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# WELCOME



Dear parents and carers,

as you will be aware there have been a number of changes to the leadership of Clarksfield as I will be covering the maternity leave of Ms Livesey at Leesbrook and Miss Morrish and Mr Prendergast will be stepping up into the roles of Head of School and Deputy. Change can cause worry and concern however I want to reassure you that the education and support your children receive will continue as normally. If you have concerns they should initially go to the class teacher, as normal, and if required Miss Morrish will be there to support.

Can I encourage you to engage with Tremendous Tuesday, our wider offer? This is a great opportunity for children to try something different.

Many thanks to everyone who has attended parents evening, more of you have come than ever before and this support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Can I also encourage you to look out for the work done by the Hub. This is closely linked to the academy but is there for you. They run a number of brilliant sessions each week and are there to support anyone who may find themselves struggling.

As always thank you so much for supporting and helping the academy. We all want the very best for our children and teamwork makes this happen.

Mr N Fowler

ATTENDANCE RESULTS	
Group	% Attend
Nursery am	95.03%
Nursery pm	83.43%
Reception A	91.82%
Reception B	90.06%
Year 1A	88.11%
Year 1B	87.71%
Year 2A	96.11%
Year 2B	89.97%
Year 3A	90.67%
Year 3B	94.25%
Year 4A	88.70%
Year 4B	88.46%
Year 5A	93.11%
Year 5B	95.98%
Year 6A	95.09%
Year 6B	94.17%

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DARE TO KNOW, DARE TO BE WISE

# Nursery

This half term the Nursery children have developed their knowledge and understanding about the importance of healthy eating, where such foods come from and are grown, and the importance of caring for their bodies through their diet, exercise, sleep, rest and relaxation.

The children explored this theme of learning by carefully listening to the 'My Five Senses', 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and 'The Enormous Turnip' stories in their literacy times. They have learnt about healthy and unhealthy foods during their topic sessions and the impact such foods have on their bodies. The children enjoyed making and eating their own fruit salad linked to the 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' story.



In maths, the children have continued to learn about measuring in different ways, with a particular focus on measuring by length, height and by weight. The children have also learnt about the number 4 – how to recognise and write the number, how to match numerals and quantities when making a 1 – 4 flipbook and the children enjoyed making representations of the number 4 number block character. The children have also developed their subitising skills for numbers 1 – 3 by playing a variety of games that enable them to recognise number patterns and representations by sight without counting.

The children have developed their pencil control skills by learning how to over write their own names and/or copying and imitating the letters in their names. The children have made a great start to their name writing skills so far and are looking forward to developing these skills further next half term.

Alongside this, the children have learnt about a variety of celebrations such as Pancake Day, World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter, where they have also engaged in lots of fun activities to support this learning such as tasting pancakes, making cards and joining in with fun themed days.

The children also enjoyed participating in a spa themed day where they learnt about the importance of rest and relaxation for their bodies via a yoga activity, and treatments for their eyes, hands and feet.



# Reception

**This half term we have been exploring different animals and their habitats.**

In Literacy we have been working hard on using our ever-growing phonics knowledge in help us to write captions to form a short narrative. We have enjoyed creating our own worm fact file.

In Maths we have been busy exploring our number bonds of numbers within 10.

As part of our learning we have visited Cockfields farm which we all enjoyed and learnt about farm animals in their natural habitats.

Next half term in Topic we will be learning about how things grow.

In Literacy we will be looking at the text 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Handa's Surprise' we will be working hard on forming longer sentences and beginning to use conjunctions.

In maths we will focus on shapes and learning to measure in different ways.

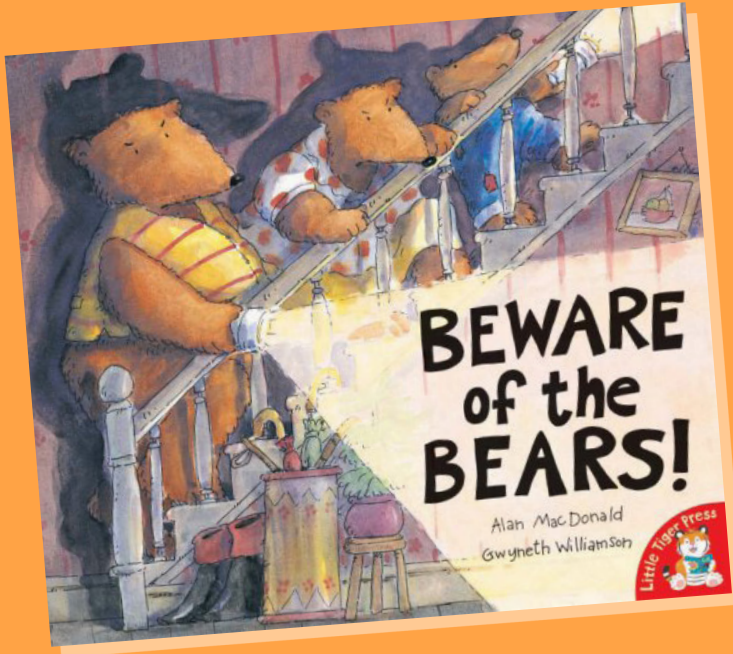
**We hope you will come and share some of our exciting learning with us on Tapestry.**





