



Primary News



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the final half term of 2023-2024. As you can see in the **Coming up...** section below, it will be a crazy half term! We have so many events to look forward to as well as saying farewell and good luck to our Year 6 children.

As always, come and see me if you need anything at all.

Miss L Dalton
Head of School (Primary Phase)

Coming up...

Monday 3 June	Year 4 Multiplication Check begins
Wednesday 5 June	Come and Chat
Monday 10 June	Year 1 Phonics Check begins
Wednesday 12 June	New to Reception parent meeting, 4.30pm
Thursday 13 June	Year 5/6 Art Learn with me
Thursday 13 June	New to Nursery parent meeting, 4.30pm
Monday 17 June	INSET DAY - School closed
Wednesday 19 June	Y1 Balance Bikes
Wednesday 19 June	Skipping Workshop Y3-6
Thursday 20 June	Year 3/4 Learn with Me

Thursday 20 June	Y2/3 Circus Workshop
Friday 21 June	Kin-Ball Taster Sessions Y4-6
Friday 21 June	Year 2YR Forest School at Dunham Massey
Thursday 27 June	Year 1/2 Learn with Me
Thursday 27 June	Early Year Farm Visit
Friday 28 June	Year 2W Forest School at Dunham Massey
Monday 1 July	Careers Marketplace Day
Tuesday 2 July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 3 July	3R class assembly
Friday 5 July	1K Forest School at Dunham Massey
Friday 5 July	Year 4 Pankhurst Centre
Wednesday 10 July	3C class assembly
Wednesday 10 July	Annual Reports sent home
Thursday 11 July	WOW Day
Friday 12 July	1R Forest School
Monday 15 July	Early Year's sponsored walk and picnic.
Wednesday 17 July	Year 6 Production and Leaver's disco
Thursday 18 July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and Party
Friday 19 July	Attendance assembly, School closes at 2.00pm

Nursery

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. For our final term, our topic is 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

We will be starting with the fabulous text *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, learning the lifecycle of a butterfly and hatching our own butterflies to support this. We will also be reading other books such as, *Going on a Lion Hunt*, *Walking Through the Jungle* and *Snail Trail*.

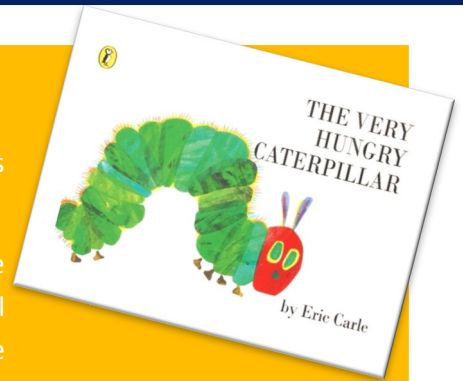
We have made great progress in our phonics so far and will continue to blend simple 3 letter words as well as beginning to write some simple words such as pig, dog and cat, etc. Letter formation is a big priority and the children need to learn to really concentrate when they writing and improve their hand eye coordination.

In Maths this term, we will revisit pattern, size comparisons (including capacity) and really focussing on careful and accurate touch counting.

This final half term, we are hoping the weather will be kind and really allow us to utilise our fantastic outdoor area. We will be hunting for bugs, caring for and harvesting some of our vegetables and practising our catching, throwing and aiming skills.

In PSHE, we will be focussing on resolving conflicts and being more assertive and confident in new situations.

Ms Fletcher and Miss Murdoch



Reminders:

Early Years Fund

- Please continue to contribute to this on Parent Pay or watch out for Mrs Fletcher with her tin!

