



Spring Term Newsletter 2019

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Thank you!

Last term we held a number of fundraising events and we want to say a huge thank you for your generosity and support.

- Mrs Belcher's Christmas raffle raised £147.32 which was used to fund the snowman – more details below.
- Thank you to Jenny Johnson who organised our fantastic Y5 and 6 singers to perform at Monton Village Association Christmas fair. Your kind donations of chocolate and bottles helped to raise £603 for the PTA on the stalls at the fair.
- Together with staff donations, you helped to raise £353.25 for Bury Hospice in memory of Mrs Goldenfield.
- Our sponsored marathon, held to raise funds to buy new sports equipment for each department in school and improve our outdoor sports facilities, raised an amazing £1853.34!

Thank you to those of you who made a Christmas decoration for the 'Decorate a Christmas tree' event held at Monton Unitarian Church. Thank you also for your attendance at our EYFS and KS1 Christmas concerts – the children practised hard and were delighted to see you there!

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to Monton Green this term. Miss Hudson will be teaching in Reception, taking over from Miss Burgwin who started her maternity leave at Christmas; and Miss D'Anza will be teaching in Nursery as Mrs Callaghan has left us to start a new job in another school.

The Snowman

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Raymond Brigg's book *The Snowman*, Mrs Belcher's class designed their own Snowman for the festive art trail at Media CityUK in December. Their design entitled 'A blizzard of emotions' depicts the various emotions felt by the characters within the story. If you didn't get a chance to spot the snowman he now has a permanent home in the school entrance!

Competition News!

Our children are currently Salford champions in Sportshall Athletics and Basketball, and will be going on to represent The Borough of Salford at the County Games on 19TH March at Sportcity regional centre! In Cross Country our children have been competing in the Salford League and currently the Year 3 and 4 boys' team is in 2nd place! School has entered the JP Football League and after round 2 the school team is currently in 2nd place.



Live Kitchen has been working well for a number of weeks now in school. Live Kitchen allows you to pre-order and pay by direct debit for your child's lunches, and even vary between packed lunches and school dinners daily. For more information please visit the website www.live-kitchen.co.uk or contact the school office and speak to Mrs Barker or Mrs Muir.

Dates and Events this term

January

- **Monday 14th** NSPCC assemblies and workshops for KS1 and KS2
- **Wednesday 23rd** Y6 trip to Eden Camp - 5pm return to school

February

- **Friday 15th** School closes for half term
- **Monday 25th** Mrs Belcher's class, Nursery and Reception Parent/Teacher meetings 4pm 6pm
- **Wednesday 27th** Mrs Belcher's class, Nursery and Reception Parent/Teacher meetings 4pm – 8pm

March

- **Monday 11th** Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings 4pm -6pm
- **Wednesday 13th** Year 6 Parent/Teacher meetings 4pm -8pm
- **Friday 15th** Non Uniform Day for Comic Relief
- **w/c Monday 25th** **NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS THIS WEEK DUE TO PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS FOR Y1 TO Y5**
- **Monday 25th** Y1 to Y5 Parent/ Teacher meetings 4pm – 6pm
- **Wednesday 27th** Y1 to Y5 Parent/ Teacher meetings 4pm – 8pm
- **Friday 29th** School closes for half term today and re-opens on Monday 15th April

Early Years Foundation Stage

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are very pleased with how well the children have settled back into school life and have welcomed our two new teachers - Miss Hudson and Miss D'Anza!

The theme of 'winter' will underpin the majority of our learning this term in both Reception and Nursery. Nursery will be basing their learning around the much loved 'Gruffalo's Child' which will provide many opportunities for mark making, building fine motor skills and developing communication skills through role play. The topic of capacity will be a focus in Maths – making delicious Gruffalo soup!

In Reception, we will investigate signs of winter and changes in our own environment. We will also carry out investigatory work on materials, looking at changes including; freezing and melting. Our learning about 'Health and Self Care' will focus on suitable winter clothing and making comparisons between summer wear. This topic will also provide many opportunities for the children to express themselves through Art.

High quality English texts will follow the winter theme, starting with Nick Butterworth's 'One Snowy Night'. Following on from this we will complete non-fiction work looking at arctic animals and their habitats. Maths lessons will focus initially on prepositional language, capacity and measure.

Phonics sessions will continue to be taught daily in Reception alongside reading activities and we encourage the children to practise regularly at home – thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Within this term Shrove Tuesday falls when we are hoping to taste various pancake toppings and design our own pancakes. Chinese New Year will allow us to learn about celebrations across different cultures, following on from our work on Hanukkah and Diwali.