# Year 1

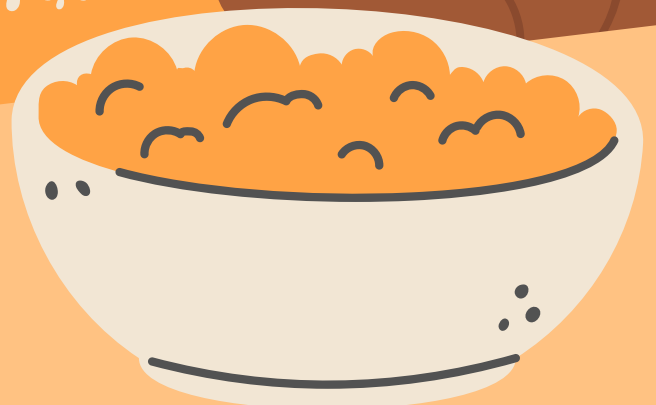
This half term we have been reading 'Beware of the Bears!' by Alan MacDonald. We discovered a crime scene in our classroom where someone or something had destroyed a chair, threw porridge all over and made it all a huge mess! We have had to be detectives to find out who it could have been. In the story, the bears take revenge on Goldilocks and we have been writing a narrative that retells what the bears do.



In Maths, we have been exploring place value within 50, partitioning numbers into tens and ones, identifying what is one more or less than a given number, ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and plotting numbers on a number line. We have also been recapping our addition and subtraction within 20 skills, number bonds and practising counting in 2's and 5's.

In History this half term we have been learning about the 1980's decade. We have compared toys, computers, video games, tv and tv programmes to what we have now. We have been locating rivers in the UK and near to our local area in Geography. We have learnt about the different sections of a river and used lots of new vocabulary to describe how a river flows. In Science we have been learning about materials and their properties. We have designed and made a new chair for Baby Bear and investigated why some things can't be made of certain materials.

In Summer 1, Year 1 will be busy preparing for the Phonics Screening test. In English, we will be focussing on postcards and letters through a variety of lovely texts. We will be learning about Oldham in the 1970s, 70's fashion and music in History. In Geography we are learning how to read and make our own street maps and in Science we will be investigating all interesting things about Invertebrates.





# YEAR 2

## Wider curriculum

### English

This half term, we have been immersed in two phenomenal books – ‘Hermelin’ by Mini Gray and ‘The Bear and the Piano’ by David Litchfield. ‘Hermelin’ is a story about a detective mouse that helps the residents of Offley Street to find their different items that have gone missing! However, before they know it’s him helping them, they see him as a disgusting, thieving pest, so Year 2 have written wanted posters from the residents’ point of view. We have also been reading ‘The Bear and the Piano’ which is a lovely story about a bear who finds a strange object in the middle of the woods which turns out to be a piano. Children have started to write diary entries from the bear’s point of view, considering how he felt when he saw the mysterious object for the very first time!

### Mathematics

In mathematics this half term, Year 2 have been learning all about multiplication and division! We now know our 2-, 5-, 10- and 3-times tables and have been answering lots of different problems in class which ask us to multiply or divide. We are really good at this now and have even been testing our parents at home!

**In History**, we have travelled back in time to the 1950s! We’ve learned all about Rock and Roll, including where it comes from and some famous singers such as Elvis Presley. We’ve also been learning all about what might have been on television in the 1950s and comparing the differences between television then and now. Did you know that there was only one channel that children could watch in the 1950s? How different that is!

**In Geography**, we have been learning all about the ecology of different areas. We’ve focused on our local school environment and investigated how many minibeasts could be found before and after different events. We’ve also been learning all about what happens to rubbish after we throw it away and the importance of recycling.