Jumpers/coats

- Please rename as over time they have faded.
- Please provide a thin summer coat that is waterproof

Up and coming events

Trips/Visits

Farm visit - Thursday 27th June

Visit to Fallowfield Library - TBC

Special Events

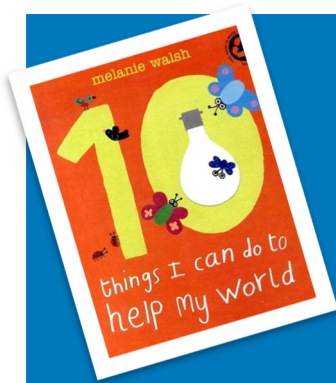
Butterfly Day — releasing of our butterflies

Father's Day

Eid— Al Adha

The Early Years sponsored walk and picnic charity fundraiser





Reception

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your break. It is hard to believe that it is the last half term of Reception where we will be working closely with the children to make sure they meet their Early Learning Goals. This half term is all about Science. Our Talk 4 Writing book, '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World' encourages the children to think about what they can do to help the planet. In the continuous provision, the children will be science detectives. They will be exploring the bones in our bodies, experimenting with magnets, floating and sinking, and looking at changes in materials. They will continue to look after our gardening area, as well as taking care of the living things that share our outdoor space.

The children will be developing their independent writing skills, writing simple sentences which will include writing their own list of how to look after our planet. They will need to be able to check their writing and read it back to make sure it makes sense. Please encourage your child to have a go at writing sentences at home. Bring them in to school, we would love to share them with the class. In Maths, the children will be learning about odd and even numbers, doubling, sharing and grouping and number bonds to 10. They will explore pattern and continue to work on their shape knowledge.

In PE, the children will be reinforcing their ball skills as well as thinking of different ways we can keep healthy and how to keep safe in the sun. We will also be launching our new woodwork cabin where children will be taught skills using real tools safely. Watch this space for our class woodwork project!

Mrs Halsall and Mrs Arnold



Reminders

Early Years Fund

Early Years fund £1.00 per week or £6.00 for the half term. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Farm Visit

Remember to pay for our Farm visit to school on Thursday 27th June.

PE

PE day for Rainbow class is Monday, PE day for Sunshine class is Tuesday.

Home Learning

Phonics

Please continue to follow the regular SWAY link to access phonics videos AND set aside quality time to read with your child EVERY DAY.

Reading

Reading books to be returned by every Wednesday and phonics practise books to return on a Monday.

Writing/Maths.

Practise sentence writing. Practise adding and subtracting small amounts. Mental recall of number bonds to 5 and doubles.

Year 1

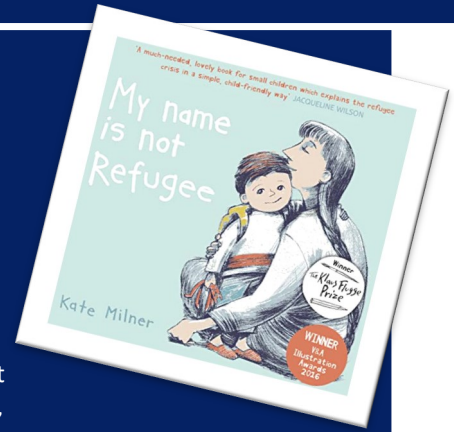
Year 1 have worked phenomenally hard so far this year and we are so proud of the progress each and every child has made. As you are aware, the children will be sitting their phonics screen test in the week commencing 10th June. It is vital the phonics SWAY is still accessed after this to ensure children are prepared for their transition to Year 2.

This half term, we will be covering: position and direction, money (recognising coins and notes), place value (within 100) and time (understanding the key words 'before' and 'after' and time to the 1 hour and the half of an hour). There are so many opportunities to support your child at home with these areas of Maths. In our Writing unit, we will be using the book, 'My Name is Not Refugee', by Kate Milner, alongside, 'We Are Going on a Bear Hunt', by Michael Rosen to write a story about a journey. We are working incredibly hard in school to ensure children are forming their upper and lower case letters correctly and are confident when punctuating a sentence. This includes capital letters, finger spaces and a piece of punctuation.

In our History lessons, we will be exploring how homes have changed over time. Do you know when your home was built? Can you research it with your child? In our Science lessons, we will be learning all about humans. We will explore the different body parts and the five senses they are linked to. In our PSHE lessons, we will be recognising what makes us unique and special, exploring feelings and strategies of how to manage situations when things go wrong. In RE, we will be exploring beliefs and celebrating everyone's beliefs. As a Rights Respecting school, we understand the importance of all children knowing their right to their freedom of thoughts, celebrating their thoughts and religions. (Article 4). In Art, we will be observing and using materials from the natural world. In Music, we will be exploring the speed, tone and volume.

