

NEWSLETTER 8th December 2023

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Joyful
Human Rights Chunk

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

It has been lovely to be in all the classrooms this week seeing the wonderful learning across the school. It's been great to see the designs come to life in our textiles lessons across Year 1 to 6 where the children are developing their sewing skills. I'm sure you will be looking forward to seeing them when they come home over the next week or so. There is definitely a little more festive spirit around the school with the decorations that staff put up after school on Friday and the practising of singing for the various events that we have taking place over the next week. Please do look below for all the key dates so that you do not miss anything.

Please remember that we break up on Wednesday 20th December. On this day we will hold our achievement assemblies, Christmas lunch and class parties. This will also be an own clothes day.

Have a restful weekend,
Ms Evry

Our Houses

Please see below our four house teams. They are all named after birds as a symbol of the school community helping them to fly. With each house they have a house colour. Next to each house is the classes linked to that house. The class will travel through the school as the same house. Throughout the year there will be colour days so please do look out for these.

Kookaburra House (Yellow)

Skylark House (Blue)

Firecrest House (Red)

Hummingbird House (Green)

Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut

Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder

Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple

Laurel, Mulberry, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hawthorn, Redwood, Holly, Lilac, Cherry

Weekly Updates

Office News

To report your child's absence/lateness or if you have a general enquiry, please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org. We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

Free School Meal & Holiday Activity Vouchers



Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm

Weekends: 10am-3pm

Email the team on info@prisonersfamilies.org

Or fill in a contact form and request a call back at prisonersfamilies.org.



Attendance News



Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.

This week's winners are Zoey – Willow Class, Saanvi – Cherry Class, Ruby – Apricot Class, Ashley – Holly Class, Emily – Pine Class, Emma – Laurel Class, Isabelle – Lilac Class and Yvette – Oak Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

This is to let you know that all parents entitled to receive free school meal vouchers will be sent these on Monday 18th December. The holiday activity vouchers have already been sent, if you have not received yours and you are entitled to this also, please email Ms Sinclair at the following address primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org.

Do you have a family member or loved one in prison?

Do you need confidential support?

We have staff members with lead responsibility who may be able to help you: Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Clarke at our Lower school or Ms Eves at the middle school.

Donations Please

HELP! We are in need of the following items for our Essentials cupboard: Pasta sauces, tinned meat & vegetables, pasta and rice. If you can donate, please can you bring items donations to either of the offices. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please note that we have begun to send a Shout Out weekly to all children who have 100% attendance. All these children are entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can check your child's attendance daily on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child has managed each week. This will also show you the mark that goes onto the register when we have not been notified of a reason for absence.

We encourage parents to limit absences throughout term time and to plan ahead to make medical appointments outside school hours.

Please see below a full range of our rewards for good attendance.

Thank you for your continued support helping us to raise attendance at OASP!

Let's all be Attendance Champions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Skylark Colour Day



As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits, we are very happy to announce that Skylark house has gained enough points that **Thursday, 14th December**, will be a Skylark (Blue) Colour Day.

On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Skylark house can celebrate by wearing items of clothing in their house colour to school. This could be a jumper, trousers, skirt, tights, shoes, or hair accessory!

Spring 2024 Encounter: We are delighted to announce our new Spring 2024 Encounter Referral form is now live 😊 This term we also have a course especially 'for children who struggle with attendance',

Encounter outline:

- The Encounter courses are run using Zoom – weekly calls of 1hr 45 minutes duration.
- Run for 10 weeks, starting week Commencing **15th January 2024**.
- Self-referral (via QR code or link)
- The NVR approach and teaching builds week-on-week, so consistency is key and achieves the best outcome.

Attached is all the information you need:

1. **Encounter leaflet** – 2 pages of course overview, dates and times, plus QR code & link.
2. **QR Code** to access the referral form on MS Forms
3. **Parent Encounter Guide** – a 7-page guide which outlines the NVR approach.

Nursery News



Next week, we will be reading the story Oh Christmas Tree, by Sue Hendra. Little Acorns will enjoy this festively funny story, with brilliant characters and a bouncy rhyming text. In maths we will continue singing our number songs, matching numeral to quantity using socks, hats, baubles, bells, and other festive decorations.