Finally, thank you for all of your support with the fundraising activities we completed last term and the contributions made to the Early Years Fund – we have already purchased some wonderful new learning resources for the department!

The Early Years Team

Key Stage One

Happy New Year!

Year 1 This term the Year 1 theme is 'Life Before Me'. The children will learn what life was like in the past. They will find out about shops and houses from the Victorian era and look at artefacts from the past. We are hoping to arrange a trip to Lark Hill Place in Salford to bring this topic to life and to allow the children to compare the shops on Monton Road with a Salford street over 100 years ago.

In Geography the children will learn about Monton, discuss what it is like and what they can see on their way to school. They will look at the different types of houses near school and use simple maps.

In Science the topic is light and our DT topic will link to this. The children will make shadow puppets using levers. We will also make simple animations on the computer using 'stickmen'.

Our music topic is *In the Groove* and will introduce the children to Blues music.

In RE the children will continue to learn about Christianity and how important festivals are celebrated. Our Jigsaw learning is about setting goals and working hard to achieve them which links with New Year Resolutions.

The children continue to have phonics, writing and spelling lessons every day as well as a daily maths lesson. Thank you for your support with homework. If you are having any problems with MyMaths please let the class teacher know. Also please sign your child's reading record when they read to you each day. This helps us to see how many times they have practised their book before changing.

PE days this half term are: Mrs Leyland – Tuesday and Ms Matthews – Wednesday.

Thank you.

Year 2 The main context for learning this term will be through our history topic 'Life Before Me'. The children will learn about life in Victorian Times. As part of this work, they will find out about significant people and inventions from the Victorian period. They will also investigate what it was like to be a child in the Victorian Times and as part of this learning they will find out about Victorian schools and about some of the jobs poor children had to do.

This work will lead on to looking at how our local area (Salford Quays) has changed. The children will use old photographs and video material to look at the area in the past when it was a busy dock and will use aerial photos to identify features that are there now. We are hoping to plan a trip to Salford Quays and the Lowry Art exhibition as part of this work.

Our Art work will be based around the work of LS Lowry. The children will find out about the artist's life and investigate his distinctive style and use of colour. In DT the children will design and make their own wheeled toy and will learn how axles work. They will learn to measure, mark out, join materials and use a saw!

Our Jigsaw work is based on a theme of Dreams and Goals which ties in nicely with New Year resolutions. In RE the children will learn about the beliefs and practices of Islam. The Music topic is called '*I wanna be in a band*' and will introduce the children to 'rock' as a style.

Our Science topic 'Materials' will continue this term. The children will carry out investigations to further their understanding of waterproof materials, materials that keep things warm and materials that absorb water.

Maths and English lessons take place daily. You can help at home by supporting your child with their homework. We are placing a big emphasis on learning the 2x 5x and 10x tables off by heart and also learning to spell the Year 1 and 2 word lists.

PE continues to be on Thursday for both classes.

Miss Wilson and Miss Leggott.

Lower Key Stage Two

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Year 3 The Year 3's will also be starting with Geography, learning about the weather and using specialist equipment to monitor, collect and present data about the weather near us. Later on in the term, the focus will switch back to History where the subject will be Baghdad AD900, a very interesting topic! In English the focus will be newspaper reports and then narrative linked to the History work. Our Science topics are Light and The Skeleton. In the topic on light, children will be learning about sources of light, how light travels and shadows. In the topic on skeletons, children will be finding out about bones and muscles and the jobs they do. They will also be carrying out different investigations to do with our bodies. In DT children will be constructing photo frames out of wood. In French, children will cover the topic - 'All About Me', this will teach them to understand and follow instructions, name parts of the body, identify colours and say what they are wearing. Our RE work in Year 3 will continue to be based around the question 'What is it like to be a Christian in Britain today?' Computing will focus on types of communication, looking in particular at e-mail. The children will be sending and receiving e-mails which is all kept within the Purple mash programme, this is a very safe and secure way for children to communicate with each other. Spelling and grammar will be taught regularly and will continue to be a focus for homework. Maths homework will consolidate learning done in class throughout the week and we ask that you continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis. Our Maths work this term will be fractions and calculating using all four operations. The focus for our times tables is the 8x table.

PE is on Friday's for Mrs Begum's class.

Swimming is on Tuesday for Mrs Lee's class.