We are thoroughly looking forward to a very exciting, jam packed half term with Year 1!

Miss Khan and Miss Ridley.



Timetable

English	We will be writing a recount of a school trip and a story about a journey.
Maths	We will be exploring position and direction, money, time and numbers to 100.
Science	We will be exploring the human body and the five senses.
History	Where did people live in the past?
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community.
PE	We will be exploring athletics and net and wall game skills.
Computing	We will be programming animations.
Art	We will be drawing from observations.
Music	Exploring timbre, tempo and dynamics.
PSHE	Health and well being

Reminders...

PE

Year 1 have PE every Monday and Wednesday. It is vital all children have the correct PE kit for these days and the children are independent when getting changed. Please practice this at home.

Reading Books

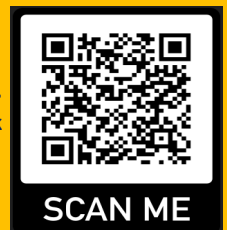
Please bring in both your bug club reading book and phonics book in by Tuesday. Unfortunately, we may not be able to change books if they are brought in later in the week.

Learning at Home

We have lots of fun and exciting platforms to learn at home. Please ensure you are using Topmarks to develop your child's knowledge of their numbers within 100 this term.

Phonics

Scan the QR code for the phonics sway. Remember, it is the screening on the week commencing 10th June!



Important Dates

Forest school at Dunham Massey - 5th July (1K) and 12th July (1R).

Balance bikes on-site - 19th June



Year 2

Welcome back everyone! We can't believe that it is the final half term of Year 2. We are so excited to enjoy our last half term together and to prepare the children for Year 3.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term, especially as it is finally our turn to go to Forest School! Each class will have the opportunity to spend a full day visiting the forest where they will experience different activities related to Science.

In English, we will be reading 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey and we will be creating our own comic books. We will then be writing letters based on the book 'Me and My Fear' by Francesca Sanna. This is a fantastic book that teaches children about what it might be like to move to a new country. In Maths, we will be learning how to measure in different ways such as length and mass. We will also be learning about different types of turns. In History, we will be learning about different explorers such as Neil Armstrong and Sacagawea. In Art, we will be creating pictures using water colours and we will be learning about different artists such as Claude Monet and David Hockney. In PSHE, we will be learning about what happens to us as we grow older and in RE, we will be learning about caring for others. Finally, we will be playing tri-golf in PE and we will be learning how to make quizzes online in Computing.

We hope you enjoy all the great activities that are taking place this half term and we are so sad that this year is coming to an end.

Mr Witkin and Ms Yardley-Rees

Timetable

English	Comic Strips and letters
Maths	Measurement– Length and Height/ Mass and capacity
Science	Solids, liquids and gases/ consolidation
History	Explorers
RE	How we should care for others and the world
PE	Tri-golf
Computing	Making Quizzes
Art	Using watercolours
Music	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
PSHE	Growing and Changing

Reminders...

P.E.

We have PE every Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit into school on this day. If your child cannot yet get changed independently, please support us by practising this at home.

Forest School

Forest School will take place on Friday 21st June (2YR) and Friday 28th June (2W). Please ensure that you send your child to school in appropriate clothing on that day.

Home Learning

Online Platforms

We have lots of fun and exciting platforms to learn at home. Please ensure you are logging into Bug Club and Times Table Rockstars daily.

Reading Books

Please bring in both your Bug Club reading book and phonics book in on a Wednesday. Unfortunately, we may not be able to change books if they are brought in later in the week.

Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your half term break and are ready for the last term of Year 3!

We have a very busy final half term coming up, with our class assemblies ,sports day and lots of exciting things to learn about.