**In Science**, our focus this half term has been forces. We’ve learned that all forces can be classified into whether they are ‘push’ or ‘pull’ and have been doing lots of experiments to investigate how different forces can impact how shapes move and react. We’ve also celebrated British Science Week by making our own lava lamps, linking back to our learning about the 1960s in Autumn!

### Next half term

Next half term we will be reading ‘Lizzie and the Birds’ by Dawn & Mick Robinson, which is all about a girl who finds some new friends after an unusual night! We will be writing a setting description and a persuasive letter. In Maths, we will be exploring fractions and time in more detail and linking our learning to real-life situations. In Geography, we will be learning more about the world by discovering the seven continents and looking at Europe in lots of detail. In History, we will unlock a world of inventions! And we will also be growing our own plants in Science, investigating what they need to stay healthy. How exciting!



Elvis Presley

Rock & Roll

1950's TV



# YEAR 3

It has been a very busy half term in Year 3.

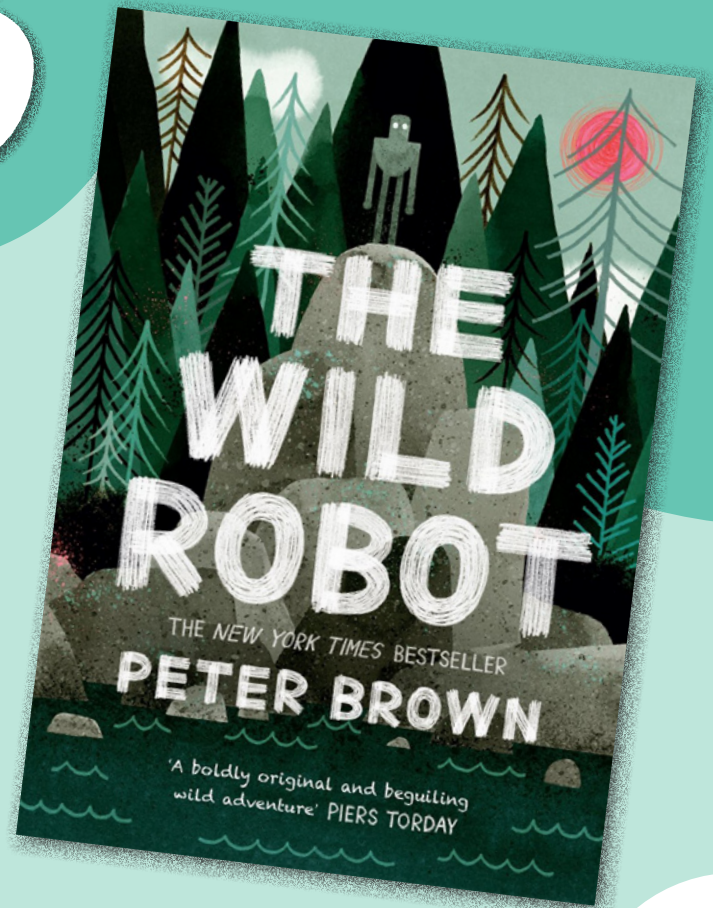
**In English**, we have been learning to write a discussion text. We read a few different discussion texts and identified the layout and language features. Then we took part in a debate to discuss if teachers should be replaced by robots. We had lots of fun thinking about the for and against arguments. We also planned and drafted an adventure story linked to our quality text 'The wild robot.'

**In Science**, we have been learning all about plants. We looked at trees and labelled the different parts before learning about their functions. We planned and set up a scientific test using celery and food colouring. It was lots of fun! We also planted our very own cress seeds which we will take home and look after in the holidays. Next half term we will learn all about magnets.

**In History**, we have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We researched facts about Howard Carter and wrote a fact file. Then we learnt about the different Gods and Pharaohs by creating a poster and presenting it to the rest of the children. We also took part in a very exciting history workshop and created our very own artefacts! Next half term we will move onto learning about the Ancient Greeks.

**In PSHE**, we have been learning about friendships and fallouts. We discussed the qualities of a good friend and how people might feel when they have had a fallout. We learnt some useful strategies for resolving conflicts and created a poster of strategies for children who may feel lonely.

**In maths** we have been consolidating our knowledge on money, using the addition and subtraction method we learnt last term. The children have been recognising the value of the coins and answering reasoning questions to work out the difference/total. This term they also looked at statistics and went on to develop skills allowing them to interpret tally charts, pictograms, bar charts and tables. We have now moved on to measurement and will continue this next term along with fractions.



**This term in reading we have read the book The Wild Robot by Peter Brown.** The children have used their VIPERS skills to show their understanding and have also demonstrated their understanding of the text through drama. The children have been using a dictionary to find the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary as well as a thesaurus to find synonyms which have helped us to improve our vocabulary. Next term, we will be reading the book The Trojan Horse.

