



# Park Lane School

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Its Christmas! I can hardly believe it! This term has gone so quickly. Pupils who started in September have settled in so quickly and they are part of our school community. I was showing a new pupil and his parents around school and one new pupil asked, "is he coming to our Park Lane"! That meant so much to know he felt part of the school.

As always it has been a busy term! We have welcomed new staff to our team and said goodbye to others who have moved on. Through all these changes the pupils and staff have continued to work hard, to them I say thank you. You will see in the articles written by the class teachers that the pupils have been very busy.

One of the exciting developments is our new school uniform which is now on sale. There is no pressure to buy immediately, and the pupils can continue to wear the existing uniform. I am looking forward to it becoming more evident in school over the next months.

Thank you to all who donated items for the hampers. We had so many items and you were very generous. A very big thank you to Emma Shaw for organising all

the items into hampers. Thank you too for buying raffle tickets to support FOPLSS in their fund raising for our much loved hydrotherapy pool. I am hoping this will be open again very soon.

Finally, all that remains is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Now please read on....





# Silk Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: SUPERSTARS

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This term we have spent time exploring the topic Superstars.

We have enjoyed lots of wonderful stories. These have included 'The Enormous Watermelon', 'Sparks in the Sky' and 'Hurry Up Santa!'. We also enjoyed celebrating National Nursery Rhyme Week.

This term we have explored many mathematical concepts including big, small and medium, and number order.

We have developed our fine motor skills and understanding of mathematical concepts during our cookery sessions. We have made fruit salad, vegetable kebabs, sandwiches and edible sparklers.

We have had fun celebrating class birthdays, Diwali, Bonfire Night and taking part in all the Christmas events.

To celebrate Christmas we went on our annual trip to the Christmas Tree Festival at Gawsworth Church, a fantastic sensory experience.

In addition, we smelled lots of nice, and not so nice smells during our themed smelly week. Some of the smells were truly disgusting!

We have explored being good friends and enjoying shared play experiences, including the ball pool, light room and a weekly trip to the local park.

The pupils have worked hard on developing their communication skills, particularly making choices and requesting items. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow in this important area of their learning.

Here are some photos of the children enjoying school life!

**Have a magical Christmas break!**





# Forest Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term

Wow, what a fantastic start Forest Class have made to life at Park Lane School. We are so proud of how well all the students have transitioned to full time education and all of their fantastic achievements so far. We have really enjoyed getting to know each other, forming new friendships and going on our first community visits.

We have loved reading a variety of sensory stories this term, our favourites being 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Enormous Watermelon'. We have made a lovely display in school with some of our caterpillar artwork. We have really improved at using symbols at the end of the sessions to request which props or sensory experiences we would like again.

We have also spent a lot of time this term focusing on using core vocabulary boards and for all those where it is appropriate establishing the use of our new communication boards. We have all made progress in using our methods of communication and have been communicating choices and preferences and even commenting on experiences. For the last 6 weeks we have also had a weekly session delivered by the Speech and Language therapists Izzy and Emma, which we have loved taking part in.

We have focused on number this term and have taken part in numerous number songs, linked to our different themes. We have also introduced some mathematical language like long and short, big and small, full and empty, during our Look and Listen sessions.

We have loved our community visits out to South Park and have all grown in confidence using all the different equipment. We also liked going out on the school minibus to St James' church in Gawsworth to look at the Christmas trees and we all behaved wonderfully. We have some more visits in the bus planned for next term!

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and very happy new year,

Forest Class Team x





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: SUPERHEROS



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This term we have welcomed some new classmates to Granelli class. It has been lovely watching new friendships develop and existing ones go from strength to strength. It has been a busy but exciting term and we have learnt lots of new things.

Our topic has been 'Superheros' for this term. We have enjoyed some great books including 'My mum and dad make me laugh', 'Avocado baby' and 'Giraffes cant dance'. We learnt lots about people who help us and loved seeing and exploring the fire engine when it came into school.

In Maths, we have focused on numbers and have enjoyed number rhymes and number lines to count along with. We have counted objects and used sensory trays to explore groups of objects.

Every Tuesday, we have enjoyed PE especially the team building activities and making our own spaceship. On Fridays we have loved Music therapy and playing with a range of instruments.

We have been extremely physical this term with weekly PE, daily morning warm up routine and the magic carpet which has helped us improve our motor control skills. The pupils have all displayed excellent participation during these activities.

During our PSHE sessions we have been focusing on selfcare and independence. We have developed our handwashing skills, it's really important at the moment.

We have celebrated some birthdays, made beautiful poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day, and loved decorating our room in time for Christmas. We helped raise money for Cheshire hospice and contributed to a Christmas performance. We have been very busy!

We wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing you 2023!