Year 4 In Year 4 we are moving onto Geography and we will be finding out about rivers and rainforests with a particular focus on The Amazon. The children will find out about the people and animals who live in the rainforest and learn more about the issue of deforestation. This subject will also be the focus for our English work, where we will be writing reports about animals who live in the rainforest. In our Art lessons we will be looking at the work of Wassily Kandinsky and producing our own abstract art work.

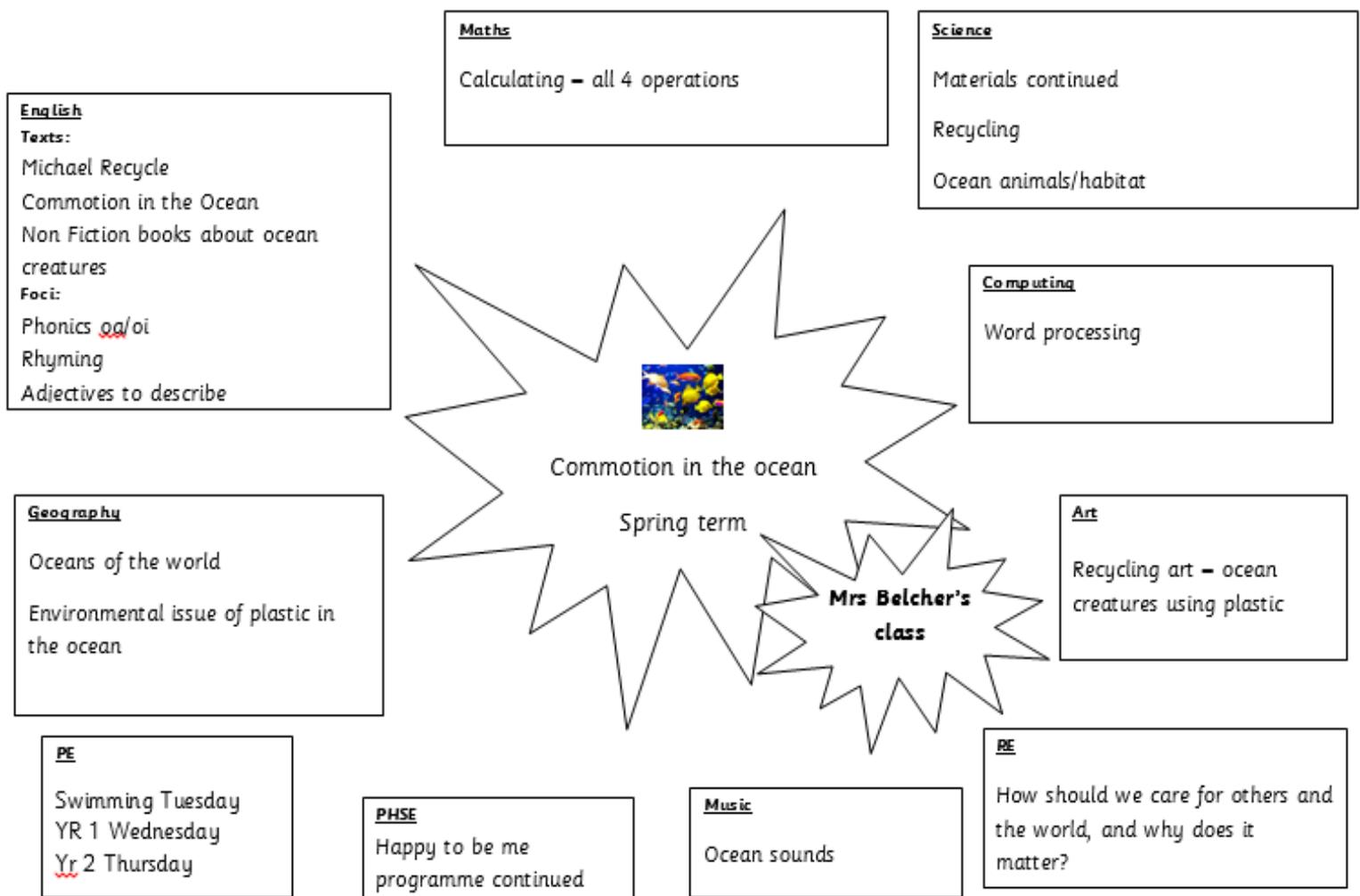
The children will be using non-fiction books and stories to develop their reading and writing skills. Spelling and grammar will be taught regularly and spelling will continue to be a focus for homework. Maths homework will consolidate work done in class and we ask that you help children to learn the times tables facts at home. Our Maths work this term will cover statistics, fractions, area and position and direction.