**In Geography** we have been learning about rivers, the children have shown understanding on how a river flows and how it can cause erosion. They have had the opportunity to develop their map coordination skills and look at features of a county. Next term, the children will go on to learn the geography of Greece.

**In PE** this term our focus has been on orienteering and Olympics. In Olympics the children have learnt different ways to throw and jump. In orienteering the children have been working as a team to solve problems and explore the school's ground.

Over the Easter half-term please could the children continue practising their handwriting and timetables at home.

**Thankyou for your support.  
Mrs Rania and Miss Munir**





# YEAR 4

In Year 4 we have been reading 'Krindlekrax' by Phillip Ridley. The story is about Ruskin Splinter who dreams of being a great actor but the school bully, Elvis Cave, gets the part instead. Ruskin seeks solace with the kindly school caretaker who tells him the story of long ago when Ruskin's father 'borrowed' a crocodile from the zoo where he worked and then lost it.

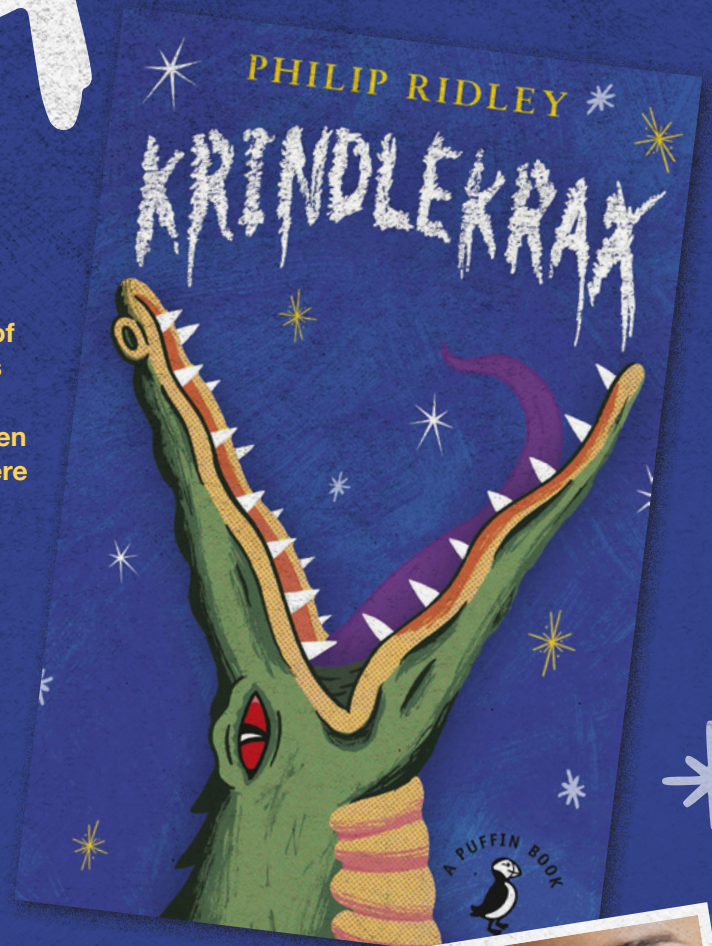
In Science, we have learnt the names and functions of our teeth. We have also learnt the importance of keeping our teeth healthy. We don't want tooth ache!!! We have followed the amazing journey of our food through our digestive system.

In English, we have been writing explanation texts about the water cycle and the digestive system. In maths, the children have been working hard at learning their times-tables in preparation for the year 4 multiplication check in June. We have been using these skills to help us work out short multiplication and short division problems.

In History, we have been learning about Local history from the time of the Romans to the Vikings. The children have also been enjoying learning about how to read and interpret maps. In Geography have learnt how to use an 8-point compass, how to read 8 figure coordinates and how to interpret OS symbols.

Year 4 were fantastic at the choral speaking festival! 4A performed the poem 'Junk Yard' and 4B performed 'The sound Collector' by Roger McGough. The children performed on stage at The Oldham Coliseum, in front of a live audience! They were fabulous!!

Next term, we will be reading 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me' by Maya Angelou and other inspiring, uplifting poems. We can't wait to start learning about the vicious Vikings in history. In Geography, we will be looking at the features and characteristics of the countries in Scandinavia, which is where the Vikings came from. We will be making electrical circuits, in science. We will be carrying out fair tests to see which materials are conductors or insulators!! Can't wait!!



