

Oasis

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Johanna

# Oasis Academy Johanna Class Newsletter

Y6 Violet Class - Spring 1, 2022

# Year 6

Dear parents and carers,  
**Happy New Year to you all!**

We hope that you all managed to have a good break. It was good to meet with so many of you in the parent meetings at the end of last term, for those that we did not get to meet with, we must arrange a time as soon as possible.

We have lots to look forward to this term, lots of hard work but plenty of fun activities too.

Paul and Leanne  
Class Teachers

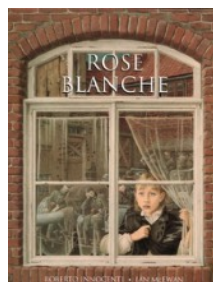
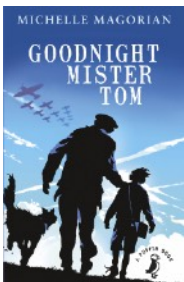
## Theme

Our theme for this half term is, 'A Child's War' which focuses on World War Two. We will make sure the children are secure in their understanding of when in history the war was and some of the complex reasons why it started. We then turn our attention to what life was like in London for those who had not travelled to the front lines. We learn about how people from across the world fought with the the Allied troops, yet they have often not received the recognition they deserve. We then learn about how the roles of women changed from before the war, to during the war and then after the war and finally, how World War 2 was, in many ways, the birth place of the NHS.



## English

This term we will be studying two very different but both very powerful books, both with the theme of World War 2 running through them.



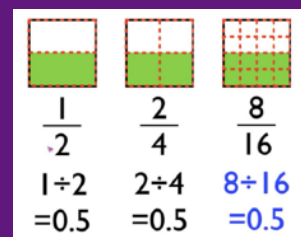
Through the term, children will work on building up their portfolios of excellent writing. In our narrative writing, we focus particularly on slowing down and zooming in to the micro-details of a moment or a scene. This is a powerful technique that, when done well, pulls the reader in and keeps them interested.

Grammar and spelling will also receive lots of attention!

## Maths

This term in maths we will be starting with a deep dive in to fractions. The children need to have a strong understanding of fractions including arithmetic with fractions (and whole numbers), converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, deepen understanding of equivalence, ordering fractions and simplifying and comparing fractions. This will form a major part of the early work in the term.

Following this we will do a unit on percentages and statistics including connecting percentages to fractions and decimals, calculating averages and working on graphing.



There will be expectations to continue working at home on various areas of maths to practice skills before the end of Key Stage assessments.

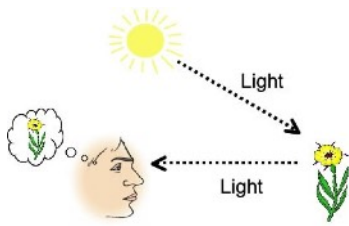
## Science

Science this term is a discrete subject about light.

We will build on the work from year 3 about what a light source is and recognising that we see things because of light from a light source reflecting in to our eyes.

We will then extend this by looking in to the idea that light appears to travel in straight lines and use this to explain how we see things and explore shadows and the shapes they take.

We will also explore different light phenomena such as refraction and how white light can be split in to different primary colours of light. We will also explore the eye and its different parts.



## R.E.

Our RE work this term will be on the theme of religious symbols. We will learn about the significance of a creed within a religion and will compare creeds from different faiths. We will learn about symbols from different religions and their significance.

## Computing

This term we will be working on the key area of online safety and using the internet respectfully and safely.

This is a crucial piece of work as children's lives become increasingly connected as they get older. We will be focussing on the importance of privacy online and how to be responsible digital citizens. We will also spend some time talking exploring cyber bullying and how to recognise this and finish with some work around the media and how this shapes our ideas

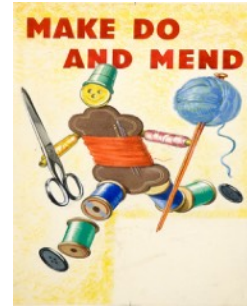
## Dates for Spring 1

Friday 11th February	LAST DAY of Term 3 3.15pm finish
<b>Half Term</b> Mon 14th Feb to Fri 18th Jan 2022	
Mon 21st Feb	Children return to school

## Design Technology

This term in Design and Technology, we will be working on our sewing skills as we are inspired by the World War 2 slogan, Make Do and Mend.

Children will upcycle an old piece of clothing - so please look out for an old t-shirt or shirt that children could transform in class.



## P.E.

PE this term is split in to two areas.

In yoga we will begin to learn some common yoga positions and develop our strength and flexibility in this discipline which many people take in to their adult life.

We will also be learning hockey this term with a chance to develop new skills and use skills learnt in other team sports.

## PSHE

Through PSHE this term, we will explore the Oasis Habits of Patience and Compassion.

We also look at the complex themes of emotional resilience, the benefits of maintaining a positive attitude and techniques for regulating our emotions when the feelings feel too big to hold.



## Homework

Each MONDAY we will collect in homework. Children will select a task from the 9 options and either complete it in exercise books or share work completed on the iPads.

Every day, children should:

- read their reading book for at least 10 mins
- Practise spellings

In addition, typically, the children do the following:

- Maths: Sumdog and occasional work on Teams.
- Many children will also be given additional work around arithmetic to keep practicing.