

NEWSLETTER 12th January 2024

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Patient
Heritage and Culture



A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

Wow I have no idea where this week has gone, it has been incredibly busy in school as we have started our heritage and culture theme. There are a number of trips and visitors planned for this half term across the school, which will add to your child’s knowledge and build the experiences that they have.

Thankfully this week we have not had any repeats of the events outside of school that we had last week. We continue to work with local police to ensure that our families feel safe when travelling to and from school. If you are concerned about your child travelling with their iPad and would like for it to stay at school then please speak to your child’s class teacher.

We are really excited to have our swimming pool return for Year 4-6 next half term. It will be constructed in a few weeks, ready for lessons to start on the 19th February. We will be in contact before the holidays to let you know when swimming days will be.

For those with children who will be reception age in September please remember that the deadline for primary school application for reception places is Sunday 15th January 2024.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/admissions-infant-junior-and-primary-schools/step-by-step/apply-primary-school-place-step-step>

I wish you a restful weekend.

Take care,
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)	Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut
Skylark House (Blue)	Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder

Firecrest House (Red)	Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple
Hummingbird House (Green)	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.

New Staff Member

You may have noticed that we have a new face join our Admin Team at our Lower School. We now have Mr A who is an apprentice, please bear with him whilst he learns the ropes.



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.

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.

EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)

We hope you have had a great week.

Every week, staff take part in EDI sessions to deepen our understanding of inequalities and how they impact our community and in turn, our children. This week we engaged in discussions around 'adultification'. We looked at cases such as the 'Child Q' incident that happened two years ago in Hackney, with a focus on being intentionally curious within our practice and checking our own inherent biases. This will enable us to safeguard our children and their innocence.

Our lighthouse for this half term is Anthony King. Our pupils will be generating questions for him to answer about his journey through life and how he came to be the man he is today.

Protect Your Gadgets

With the return to school after the festive season it is a timely reminder that serial numbers (IMEI numbers in particular) of high value items, such as mobile phone/tablets etc can be registered on the following website:

[The National Property Register, for Phones, Gadgets, Bicycles & More... \(immobilise.com\)](http://www.immobilise.com)

In the event that an item is stolen and subsequently recovered by the Police it increases the chances of them identifying it as stolen and can then be returned to the owner.

Firecrest 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 **Friday 19th January** will be a **Firecrest (Red)** Colour Day.



Attendance News



Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.
This week's winners are Trevae - Willow Class, Alexa - Cherry Class, Vernese - Mulberry Class, Kaleem - Cedar Class, Levi - Pine Class, Arjun - Cypress Class, Sivona - Maple Class and Santoya - Beech Class.
The next week's winner could be you!

Comic Relief Red Nose Day



Nursery News

We hope you all had a restful and fun holiday! We are immensely proud how well the children have settled back into nursery. We have reestablished our nursery routines and shared stories of the time spent with family and friends. Our topic this term is People Who Help Us. We are going to have discussions about the people in our life who provide us with comfort and care, and the different ways in which they help us. In numeracy, we will practise subitizing up to 3 objects. Over

On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Firecrest 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!

Attendance is very important to us all at OASP because good attendance improves each child's academic progress and allows them to maximise access to all the different opportunities that we provide weekly. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please do let us know and then our Attendance Team will work with you to provide the support that child & family needs.

We send weekly Shout Outs to all children who have 100% attendance. These children are then entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can also check your child's attendance on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child has managed each week. It also shows 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 medical appointments ahead and outside of school hours.

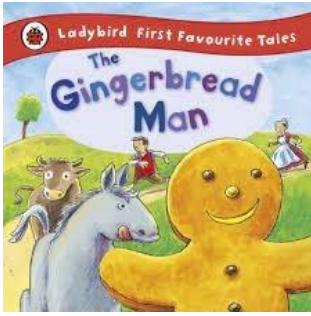
Thank you for your continued support for helping us to raise attendance at OASP! Let's all be Attendance Champions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

This year Comic Relief Red Nose Day falls on **Friday 15th March**. This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

We are therefore asking the children to wear red on this day and to support the cause you can either donate an item of food to our Essentials cupboard or pay £1 to give to Comic Relief Charity.

The choice is yours, but we look forward to seeing all the children dressed in Red.



the weekend, you can continue to practice counting everyday objects. Remember it is important that children learn how to apply maths concepts to real-life situations.