Teeth knowledge



Map reading





# Year 5

**This half term, we have been learning about Instructional writing and linked it to our PSHE of first aid by explaining how to perform CPR. We had an amazing visitor come in and teach us how to perform CPR and put people into the recovery position. In maths we were learning all about the division and fractions.**

For science we have explored the world of forces and conducted many different experiments to see how different forces such as air resistance, gravity and friction interact with us and other objects. For one experiment, we test how far a car could move across different surfaces, making links to maths by using rulers and finding the mean to compare finding.

As historians we continued our exploration of Mesoamerican cultures, traveling further south from the Aztecs' homeland of Mexico to the Empire of the Incans, in Peru, South America. We have learned that they have many cultural similarities and existed during the same time, in our world's history. Did you know that the Incas believed that we were all born from the Sun God, Pachacamac and his beautiful wife, the Moon, Pachamama?

To deepen our Incan knowledge and make comparison to life today, we studied their homeland of Peru, in modern times. We have learned that Peru has an incredible range of biomes because of its natural, but extreme changes in landscapes, which means it has incredibly diverse plant and wildlife.

We have had another fun half term this spring and we are looking forward to learning many new things after Easter. Some of the subjects we will be covering are DNA, the Gunpowder Plot, The history of the Stewards and The geography of America.

**Thank you for all your support this half term, from all of Year 5,**

**Mr Unwin, Miss McDowell, Miss Fitzpatrick and Miss Wrigley.**



# Year 6

**We have been working incredibly hard in year 6 this half term. The countdown is on to SATs and the children are challenging themselves more than ever!**

**In reading lessons**, our text is 'The Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell. This story, set in the snowy woods of Russia, follows the story of Feo - a wolf wilder. Wolf wilders are the opposite of tamers; they train animals to go back into the wild. This book is full of adventure and we have loved practising our reading skills through this gripping text.

**In writing**, we have used our knowledge of the suffragettes to write newspaper reports. These were really effective - we especially enjoyed learning about what happened to Emily Davison. Following this, we have used the film 'Alma' to write a suspense narrative. This is a great story with a very unusual ending!

**In maths**, we have continued to practise and consolidate our arithmetic learning. We have focused a lot on percentages, fractions and (everybody's favourite!) long division. In addition to this, we have been learning about algebra and we are getting good at solving algebraic equations. We have also been revising our knowledge of angles and how we can calculate and measure angles in different shapes.

**In science**, our topic has been light. We have learnt about how light travels, including angles of incidence and angles of refraction. Using the mnemonic to help us, we have learnt about the light spectrum and the order of colours in a rainbow.

**In history**, our learning has followed on from last half term. We have been studying the Russian Revolution and considering how this contributed to the start of World War One. We have considered pacts and treaties across Europe at this time; a lot of this linked back to our learning about Queen Victoria, as we studied her children's marriages.

**In geography**, our learning has also been based on Russia. We have been studying the physical geography of Russia and comparing the different biomes found in this large country. We have also compared how Russia has changed over the years, including, more recently, the effects of climate change on this country.

**In PE**, we have loved getting the opportunity to develop our badminton skills. This has been great fun, as we have practised different shots and how to serve.

**Next half term**, we will be doing lots of revision in preparation for the SATs. We will be revisiting lots of the learning we have done throughout the year to ensure we are as ready as possible! In addition to this, we will be learning about statistics and shape in maths as well as applying our reading skills to unseen texts in reading lessons.



**We will begin studying World War One in history, mountains in geography and electricity in science.**







# WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY HUB?

## Tremendous TUESDAYS

Make sure you sign your child up for one of our amazing clubs. In Spring 2 we will have:

Football	Coding
Athletics	STEM
Badminton	Times Tables
Netball	Cooking
Boxing	Ukulele
Art and Craft	Choir
Construction	Eco-Club

Speak to your child's teacher to sign them up!



## Oasis Hub at Clarksfield Weekly Activities



All activities open to everyone & FREE of charge  
No need to book just turn up!



### Embroidery

Monday 9.15 am - 11.00am



### NHS Baby Play

Contact Hasna on 0161 470 4324 for more info

Monday 1.30pm - 2.30pm

### Little HubTime

Parents/carers & their tots



Tuesday & Thursday  
9am - 11am



### Zumba

please wear trainers

Tuesday 9.30am - 10.30am

### Yoga



Thursday 9.30am - 10.30am



### Creative English

Join us to gain experience in English  
conversation

Fri 9.15am - 11am

Please contact [Adele.stanton@oasisoldham.org](mailto:Adele.stanton@oasisoldham.org) for more info