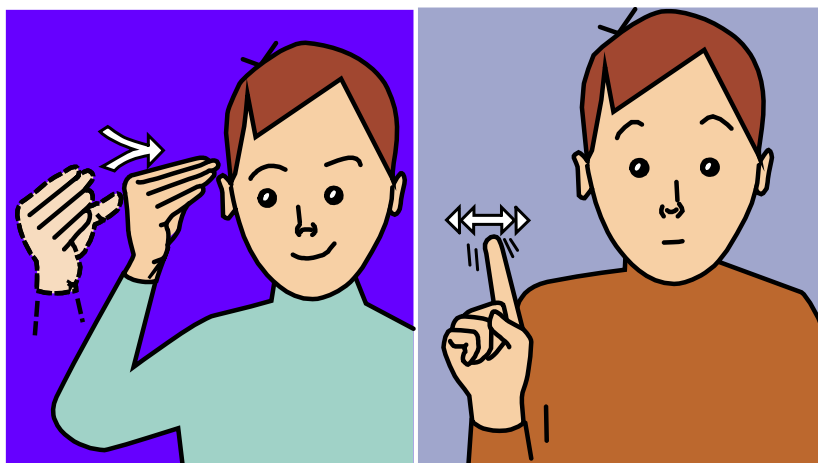




What's On

Summer B 2021



What's On: Spring B 2021

Foundation Bears



Welcome back!

We are all so happy to be back in Longwill to learn together. We are incredibly proud of all Bears who have worked hard remotely. We hope you have all had a good half term break and that the children are ready to have lots of fun with their learning over the next few weeks!

This term our topic is 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We will be learning about different animals and how they adapt to where they live. We will go for a minibeast hunt and learn about different animals we keep as pets.

In Literacy we will be learning more about phonics and using our phonic knowledge to write simple sentences. We will also be sharing the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Farmer Duck' and describing the main characters and story settings.

To encourage the children's development of communication skills on Tuesday we will learn about world news. Please watch Longwill's newsround each week that is on our website.

In maths we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of number through songs, stories, and practical activities. We will practise estimating the number of objects in a group and doubling numbers. Bears will be learning how to use positional language and the names of 2D and 3D shapes.

In RPSHE we will be thinking about who our friends are and what makes a good friend. In RE we will be learning about Shrove Tuesday, Easter and the Hindu Festival of Holi.

This half term we will have Forest School on Monday morning, gardening on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your children bring a suitable coat to school on these days - appropriate for the weather.

We will continue to have dance lessons every Thursday morning. P.E. will take place on a Tuesday morning; we will be developing our football skills.

Our focus for BLP this half term is interdependence - which is part of reciprocity. Foundation will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to choose their own friends (Article 15) and the right for all children to learn about their own culture, language and religion (Article 30).

The Foundation Team



Year 1 Dolphins



In art we will learn about texture and how it is created in art using a variety of tools and materials. We will then apply everything we have learnt to create our final piece of texture art. We will share this with the rest of the school.

In English we will begin by focussing on the story of The Elves and the Shoemaker. We will learn and retell the story before designing and describing our own shoes. We will then continue with foundations for literacy, where we will focus on developing our vocabulary through a variety of short stories. In maths we will begin learning about measurement, focussing initially on length before moving on to weight. We will also practise our counting skills and how we can apply them to maths problems.

Please also share the books the children bring home to read and use the wide variety of online learning tools that the children have access to.

Miss Sheppard, Mrs Schuck and Mrs Lee



What's On: Spring B 2021

Year 2 Badgers



Welcome to Spring B, hopefully we will be able to spend more time in our classroom learning this half term, the staff have really missed all the children and are excited to welcome them back.

Our focus in English this half term is 'Fairy Stories'. The stories we will look at include The Elves and the Shoe Maker, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Cinderella. We have some exciting activities lined up to help us learn these stories and do not forget **World Book day** is on Thursday **4th March**, we are so excited to see everyone's costumes.

We will primarily be looking at measurement in Maths, measuring and or comparing lengths and heights and then move onto weight. Alongside this, we will continue to learn the names and order the days of the week and months of the year.

Leading up to the Easter holidays, we will be learning about compassion in RE, looking at giving, the concept of mercy and forgiveness in religion. Also, learning how God loves us all and what Christians think is the 'Greatest Gift' they have been given.

In PE we are continuing with throwing and catching and learning how to use these skills to attack and defend a ball. Dance this half term is linked to our Geography, we are learning about the different countries of the United Kingdom and their physical and human features. In dance, the children will be practising the national dances.

In Science we are looking at things that are living and not living and what a living thing needs to survive. We will then apply this to our learning about Spring, with the life cycle of animals.

In Design and Technology this half term we will be thinking about different materials to make bridges, we will be drawing on the knowledge we have gained over the last 6 weeks about the different features of materials.