This half term we will be reading a fantastic book called 'The Journey' which is all about refugees. We will be using this book to support our work on setting descriptions in English. We will also be creating an non-chronological report about Manchester's famous landmarks. Perhaps you could visit some to help with inspiration for this.

In Maths, we will be continuing to learn more about telling the time, and looking at what information we can find from calendars to create facts about days and months. We will then be looking at shape and angles. Finally, we will be learning to read and create graphs in Statistics.

In History, we will be learning about Ancient Greece, their influence on life today and how they link to our other previous topic, the Egyptians. We are also going to be reading lots of different texts about Ancient Greek myths and linking this to our art projects. In Science, we will be building on what we learnt about forces and looking at magnetism, this will give us the chance to conduct some interesting experiments and see what we can find out! The summer weather should also give us the opportunity to get out onto the field and practice our skills in golf and tennis which we are very much looking forward to!

Mr Rabey, and Mr Cragg



Timetable

English	Narrative, Non Chronological Report
Maths	Time, Shape, Statistics
Science	Magnetism
History	Ancient Greece
RE	Key religious festivals
PE	Tri golf, Tennis
MFL	French
Computing	Events and Actions
Art	Mythology
Music	Recorders
PSHE	Health and wellbeing

Reminders:

Books

Library books stay in school so we can read them each morning. Please bring any you still have at home.

PE

PE kits need to be worn on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Uniform

Uniforms include ties and should be worn by everyone.

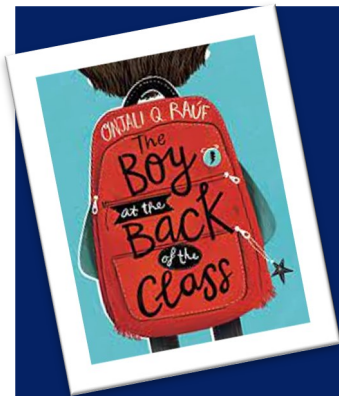
Home Learning

Reading

Please ensure that your child is reading at home each day and you are reading together whenever possible. This can be recorded in their reading planner.

Spelling

Please see the Year Three spellings list for the spelling rules all students should be able to apply independently.



Year 4

Welcome to the final half term of Year 4! The year seems to have flown by. We really enjoyed developing our skills across the curriculum last half term and it was great to express our creativity during our DT lessons, making torches. We have got lots of exciting things planned for this half term and we can't wait to get started!

We have already started reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and we are loving it! It is going to help us write a diary entry in role as one of the characters and a persuasive speech linking to the Rights of Refugees.

In maths, we are exploring shape, identifying angles, shape and lines of symmetry. Keep practising telling the time at home, using different clocks. We will then move onto statistics, interpreting charts and graphs and then finally position and direction, where we will explore coordinates and translation. We have our multiplication check this half term, so make sure you continue to practise at home. Each child should be aiming to get as close to 25/25 as possible, so it is very important that everyone knows all of their times tables to 12x12 and can recall them within 6 seconds.

In history, we will be exploring Emmeline Pankhurst and the impact she has had on life as we know it today. As part of this topic, we will be taking a trip to the Pankhurst Centre in Manchester to find out more.

This half term is an exciting term for enrichment activities. We have our Careers Market Place which involves guest speakers, activities linked to careers and opportunities to dress up as career choices. Sports Day is also this half term, where we will compete within our houses in athletic events.

Miss Ashworth, Miss Fisher and Miss Thomas

Timetable

English	Diary entry and persuasive speech
Maths	Time and shape
Science	Property of materials
Geography	Local history– Emmeline Pankhurst
RE	Life is a journey
PE	Tri-golf and dance
MFL	Routine and time
Computing	Repetition in games
DT	Still life
Music	Ukulele
PSHE	Growing and changing

Reminders...

Uniform

As the weather gets warmer it is more important to have all blazers and jumpers labelled with names so that they don't get lost!

Water bottles

Please ensure all children bring a water bottle to school with them.

P.E.

P.E. remains on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Home Learning

Reading

Your child should be reading daily at home. Make sure your child writes all of the different books they have read in their reading diary and write any comments they have about the book.

