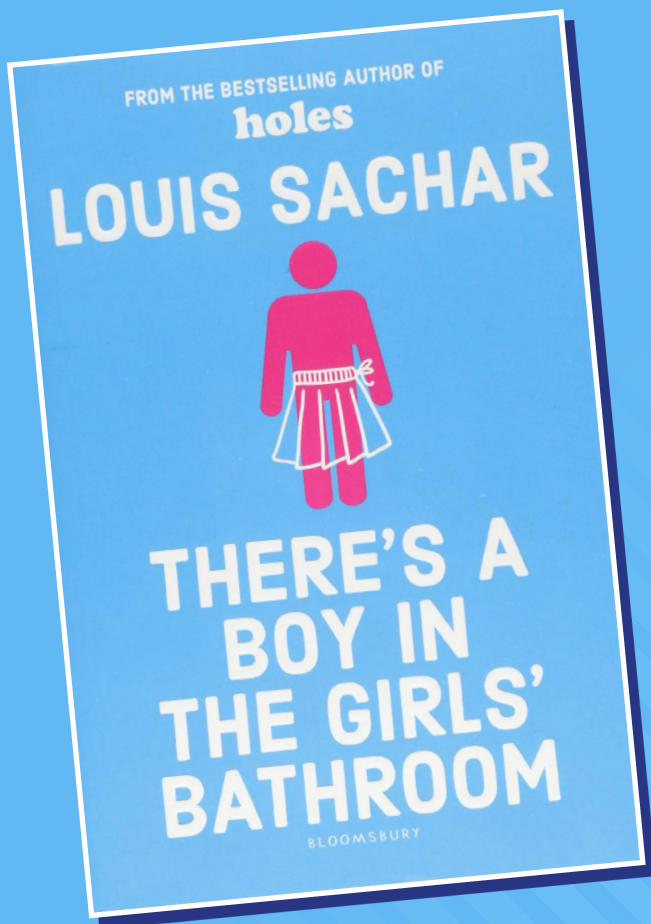
ROMAN NUMERALS			
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2	II	40	XL
3	III	50	L
4	IV	60	LX
5	V	70	LXX
6	VI	80	LXXX
7	VII	90	XC
8	VIII	100	C
9	IX	200	CC
10	X	300	CCC
11	XI	400	CD
12	XII	500	D
13	XIII	600	DC
14	XIV	700	DCC
15	XV	800	DCCC
16	XVI	900	CM
17	XVII	1000	M
18	XVIII	4000	MV
19	XIX	5000	V
20	XX	10000	X



# YEAR 6

What a wonderful start to the year! Year 6 have been a pleasure to teach.

The children have enjoyed the English text we have studied this half term. There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar tells the story of a troubled boy's journey to become a better person and believe in himself. The children used their inference skills to deduce how the character, Bradley, is feeling throughout the text and what messages lie behind his behaviour. Finally, they used their studies of the text to write a narrative from the perspective of another character – his close friend Jeff Fishskin.



In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of place value to explore larger numbers, using the skills developed in Year 5 to deepen our understanding. The children have been exploring addition, subtraction and multiplication including prime numbers, squares, square roots, cubes, and cube roots.

This half term we have been geographers and historians. The children have been introduced to the Oasis Global focus 'Who am I and who am I becoming?'. Children explored the physical and human characteristics of the UK. We have explored the history that has created the multi-cultural Britain we live in today including why migration is an important part of history.

The class have been super scientists this half term. We have studied the different parts of the circulatory system and the journey of a red blood cell. The children used this knowledge to think about the impact life choices have on the heart - such as diet and exercise.

We are all looking forward to continuing this great start after the half-term break. Enjoy your holiday Year 6.

Miss Webster and Mrs Myatt



THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM



COMPUTER CODING



# Community MATTERS

We are pleased to announce that we are partnered with Aldi Offerton and will be receiving their surplus products for our food bank! If anybody needs to access our foodbank, please inform a member of staff in person or via Dojo. We will be discreet and Robyn will be in touch to arrange collection.

**School Uniform Donations**

Help us to reduce our carbon footprint. Please consider donating your child's pre-loved school uniform.

If you have uniform items to swap or donate, please contact the school office.

**Tea & Toast**

**School run done?**  
Join Robyn And Clancey for Tea and Toast on a Monday morning!

Aspinal Hall, Brecklands Road, MK18 7JY

**Parent Drop-in**

**Every Friday 9am - 11am**  
Need a chat?  
Pop in to our parent drop-in session!  
If we can't help you, we will know somebody that can.

All parents welcome

Aspinal Hall, Brecklands Road, MK18 7JY

## Pupil Voice at OA Aspinal

We have already appointed 12 Wellbeing Champions who help to ensure that Playtime runs as smoothly as possible. They help to ensure games are played fairly, communicate with staff, and look out for anyone who is alone or no feeling their best. There are lots more roles to fill in the coming weeks, each with different responsibilities.

Academy MP's	Mini SLT	Wellbeing Champions	Physical Health Champions	9 Habit Champions
Academy MP's are elected by their classmates to represent their year group in meetings with SLT.	The mini SLT apply in writing for their position in Year 6. They assist the SLT and are linked to specific areas of the Academy Development Plan.	Wellbeing Champions ensure that everyone is healthy and happy both in class and outdoors.	Physical Champions are volunteers who take on the role of sports captains and play leaders.	9 Habit Champions are pupils who embody our 9 Habit Characteristics. They lead by example and are role models for others.