Letter Sound of the Week: 'i'

Any other messages: For our creative area we would love to have some of your recycled items, such as; plastic bottle tops, buttons, foil-coloured sweet wrappers, foil cake cases, ribbon, used wrapping paper, or anything that you feel the children would enjoy creating with. Thank you in advance.

Christmas Singalong: Save the date! On Thursday 14th Dec, we invite you to come into the nursery to listen to our festive songs.

On this day, we will have 2 sing-along sessions; the morning session starts at 11.00 am and the afternoon session is going to start at 2. 30pm. We will open the nursery gate five minutes before the session starts. Please arrive on time for songs and fun!

Key dates:

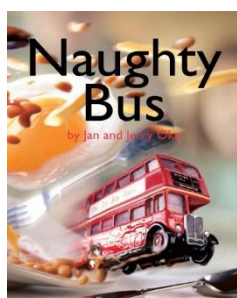
Thu 14th Dec: Nursery Christmas Singalong

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thu 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students



If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Reception News

Nativity practice is in full swing, and we cannot wait for you to watch our performance next week. Our story in Literacy will be The Naughty Bus. We will follow the Bus on his journey talking about the different places and people he encounters. During our discussions we will explore what Christmas looks like around the world. We will continue to sing our nativity songs to help us retell and act out the story! In numeracy we will be exploring sorting and grouping of objects and numbers.

P.E sessions will start after Christmas. Please find your child's P.E day below. Children can come to school already dressed in their P.E kit on their P.E day.

Apple Class: Monday

Cherry Class: Tuesday

Pear Class: Wednesday

Key Dates:

Thu 14th Dec: Skylark Colour Day

Thurs 14th Dec: Reception Nativity 9am

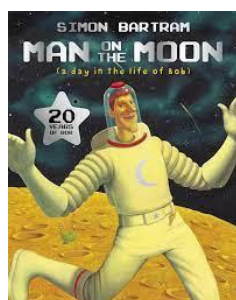
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Year 1

We've had a brilliant week in Year 1! The children have written some excellent non-chronological reports about fictional aliens where they made up some very interesting facts! We've also been busy practicing our Christmas Carols for the service next Friday 15th at St Luke's Church. It would be lovely to see some of you there if you are able to make it.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be editing our non-chronological reports about fictional aliens. In maths, we will be revisiting some old topics such as addition and subtraction for revision, and in RE, we will be learning about the Christmas story. For our Art lesson, we will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated in Australia before making our own Australian Christmas decorations, and in PHSE, we will be thinking about how we might make a new child feel welcome if they joined our class.

Year 1 PE Days

Apricot Class: Monday and Wednesday

Damson Class: Tuesday and Friday

Mulberry Class: Thursday and Friday.

Please could the children come to school in their P.E kits on those days.

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Year 2

We would like to say a massive thank you to our outstanding pupils for continuously working extra hard to improve their learning skills and knowledge. In English next week pupils will be planning and writing their own narrative based upon the book we have been reading in class. In maths pupils will be sorting shapes and recognising lines of symmetry. In geography pupils will be summarising the amazing facts and physical features of India. In poetry pupils will be performing the poem The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow. This week in computer science pupils will be exploring the capabilities of a spreadsheet in adding up coins to match the prices of objects. During our PE sessions pupils will be collaborating with a partner and practicing hitting a ball through the air with a tennis racket.

Weather: As we are approaching more wet and windy weather conditions, please ensure that all children are coming into school with a labelled coat.

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in pack lunches please.

PE: Ash/Holly: Tuesday and Thursday Elm/Cedar: Monday and Wednesday

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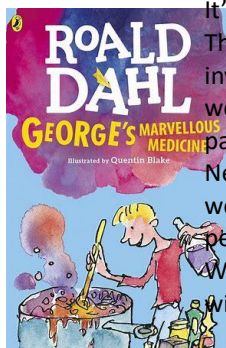
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Year 3



It's been another lovely week in Year 3. The children absolutely loved the Freshwater workshop today. They found it incredibly engaging as well as supporting their history skills in chronology and investigating sources. We would like to thank everyone who was able to pay a contribution towards the workshop, we would not be able to do this without your continuous support. They all also had lots of fun painting in the style of Monet in their art lesson.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be writing and editing our potion instructions, and in maths, we will continue to revise our knowledge of the 4- and 8-times tables. In R.E, we will be discovering how people in Mexico celebrate Christmas before making a festive pinata. Next week is also Human Rights Week, so we will be spending some time learning about the rights of all children across the world and will be discussing how we can create a safe space where we feel like we belong.

