

Welcome back message

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful half term break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. As we step into the second half of the Spring Term, I am delighted to welcome everyone back to school for what promises to be an exciting and productive period ahead.



Spring is a season of growth and renewal, and we are eager to build upon the fantastic achievements of the first half of the academic year. This half term will bring new learning opportunities, enriching activities, and important milestones for our pupils.

Some of the key highlights of the term include:

- **Curriculum Enrichment:** We will continue to provide engaging lessons, with a focus on developing skills, knowledge, and creativity across all subjects. This week we have our 'RE day' – dedicated time for all the pupils to immerse themselves in a sequence of Religious Education lessons
- **Parent Engagement:** We look forward to working closely with parents and carers through upcoming workshops, meetings, and events to support pupil progress
- **Art Day:** The next two half terms we are going to have 2 whole school art days which will culminate in a gallery which parents, carers and wider community will be invited to! The first day will be centered around the Addison value characters and reimagining their artwork and the second will be based on Van Gogh's key works.
- **Assessment:** For all year groups, end of term assessments will take place in the last weeks of March
- **School Trips and Special Events:** We have some exciting trips and events planned, which will enhance the learning experience for our pupils.
- **Ramadan:** Thank you parents for completing the form indicating whether or not your child will be fasting. We will support families during this period

As always, our dedicated staff are committed to ensuring that every child thrives in a supportive and nurturing environment. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the term. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful term working together as a school community.

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Executive Head Teacher

Spring 2025

March (Ollie Honest)

- 6th World Book Day
- 7th Y3 British Museum
- 7th Y6 Leighton House
- 10th – 14th British Science Wk.
- 13th Sapphire assembly
- 20th Art Day
- 24th Assessment week
- 25th & 26th Parent Consultations
- 30th Eid al-Fitr

April (Ria Respect)

- 2nd Y4 Easter Show
9:10am
- 3rd Y3 Eid Assembly
9:10am
- 4th Last day of term

Easter break 7th – 22nd April

- 22nd Inset day (no pupils)
- 23rd Back to School
- 23rd Saint George's Day

May

- 8th Y1 Assembly (9:10am)
- 22nd Y4 Stay and Play (5-8pm)
- 21st Y1/2 End of Year Production (9:30am)
- 26th May – 30th May Half Term

June

- 2nd Pupils return
- 9th Assessment Week
- 14th Grenfell Day
- 19th Y5 Sleepover
- 27th International Day

Nursery (Cherries)

This half term we will be learning about, 'Insects and Growing'. We will be talking about what makes different insects unique and how to look after them. We will investigate what they eat, where they live and will be trying to spot them in our garden. We are very excited to be expecting duckling eggs and watching them grow, as well as watching caterpillars turn into butterflies.



In maths our key focuses are measuring and comparing different lengths, heights, weights and capacities. The children will be exploring how tall they are and measuring different height plants. We will be having lots of fun with water play this half term filling our cups and bottles and talking about capacity.

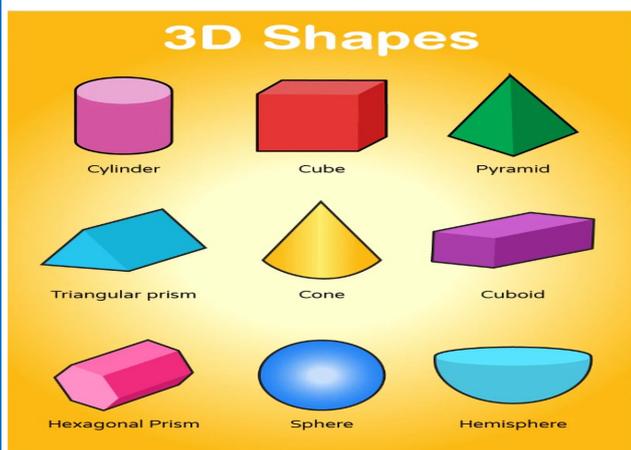


The children will also be learning new sounds in their Phonics lessons as well as practising old sounds. We will be learning a new sound a week and the 6 sounds the children will see are 'n', 'p', 'g', 'o', 'c' and 'k'.