# Hovis Class Autumn Newsletter 2022

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: SUPERSTARS

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This term, we have explored our topic of 'Superstars'. This has involved making superhero related artwork and exploring superhero sensory trays, but also included looking at the heroes within our community, both in and outside of school. We have gotten to know the people who help us in our school and where we can find them with a school 'scavenger hunt', and have explored those who help in the wider community with a visit from a fire engine!

We have also looked at what makes us feel 'super' by looking at healthy vs. unhealthy foods. We used healthy foods to follow some simple recipes, such as making a rainbow fruit salad and healthy fruit smoothies. We also had a chance to try lots of different foods and explore whether we did or didn't like them.

We have been working on our number and counting skills in Maths this term, looking at numbers to 20 and the concept of more and less. We have had great fun counting pom poms, jellybeans, ducks and more! We have also enjoyed learning lots of counting songs with props to help us.

In English, we have explored stories related to our term topic, such as Super Duck, Knights and Dragons and Unite, Mog and the VET. We have explored these with the aid of sensory stories and colourful semantics.

In our phonics sessions, we have been working really hard in our different groups. In our Pathway 1 group, we have progressed with our core word 'more' and have been developing their pre-requisite skills to reading, such as attention and anticipation in Look & Listen sessions and sensory exploration and integration in Sensology. In our Pathway 2 group, we have been working on distinguishing different kinds of sounds and trying to describe them, as well as listening out for and identifying initial sounds in words.

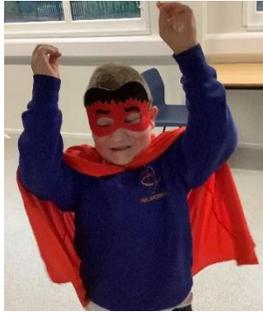
We have had some lovely experiences this term, with weekly sessions from the Music Therapist, daily Sing & Sign sessions, as

well as the opportunity to use the computer suite, library, ball pool and light room in our lessons.

We have had a fantastic Autumn term and cannot wait for the next one! We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break.







# Mulberry Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: SUPERHEROES

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This term we have had a great time in Mulberry Class. We've enjoyed lots of activities linked to our theme of superheroes. In our creative sessions we have been making choices about the different materials and colours that we want to use to produce some really colourful art and crafts linked to this theme and other celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Christmas. We've been getting creative with music, learning how to use body percussion to accompany songs such as Ghostbusters and The Greatest Show!

We enjoyed a visit from the firefighters from Macclesfield Fire Station who brought their fire engine along. This led on to discussions about different people who help us and who can be heroes. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to our adventures in learning in 2023!



We have been working hard in maths, exploring numbers and counting to build our confidence in this area. In English we have explored several stories. Handa's Surprise was a favourite where we wrote our own version called Mulberry's Surprise. The children loved seeing themselves on the big screen.

In Challenge we have been looking at healthy food and challenging ourselves to make a healthy lunchbox, learning important skills such as spreading butter with a knife and cutting sandwiches.



# Barnaby



What a busy first term it has been. We are feeling very at home in our new classroom over in the new build. It gives us many more opportunities to get out on the mats and makes using our standing frames quicker too as we have the hoist in class. It's great to be among our secondary peers here too.



This term we have been focusing on people who inspire us, which started with us looking at some fantastic women who changed the world in our massge story such as Marie Curie, Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks. We've also thought about all those amazing people who have fought in wars and commemorated it with our In Flanders' Field sensory story, where we explored poppy petals, felt the earth and the warmth of the sun by using heat packs. We have enjoyed

getting creative with our music sessions, making choices and demonstrating our preferences. The same is true for our Sensology sessions, exploring things we may not have liked initially, but grew to love.





# Middlewood Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: SUPERSTARS

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## This term so far...

By Letitia

We have had a fantastic start to the year, well done for all pupils who have settled into our new Middlewood class extremely well. We have all enjoyed getting to know one another and forming great friendships within the class and beyond.

This term we have spent time exploring the topic Superstars.

In literacy some of us have read the book The BFG, others enjoyed Danny the Champion of the World and others took part in lots of sensory stories! We have also worked on number and place value in Maths.

Middlewood have enjoyed many gardening and cooking sessions, baking lots of yummy creations and growing potatoes and garlic, hopefully next term we can harvest these and enjoy them in our cooking sessions.

In enterprise we have created and sold Oreo spider cupcakes for Halloween and



reindeer hot chocolate cones at the Christmas markets.



In Community we have learned about the Vikings and Miracles. We had a brilliant Viking day. In Challenge we have investigated forces and in ASDAN we have looked at jobs and careers. In Creativity we have created superhero art. In Individuality we have worked on our footwork and balance.



We have had lots of fun celebrating class birthdays, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Halloween and taking part in all the Christmas events.