Children will continue to receive new flash cards to read each week, alongside this they will have spellings to practise. Please encourage the children to practise these through the week as this will really help them to remember. PE continues to be on a Tuesday and dance on a Wednesday. Forest school will start again and this takes place on a Monday.

Our BLP focus will be interdependence. We will be thinking about the benefits both of working by our self and with a partner. Our curriculum will link to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our main focus will be article 24: the right to the best possible health.

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Year 3 Meerkats



Welcome back! It's lovely to see everybody back in school.

This term we will be continuing with our Topic on the Romans, focussing on the changes they made to Britain and what changes are still in place today. We will also recap on what they have learnt so far.

In English, we will be reading the Roman Myth: Romulus and Remus. We will be doing role-play, hot seating, writing about the characters and re-telling the story in Big Writing.

We will be looking at changing singular words to plurals, whether they need to change any letters, have a tricky end letter, adding 'es' or just adding an 's'. We will also be practising saying our sentences aloud, to orally rehearse what we want to say, before writing our sentences. Of course we will keep reminding the children to use capital letters and full stops in their sentences and to use capital letters for names and places.

Spellings will now take place on a Friday. We will practise these in class and the children can use Readwriter to practise their spellings at home. They will use their Mathletics password to access it and have been shown how to use it.

In maths, we will start focussing on measure. The length and the height of objects, how to measure in mm, cm, m and km. We will also compare different measures using the correct vocabulary. Mathletics and Times Table Rockstar maths can still be used at home to support their learning. We will then move on to fractions, some children will be focussing on finding half and quarters of shapes and objects, and others will be finding fractions of numbers.

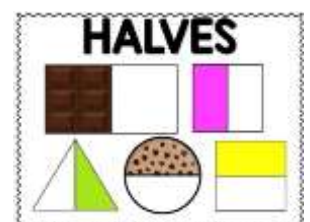
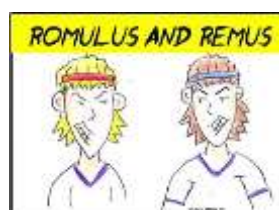
Our BLP focus is 'interdependence' encouraging the children to work together and what it means to count on each other. This links with the UN convention of the rights of the child - Article 15: 'The right to choose your friends and join or set up groups'

For science, we will be thinking about how we hear and perceive sound. We will be exploring a variety of sounds: loud and quiet, high and low and how the environment can affect the sound.

We will be focussing on textiles and texture this half term, exploring different textures in the environment and learning some simple sewing stitches. We will explore a range of products that use different textures and sewing techniques to see if we can recreate something similar.

In PE we will be learning cricket skills, throwing catching and hitting a ball with a bat. PE is now on a Thursday morning and our Forest school sessions are every Monday, please can you make sure the children have appropriate clothes and footwear, as Forest school can be muddy. PE will be taking place outdoors whenever possible.

Miss Russell, Mrs Collins and Mrs Murphy



What's On: Spring B 2021

Year 4 Monkeys



Welcome back!

Our topic this half term will be continuing with the Romans, but we will also have our Geography hats on as we learn how they changed England and the UK. We will be looking at the 4 countries in the UK, Roman roads and Roman food.

In English, we will be learning about Roman myths. We will start by looking at the story of Romulus and Remus, then move onto Pandora's box. We will be retelling the stories and developing our understanding of capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks and apostrophes. We will continue to use ReadiWriter to practise our spellings so make sure you are logging on at home too!

For maths, we will begin by looking at division and patterns, then we will move onto measurement and finally shape. We will be naming the 2D and 3D shapes and looking at their features.

RE will focus upon forgiveness and understanding suffering, before looking at the Easter story. This fits with the UNRC article 13 - I have the right to freedom of expression and religion. RPSHE we will look at how we express ourselves; making sure we are appropriate as well as making sure we are eating healthy foods and taking part in physical exercise.

Our new science topic is Sound - understanding that sound is vibrations and that vibrations create sound waves. We will be discussing the importance of our technology and how it helps us to hear sounds. We will be conducting an investigation to find out what the link is between sound and distance.

Our focus for BLP this half term is Interdependence. How what we learn in one area can be transferred to another.

PE and dance will continue to happen weekly, so please ensure you have your PE kit in school. Please include warm trousers and a warm jacket, as PE will be outside as much as possible. Also our forest school moves to a Monday, please ensure you arrive in warm clothing and bring your school uniform with you.

Home learning will continue to be provided each week and please continue to access our online learning platforms as often as you can. Practice makes perfect!

Year 4 Hedgehogs



Welcome back to Spring B term 2021! Thank you for your support during the first term with online learning. I am sure you are all relieved to be back in school!

We will now be having our Forest school session on Monday, Dance on Wednesday, and PE on Friday. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for Monday and Friday lessons.

Emotional well-being of our children is very important and we will continue to support the children through daily check-ins, stories, and RPSHE lessons. We will be learning about first aid, awareness of safety in the home and how to contact the emergency services in an emergency. UNRC Article 13 'Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information'.