We look forward to seeing the amazing learning to come out of this half term. We remind parents to look out for any messages on the door or sent by text, and to ensure that children are completing their writing sheets each week, and practicing saying and writing their sounds. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team either in person or via: eyfslearningsupport@addison.lbhf.sch.uk

Reception (Blueberries)

Blueberries class will be focusing on, 'Plants and Growing'. We will be having some very special visitors come to stay with us... we are hosting some ducks arriving on the 17th March! We will get a front row seat watching our duck eggs hatch and grow! We will also be experimenting with a variety of seeds – any keen gardeners wishing to help would be greatly appreciated!



In maths we are continuing to deep dive into number composition and are also looking at 3d shapes! For phonics, some children are moving onto special friends such as 'sh' 'ch' 'qu' whilst others are continuing to secure those initial sounds like 'm' 'a' 's'. We are continuing with our handwriting focus for homework! An exciting term ahead!

Jade Class (Y1)

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a lovely break. Our topic this half term is, 'The United Kingdom'. We will be exploring the four countries that make up the UK, (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), learning about their landmarks, flags, traditions and key facts. Our value this half term is Olly Honesty. We are encouraging the children to demonstrate honesty by being truthful, trustworthy, and sincere in their actions and words.



In maths, we are delving into place value up to 50, measurement using cm, and understanding mass and volume. The children have worked hard learning their phonics sounds and we will continue progressing through the Set 3 Read Write Inc. special friends. In English, the children will be writing a recount after their trip to the Sea Life Centre on Tuesday 25th February. Our science focus this half term is animals, where we will be identifying and classifying different animals. In RE, the children will learn about the significance of water in different religious rituals.

A reminder homework is sent home daily Monday to Thursday and is due each following day. Topic homework is set on Friday. Please continue to read and support your child in practising their spellings.

Sapphire Class (Y2)

This half term in Sapphire class, we will become explorers of the earth! We will investigate the four cardinal directions (North, South, East & West) using globes and maps. We will recognise the hot and cold areas of the world using the equator and hemispheres as a guide before we create and construct a sketch map of our local area. However, we will not only be constructing in Geography in DT this half term, we will construct a baby bear's chair. We will explore stability and explore how the shape of materials affect the strength of a structure. After making our chairs, we will bring in our soft toys from home to test their strength; hopefully the chairs will hold the bear effectively so our toys are safe!



Handwriting will remain a focus where we will practise our 'pinch, grip, flip' strategy in daily handwriting sessions. Miss Simmons will be looking to see whether we apply this practice in our celebration books where we publish our polished written pieces in English. World Book Day Thursday 6th March will be another exhilarating one where we will be rehearsing and performing poems to the class. Watch out for videos on the Addison website!



This will be followed by our class assembly! We are busy practising our lines and songs so that we showcase our knowledge and voices off confidently to the school and parents. We cannot wait to invite you in to see us perform!

Curriculum topics

Each half term pupils experience a new learning topic. Here are the topics for Spring 2 – The schools focus will be on geographical knowledge and skills:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
The United Kingdom Locational	Atlas and Globes Geographical skills and fieldwork	Biomes Physical geography	Local Area Geographical skills and fieldwork	Rivers Physical geography	Globalisation Human geography

Punctuality

In the first week back at school 24/02/2025 – 28/02/2025 30 pupils arrived late to school. This is an improvement, however too many children are still arriving late to school and missing valuable learning. Missing the start of a lesson can result in misconceptions and pupils struggling to understand what is going on. From February, any pupil who regularly arrives late may forgo their break time – instead, they will use this time to catch up on missed learning so that they do not fall behind.

REMINDER - The gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am when registration begins. Lessons begin promptly at 8:50am every day. Arriving to school is essential and teaches children the importance of respect for others, as well as responsibility in managing their own time effectively.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Values

Our school value next half term is, 'Honesty'. We talk to the pupils in class and in assembly sessions about what this means.

Ollie Honest is our role model and here are his qualities:

- Steadfast when telling the truth about events
- Dependable and can be trusted to do the right thing
- True to himself and will always speak up for others
- Committed to having good relationships with friends