Thank you for all parents and children who have put so much hard work and effort into this term, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!





# Arighi Class

## THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN SUPERHEROES

We have worked very hard in Arighi class this term. In September we welcomed some new pupils and they have settled in very well. We have been working on our superhero theme across the curriculum. We have had lots of fun and learned new skills.

In English, we have been reading *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. We have really enjoyed the story and students have demonstrated excellent listening and comprehension skills. Students have also worked on handwriting: pencil control and letter formation. Some have been writing short phrases and sentences with the correct word order. Some students have enjoyed sensory stories during English and have particularly liked *The Scarecrows Wedding* and *The Gruffalo*.

### Maths

In Maths, the focus has been number and we have been counting and using numbers up to 5, 10, 20 and one hundred. In other areas of the curriculum such as Enterprise, Gardening and Cooking. Students have shown how they can apply their number skills by following recipes using tablespoons, counting out seeds and bulbs and counting, sorting and matching items when making products to sell at the Christmas Market.



### Other areas of the curriculum

In Challenge, students from Arighi class have been learning about forces and have taken part in lots of practical challenges such as designing a parachute, making a kite, building a model boat from recycled materials and a balloon powered car.

In Community sessions, students have been finding out all about the Vikings and we had a visit from a Viking who showed us lots of interesting artefacts, told us stories and helped us recreate a battle scene. This really brought the topic to life.



In PHSE we have been learning about public and private. We have also been learning about work and the role of health professionals. The school nurse and the physiotherapist came into class and talked to us about their jobs and showed us some of their equipment.

In PE Arighi students have been working on balance. We have also been playing table cricket where we have improved our batting skills.



In Creativity, we have been looking at the work of Louise Bourgeois and Dali, we have made a large paper Mache sculpture of a spider and created images of surreal creatures using our imaginations. We also made artwork based on fireworks and Halloween themes this term.



Some students attended Fallibroome Academy where they joined sixth formers to work on a song for the Christmas performance.

We are all looking forward to the end of term when we can have a restful break, and although we know times are tough for a lot of us right now but no one from Arighi class made it on to the naughty list so we are all hoping for a very happy Christmas. We send Season's Greetings and look forward to seeing everybody again in the new year.





# Bollin

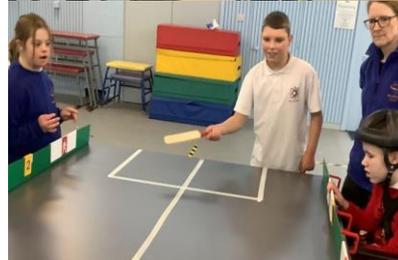
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We have been working on number and place value in maths and enjoying Roald Dahl books in literacy.



In Community we have learned about the Vikings and Miracles. We had a brilliant Viking day. In Challenge we have investigated forces and in ASDAN we have looked at jobs and careers. In Creativity we have created superhero art and enjoyed pbuzz lessons. In Individuality we have worked on our footwork and balance. We have enjoyed table cricket and can now do the scoring for matches.



We have enjoyed practicing for our Christmas performance and improving our signing. In Enterprise we made some lovely Christmas products and used our communication and maths skills to serve customers and sell these products at the Christmas markets. We then had a wonderful lunch out on the proceeds!

*Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!*



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: ME AND MY BODY

# Treacle class



WINTER 2022

## This year so far...

By Katy

Seasons greeting from all in Treacle class. We have bonded very well as a class and have worked really hard on all our personal targets. Our overall topic has been Me and My Body so we have done a lot of work on understanding how our bodies work and how to keep them healthy.

### English

In English we focused on speaking and listening in a café situation making our wants and needs known. We have also been reading the story The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton.

### RE

We have learned a lot about Judaism this term such as how Jewish people celebrate Hannukah.



### Maths

We have concentrated on number this term. We have counted in a variety of situations that will help us out in the real world. We have also worked hard on using money in a café situation.

### PSHCE

We have done a lot of work on relaxation and meditation, through MyHappyMind. We have also worked hard on SoSafe! to keep ourselves safe.

### DT

We have been concentrating on our cookery skills trying to be as independent as possible in following recipes. We have made a lot of delicious treats.

### PE and swimming

Swimming has gone really well and we have all worked consistently hard with Andree and Sue. PE has been very energetic as we have started following a new scheme that focusses on our skills and stamina. We have also been playing table cricket every week.

### History

We really enjoyed our Tudor day this term and got dressed up to do lots of fun Tudor activities.

### Arts

We have loved working in the new art room and we have produced a lot of body related pieces with Karen. We have also been learning how to play the PBuzz trombones with Mike.