English

Can you write a speech about something you are passionate about, just like our English work?

Maths

Please remember to log into timestable rockstars.

Year 5

We are thrilled to welcome Year 5 back, we hope they had a well-deserved break.

In English, we will be creating a narrative where we will be building tension and pace. We will then write a biography about an Earth Hero of our choices– linking to our work on climate change.

In Maths, we will continue learning about decimals and will be eventually moving on to negative numbers, converting units and volume.

In Science, we will be exploring earth and space. In History, we will be learning about the quest for knowledge. We will be reflecting upon early civilisations and the science revolution.

We are very excited to be delivering athletics sessions to Year 5 this term. The children will enjoy being competitive, and learning skills such as triple jump and high jump. In RE, students will be learning about the challenges of climate justice issues and about how different religious and spiritual ways of life can contribute to the urgent human need to stop spoiling the environment and the Earth.

Thank you to all of our amazing parents and guardians for your continued support.

Mr Bagshaw and Miss Alleyne



Timetable	
English	Narrative and biography
Maths	Decimals, converting units, volume
Science	Earth and Space
History	Quest for Knowledge
RE	What can be done about climate and environment?
PE	Athletics
MFL	Technology
Computing	Selection in quizzes
Art	Sculpture
Music	Reflect, rewind and replay
PSHE	Growing and changing.

Reminders...

Uniform

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct uniform including a tie. As the weather gets warmer it is more important to have all blazers and jumpers labelled with names so that they don't get lost!

Chromebooks

Should be coming into school every day, fully charged.

Home Learning

Reading

Your child should be reading daily at home. Make sure your child writes all of the different books they have read in their reading diary and write any comments they have about the book.

Maths

Please keep practising on TimesTable Rockstars. Additional reasoning and word problems sheets are available to take home each day from the maths working wall.

Year 6

Welcome back to your child's final half-term in the Primary Phase! Time really does fly!

Year 6 are still working incredibly hard to produce high-quality pieces of writing. Our next unit will be based on a book called 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. *The Arrival* is a migrant story told as a series of wordless images. Firstly, Year 6 will be writing a letter based on this book. After that, Year 6 will be encouraged to choose their own piece of writing to base on this book. This will include them creating their own RAFT (Reason, Audience, Features and Tone) for their writing!

In Maths, we will be consolidating previous taught knowledge, in order to fully prepare students for their learning in Year 7. This will be supported by a Maths session at the Secondary Phase. There will also be transition sessions, led by secondary teachers, in other subjects, including Science and D.T.

During History this half term, we will introduce the rise and fall of the British Empire, and its legacy in Britain from the 1960s to today. In PSHE lessons, we will explore the key concept of growing and changing.

As you are probably aware, Year 6 have begun auditioning and practising for their end-of-year production of 'The Jungle Book'. We will soon be sending out further information about the show, including your child's role in the production and costumes needed. Thank you in advance for all your support and help preparing for your child's epic performance.

Miss Fishwick and Mr Hancock

Timetable

English	The Arrival
Maths	Consolidation of Year 6 learning
Science	Physical and Chemical Changes
History	Power, Empire and Democracy
PE	Ultimate Frisbee
MFL	Revision of taught units
Computing	E-safety
Art	Self-portrait
Music	Songs from The Jungle Book
PSHE	Relationships / Health and Wellbeing

Reminders...

Uniform

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct uniform including a tie. This includes when wearing the leavers' hoodie. As the weather gets warmer it is more important to have all blazers and jumpers labelled with names so that they don't get lost!

Chromebooks

Should be coming into school every day, fully charged.

Home Learning

Reading

Children will receive their "Secondary Transition Read" on Transition Day in July. This is theirs to keep, look after and read over the summer. This book will then be used in secondary lessons during their first term.

Production

Please help prepare your child for their role by reading the scripts with them. The songs are on Teams.

COME AND CHAT

Wednesday 5 June 2024
(9.00am-10.00am)

Come and have a coffee and a chat with the Principal, Heads of School and the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any queries/questions you may have, find out more information about the school and catch up with fellow families and friends.



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