In Science our topic is Sound. The children will be finding out how sounds are made, how it travels, what it can travel through and how we can make sounds quieter.

We will continue with our Jigsaw lessons where the children will be thinking about their dreams for the future and how they can achieve those dreams.

In Computing children will be looking at writing for different audiences and learning how to change fonts, sizes etc... to improve a text. In RE the children will continue to learn about the Hindu religion.

'All Around Town' is the name of our topic in French. Children will learn to develop their intercultural understanding by being introduced to the sights of some typical French cities and will also learn to describe places in a town, count to 100 and give their address in French. PE will be on Thursdays for both classes.



Meet our snowman



Upper Key Stage Two

Welcome back!

Year 5 This half term, we will be using both Fiction and Non-Fiction texts to teach aspects of reading and writing in our **English** lessons, where the children will be learning to write non-chronological reports about Strange Creatures. Our Reading lessons will focus on poetry; exploring vocabulary and meaning within the poems. Please continue to hear your child read at home regularly, discuss new vocabulary with them, ask your child questions about the text, and comment in your child's reading record. Please help your child to remember to bring their school Reading Book and Reading Record into school each day. Spelling is taught daily as part of our English lessons and Handwriting lessons will take place on a twice weekly basis. In **Maths** lessons this half term, Year 5 children will learn about Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, with a focus on equivalence. Please continue to help your child to learn and practise their times tables facts up to and including 12 x 12 at home by logging on to Times Table Rockstars.

In our **Science** lessons, Y5 children will learn all about Forces. They will be finding out about friction, gravity and weight and also conducting investigations about air resistance.

PE lessons this half term will focus on the children learning how to play Handball with Miss Pollitt. Mrs Hopkins' class will have P.E. on Monday morning and Miss James' class will have P.E. on Wednesday morning. It is essential that children have their PE kits in school on the correct day - plain white tee-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Please help your child to remember these. As part of our topic work, Year 5 children will learn about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes in **Geography**, focussing on formation and locations. Our **Art** topic will also link to our learning about Volcanoes, where we will look at the work of Margaret Godfrey before producing our own Volcano Art using mixed media.

In **RE** we will be learning about Christianity and finding out about the Values of Jesus. Our **PSHEC** topic is Dreams and Goals. In **Music**, we will be learning to play the recorder and beginning to recognise notation such as crotchets and minims. We will be learning how to talk about ourselves in **French**, and in **Computing**, we will be continuing to learn about coding.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Hopkins and Miss James.

Year 6 This half term, in our **English** lessons, we will be focussing on teaching Narrative writing. We will be writing a short warning story based on 'The Caravan'. Our reading lessons will focus on poetry; exploring vocabulary and meaning within the poems. Please continue to hear your child read at home regularly, discuss new vocabulary with them, ask your child questions about the text, and comment in your child's reading record. Please help your child to remember to bring their school Reading Book and Reading Record into school each day. Spelling is taught daily as part of our English lessons and handwriting lessons take place twice weekly.

In **Maths** lessons this half term, we will be focusing initially on division strategies and then moving on to teaching the children about Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

In our **Science** lessons this half term, Year 6 children will continue to learn about Electricity before moving on to learn about the Circulatory System.

In **History** lessons, the children will be learning about World War 2 and we have a fantastic trip to Eden Camp planned for Wednesday 23rd January. Our **Art** topic will link to our learning about WW2, where we will focus on the work of Henry Moore and his artwork depicting The Blitz, before producing our own mixed media art work.

In **Computing**, Year Six pupils will be learning about coding; using scratch and other applications, and in **French**, the children will be continuing to learn about telling the time before moving on to apply previous skills and knowledge of topic areas such as places in a town, directions, homes and numbers to develop their speaking and listening abilities.

Our **RE** work will investigate rules and codes for living and our **PSHE** topic is called *Dreams and Goals*. Y6 will also be taking part in the RESPECT programme on a Tuesday afternoon.

In **PE** lessons this half term, classes will be focussing on the skills needed in team games such as Handball and Dodge Ball. PE lessons for Mrs Hampson's class will be on Friday morning and for Miss Cunningham's class PE will take place on Tuesday morning. It is essential that all children have their PE kits in school on the correct day - plain white tee-shirt and plain blue shorts or jogging bottoms, and pumps or trainers. Please help your child to remember these.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Hampson and Miss Cunningham