In Geography we will focus on the United Kingdom, how the Roman invasion influenced our way of life; then and now. We will also have opportunities to make Roman artefacts.

In Art, our focus will be on texture and textiles and we will be learning how to sew!

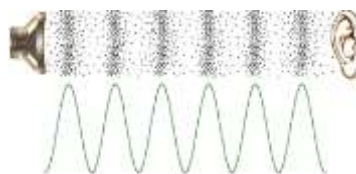
Our focus for BLP this half term is Interdependence. How what we learn in one area can be transferred to another.

Design and technology- we will be making cards with functional pulleys and levers and exploring this further with Romans and their inventions through our Geography sessions.

English- the texts we will be focusing on are the Roman myths: 'Romulus and Remus' and 'Pandora's Box. We have a variety of learning opportunities that we can explore with these texts. In addition to this we will have a weekly write up on Monday's about our weekend news.

Maths- we will be focusing on Measurement: length and height, and weight and volume. We will also be practising our addition, subtraction, doubling, halving, multiplication, equal groups and division during our daily sessions and during basic skills.

In Science we will continue with the topic 'The human body'. This term we will be focusing on the 5 senses and in particular how we perceive sound and how our technology helps us to hear.



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Year 5 Crocodiles



Welcome back!

We hope you have had a good half term holiday and that your children are rested and ready to do lots of learning! This half term we are continuing with our topic 'Bombs, Blitz and Black Outs '. We will focus on what happened during the Blitz and make our own model air raid shelters in DT. We will also learn about how lives changed for women during this period as they had to take on new roles outside the home.

In literacy we will be continue to focus on writing grammatically correct sentences and the use of punctuation such as capital letters, full stops and question marks. We will learn about using adjectives and adverbs in our sentences and use these when writing character descriptions. We will also write a book review for a whole school World Book Day Competition! Spellings will be sent home every Friday and the test for these will be the following Thursday.

In maths we will be learning about fractions and how to find a half, a third and a quarter of both shapes and numbers. We will also learn about position and direction and use the words forwards, backwards, left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise and right angle. All the children will continue to work on learning their times tables.

In science, we will be exploring light and shadow. Where does light come from? What light is natural and what light is man-made? We will carry out experiments to investigate the properties of light and learn how to record our results in different ways.

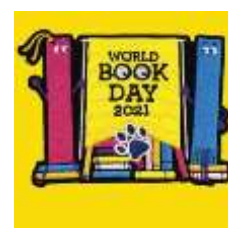
In Art we will be linking our work with our learning in history and how people had to 'Make do and mend' in World War 2. Please can you send your child in with an old man's shirt that we can reuse to make an apron!

P.E. will take place on a Friday afternoon and the focus for this half term is Badminton. Dance will be on a Thursday and we will be putting together steps we have learned in Bhangra dancing to create our own routine..

Our focus for BLP this half term is Interdependence. How what we learn in one area can be transferred to another.

Year 5 will also continue to develop our understanding of the rights of the child by focusing on the right of children to have the freedom of thought, belief and religion (Article 14) and the right to freedom of expression (Article 13).

Thank you in advance for all your support. We look forward to working with you!



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Year 6 Tigers

Hello, I hope you and your families have stayed safe and well over the half term break. Thank you for your help in keeping the children learning through the lockdown period. They have achieved such a lot with your support.



In the second half of the Spring Term, we will be completing our studies of World War II. We will learn about the experiences of soldiers on the front line and how the end of the conflict was celebrated on VE day. We will also learn about Alan Turing and the Enigma code breakers at Bletchley Park. Taking inspiration from the wartime mantra “make do and mend” in art we will design and make items with recycled materials as part of our topic on textiles.

In English, we will explore narrative storytelling, drawing on animations and a range of texts to explore the structure of the adventure story. Later in the term, we will look at scriptwriting and Shakespeare’s ruthless tale *Macbeth*.

In science, we will learn about electricity and its uses, drawing and building circuits. We will also see how the application of science can transform lives by reading *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind*, a tale of courage and invention by African writer William Kamkwamba.

In maths, we will assess the children’s achievement in their home learning, before moving on to measuring volume. We will also cover geometry, exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shape and continue our study of fractions.

In RE, we will be continuing with the theme *Commitment and Courage*, looking at the life and mantra of the Buddha.

As always, our curriculum will link to the UNICEF charter of the rights of the child with a focus on Article 29, developing the children’s value of and respect for human rights, other cultures and the environment. Our BLP focus is interdependence, working as a team. There will be a continued emphasis on RPHSE this term; mental and physical health and wellbeing. We will also be exploring healthy eating and what constitutes a balanced diet.

Forest School will take place on Monday afternoons. We will have dance lessons on Thursday afternoons and PE on Fridays. We will be learning skills in Tag Rugby.

Please continue to support your child by reading together regularly and encouraging them to access Athletics, Bug Club and home learning tasks.