PE days: Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct P.E. uniform in line with our school's policy on their P.E. days.

Chestnut: Monday & Wednesday

Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday

Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

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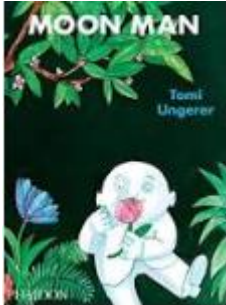
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Have a lovely weekend!



Year 4

This week, it was a pleasure for teachers to share the work with other teachers to show the progress they are all making, we are very proud indeed! It is with your continued support and the work you do with the children at home that allows them to progress so thank you.

Next week in English, the children will be watching a Christmas advert and using the images, captions and their own imagination to design and write their own advert for the holiday season with the importance of valuing friends and family.

In Maths, we will be learning how to multiply and divide 2 digits by 1 digit using a range of strategies. Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to learn their times table daily.

We have given the children a login for [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#) Please encourage them to use this site to learn their times table.

PE

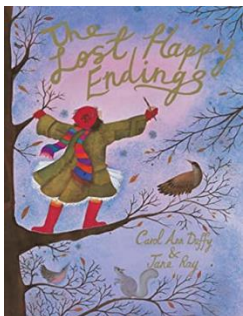
Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

PE Days:

Laurel Class-Monday and Tuesday
 Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday
 Rowan Class-Tuesday and Thursday
 Hazel Class-Monday and Wednesday
 We hope you have a restful weekend.

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Year 5

We've had a fabulous week in year 5. In writing we have continued working with the book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy, and we have proceeded with how to write a balanced argument based on the characters in the book. In Maths we are persevering with our fractions, learning how to add and subtract them. In Geography we have been comparing the cities of London, Brussels and New York, this has caused great debates over which is the best city. In Science yesterday we were extremely fortunate to have a zoom visit from an Astrophysicist from Warwick University! The children asked some brilliant questions and found the whole experience engaging and inspiring.

On 15th December we have our Carol Concert at St Luke's. If you are able to walk with your child's class to and from the church, please let us know.

The PE lessons for each class are as follows: Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)
 Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor) Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

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Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)
Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

REMINDERS:

PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and school sweatshirt.
iPad's need to be 100% charged and ready for learning every day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Year 6

As always, year 6 have been working hard again this week. In Maths, we have done some revision as well as continued with our metric measurements and converting. Next week, we will be revisiting BIDMAS and negative numbers. In English, we have been writing persuasive letters to Raheem Sterling, regarding child labour and taking action. This will lead onto next week's English, where children will write independently to Rishi Sunak to raise concerns around refugees. This week, we have focussed on retrieval in reading; Next week, we will look at inference skills. In PD, we are now looking at our habit of Joyful for December and finding joy in the smaller things in life. Each class are creating a joy jar. In D.T. we are finishing off our bookmarks. Next week is Human rights week, where the children will engage in a variety of lessons around this subject.

Skylark have their colour day 14th December for earning so many dojos. This means they can wear blue. Skylark class is Oak class.

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The Orchard

This week, The Orchard children enjoyed the story **The Christmas Eve Tree**, by Delia Huddy. This is a lovely tale showing the true Christmas spirit with beautiful illustrations. In maths, the focus is 2D and 3D shapes, including the concept of lines of symmetry. In science, we are reviewing the topic of Renew and Reuse and in history, we are recalling the Victorian Era and the construction of the railways, both in the UK and in India.

Next week, we will continue exploring books about Christmas during our literacy sessions. In maths, we are still focusing on shapes, in particular 3D shapes.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday (UPDATE)



Key Dates:

Thu 14th Dec: Skylark Colour Day

Thu 14th Dec: Tenpin Bowling Competition for Selected pupils only

Fri 15th Dec: Y3, Y4 and Orchard Carol Service at St Lukes (10.45-11.30)

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

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Remember:- Should you need to contact us, you can contact the Inclusion Team by email through:

SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org