Next Week: We will be reading the story The Gingerbread Man. The children will make a ginger scented playdough and explore more about the sense of smell by smelling variety of things such as ginger, vinegar, lemon, orange, milk, garlic.

Sounds of the Week: 'd' : CVC words – dog, dig, dad, dot, etc_

Reception Applications: Just a reminder the reception application deadline is, **Monday 15th Jan**. If your child attends our nursery, they are guaranteed a place in our reception class, **but you still need to apply!** Applying for your place only takes 10 minutes. All you need is your council tax number and an eAdmissions account. Please message Miss Charles if you need any support with your application.

Key dates:

Fri 19th Jan: Firecrest Colour Day

All February – LGBTQ+ History Month

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

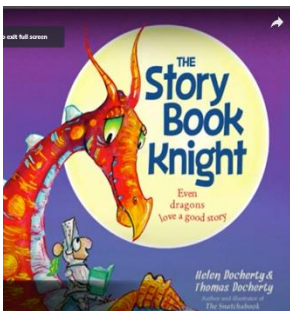
Reception News

We hope you all had a wonderful break.

Next week we will continue with our new topic Castles and Knights, we will be looking at the book 'Knight' and thinking about the characters feelings. We will also be looking at what a castle is, and we are even going to have a go at making our own castle!

In maths we will be looking at number bonds, using different tools to support our learning and looking at what the sum looks like written down.

P.E sessions have now started. 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.



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Apple Class: Monday

Cherry Class: Tuesday

Pear Class: Wednesday

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Sat 3rd Feb: NSPCC Numbers Day

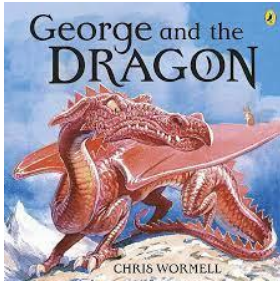
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Year 1

Happy new year! It's been lovely to have the children back and hear all about their Christmas break. They have settled into the school routines really well and have produced some excellent work. Next week, in our English lessons, we will be reading our new story 'George and the Dragon' and writing descriptive sentences about the characters. In maths, we will be continuing to work with numbers up to 20 and in science, we will be learning about the different planets in our solar system. In history, we will be learning about our Prime Minister before writing about our own qualities that would make us good leaders of the country, and in Geography, we will be looking at maps and plans of Buckingham Palace.

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

The year 2 team would like to thank our wonderful pupils for all their hard work. They have excelled with their learning and continuously uphold all our Oasis habits. In English we will be writing effective sentences for a narrative. In maths, pupils will be counting money in pounds and pence. This week in geography we will be asking and answering questions about maps as well as recognising a range of key map symbols. In history pupils will begin acknowledging similarities and differences between the clothes children wore in the Victorian era and modern day. In science we will be learning about the differences between natural and man-made materials and know examples of both. In art pupils will be creating images with a variety of Medi

We would personally like to thank everyone for their continuous.

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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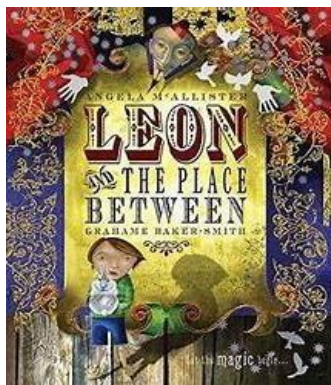
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Year 3



We hope you all had a relaxing break and as a team we wish you a Happy New Year. It's been lovely to see the children again and hear about their Christmas holidays.

This week we have been learning about safeguarding, and the children have discussed how they can keep safe at home with potential fire hazards, and how to keep safe on the internet. In our writing sessions we have been writing effective openings to the story we are looking at which is 'Leon and the Place Between.' In maths, we have been learning how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, and in science, we will be learning about Mae Jamison and how she impacted our world. In history, we will be beginning our new topic on the Stone Age, and in Music they all learnt what an ocarina is before learning how to play one.

You should have received a letter regarding our upcoming trip to the Horniman Museum. If you are happy for your child to attend, we ask that you return the permission slip by Friday 26th January. Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be using speech marks to add dialogue to our writing. In maths, we will be learning how to divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, and in science, we will be learning about Rachel Carson and how her actions impacted our world. In history, we will be comparing the lives of people in the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Age.

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

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in their fruit snack or pack lunch. Thank you in advance.