# Sixth Form 1 Newsletter December 2022

## WHAT SIXTHFORM 1 HAS BEEN DOING...

Sixth form 1 students have made a fantastic start to the academic year. They have quickly settled into a learning environment with new classmates and teaching staff. Our students have shown that they are supportive of each other's goals, and it has been lovely to see friendships developing.

### ICT

During ICT sessions some of our learners have been working towards the ASDAN unit engaging with technology. Sophie has been using switches to activate a range of appliances. Other students have been developing their general computer skills practicing typing, using a mouse and copying and pasting into PowerPoint slides.

### Enterprise

Sixth form 1 students have taken part in 2 very successful enterprise projects over Halloween and Christmas. Students made and sold items throughout the school making over £100 across both sales. These projects gave students an opportunity to practice a range of skills across the curriculum including gaining evidence for the ASDAN unit developing number skills.

### Community

Since September students have regularly attended swimming sessions at Macclesfield leisure centre. They have also visited South Park and the College café. Sixth form 1 students have enjoyed these visits and have been able to apply the learning from the ASDAN keeping safe unit in the broader community.

### Cooking

We have split our 2 terms of cooking into 2 topics. Bread based recipes and pasta-based recipes. Students have been using the food tech room to plan and make a range of dishes including pizza, spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread. Students have used cooking lessons to work on demonstrating practical skills required in the ASDAN unit safety in the home and community/

### Vocational studies

Vocational studies sessions give students in both sixth form classes the chance to practice work related skills or take part in therapies sessions. We have run gardening, computer programming and café skills lessons. Students have particularly enjoyed running a café for

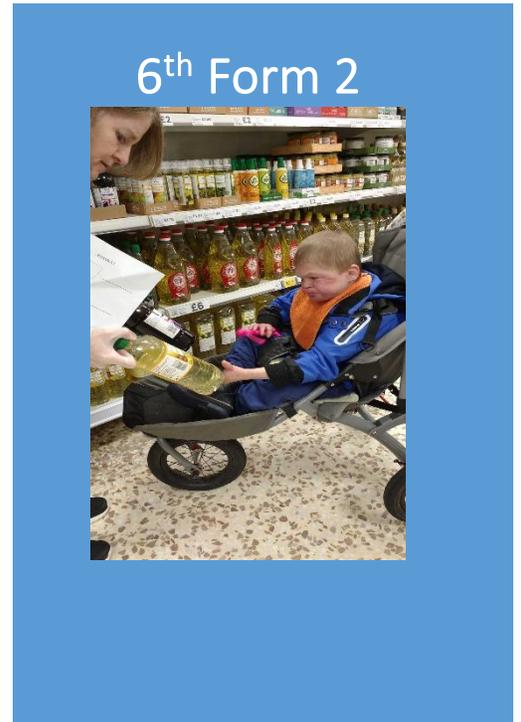
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pupils and staff lower down the school to attend.

### Key Skills Maths and English

On Friday mornings sixth form 1 and 2 students have been joining together to either take part in sensory stories and art or key skills maths and English lessons. Key skills maths and English focuses on developing student's literacy and numeracy skills by generalizing their knowledge into practical life skills tasks. During Maths, students have been working on the ASDAN unit developing number skills. As part of this unit students have been using their number skills to lay the table correctly for different numbers of people and gather the correct number of items to make tea for groups of people up to 5. During English students have been working towards The ASDAN unit Safety in the home and community.





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We have had an excellent autumn term. We have made friends with all our new classmates and worked well together as a team.

We have been working hard on our ASDAN 'Getting out and About' unit. We have accessed the community regularly, visiting the local parks, church café, library, shops, and community allotment. At the allotment, we enjoyed planting and picking fruit and vegetables that will be given to people in the community. We continue to access the supermarket every week to buy ingredients and increase our independence skills by making our own lunches. We have also helped to keep our school tidy by litter picking around the campus.

In PSHCE we have completed our 'Providing Personal Information' unit and have learnt to use the phone to make reservations and give information.

Some of us have started new work experience placements in the school reception and in a local café in the community.

We have enjoyed practicing for our Christmas performance and making all the props in our Art lessons. In Enterprise we made some beautiful Christmas products, and we used our communication skills to serve customers and sell these products at the Christmas markets.

We have all worked hard on our communication and independence targets this term and some of us have made excellent progress with our walking.

*Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!*





# Preparing for Adulthood

## Early Years

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**Employment**  
Routines  
Following instructions  
Communication

Elf Run – following a sensory circuit



**Independent Living**  
Eating & drinking  
Preferences  
Communication

Christmas dinner – feeding myself

### **Community Inclusion**



Educational visits  
Local facilities  
Communicate

Gawsworth Church – new environment



**Health**  
Medical  
Physical wellbeing  
Appointments  
Communicate

Nurse visit to class – desensitisation session