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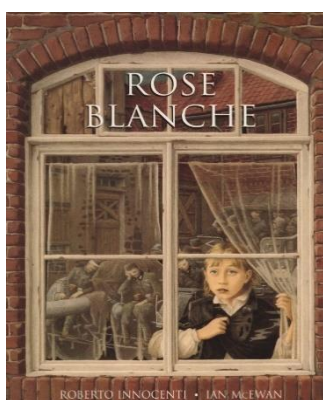
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Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4



Happy New Year to all. We hope you had a good holiday. The children have settled back into school quite nicely and have settled into their learning. They have shown they are ready for more learning.

Next week in English, the children will be continue rewriting the plot of the story we have started reading this week, 'The miraculous journey of Edward Turlane' by Kate DiCamillo. The focus will be ensuring children understand how to use fronted adverbials to sequence their story.

In Maths, the children will be learning how to solve maths problems using multiplication working with numbers up to 3 digits.

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

We will be starting swimming on the week commencing 19th February 2024. This is a mandatory lesson as it is part of the national curriculum for PE. Before we assess the children on their competency in swimming, we like to get a gauge from yourself on how well they can swim. This will enable us to group them in advance of their lessons which will start the week of February 19th, 2024. Please answer all questions in this short quiz honestly to allow us to best support your child. <https://forms.office.com/e/RYH83TQZDC>

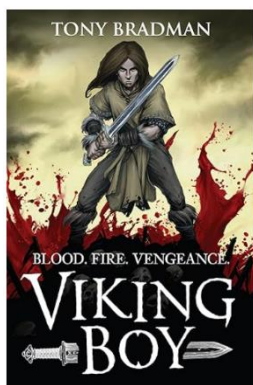
Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

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

It has been lovely to see the children return from their holidays full of energy and ready to learn. We've had an extended week including the 2 days of school last week and it's been jam packed. We have started reading a new class book called 'Viking Boy' by author Tony Bradman, and it's also the focus of our writing this term where the children will produce an independent piece of writing based on a conquering tale. In Maths we are revisiting multiplication and division, throughout the week we have gradually built up our confidence in multiplying up to a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number. In science we have looked at what it means to be healthy, the 7 nutrients needed by our bodies, their sources, and the 3 types of exercise our bodies need to maintain fitness. In Geography we have begun map reading and in History we have started exploring the origins of Anglo-Saxon's and the impact of their arrival.

Next week we have our very exciting Wonder Dome workshop, please remember to make your child's payment for this on MCAS.

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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)

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.

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Year 6

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and new year. What a busy start we've had back into year 6! We are learning about World War 2 and spent History learning the reasons WW2 happened. Our English book coincides with our topic of WW2; we are reading Rose Blanche. Our classes have already written detailed setting descriptions and started Tales of fear. In Maths, the children have looked into ratio and how to solve ratio problems. In P.E. we practiced our defense using basketballs. We are also revisiting fitness and retesting to compare to our baseline to see if we've improved. In R.E. we are comparing Holy books and in PD, we've come up with strategies on showing patience (our habit of the term).

Next week, in English, children will finish off their tales of fear. In History, we will learn about the holocaust which will lead on to a philosophy session. In Maths, we will continue with ratio and their relation to fractions. We will be reading fairytales with a twist and answer questions on them. In Music, we will be looking at music in WW2 and its impact. In Science, we are looking at the difference between inherited and acquired traits.

We hope you have a great weekend. We have seen a good improvement in school uniforms and PE kits, but please can you continue to ensure that children are following the rules for these.

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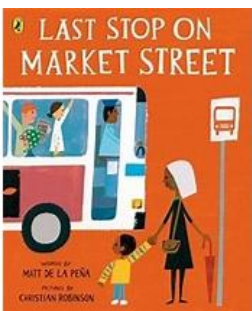
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The Orchard

This week, the children worked on the story: **'Last Stop on Market Street' written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson.** This is a heartfelt story set in a town in South America whereby a boy called CJ and his nana catch a bus to a soup kitchen at the end of Market Street. The story is told through their eyes, of the world that surrounds them, ie. the beauty and kindness that nana sees and that which CJ initially takes for granted or doesn't. It's a story about culture, class and generation. In maths, the focus is on money. In science, we are focusing on learning about different materials and their properties and in geography, we are looking at our school surroundings through maps and aerial views.

Theme: Heritage and Culture

Next week's story of the week is: **'The Colours of Us' by Karen Kats.**

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

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