



EASTER NEWSLETTER

Park Lane School

SPRING TERM 2023

It seems a long time since the Christmas newsletter.

In that time there have been some changes. We welcomed 4 new pupils to the school in January. In February Sally Wright retired. In March we said Goodbye to Becky Welsby (a long serving teaching assistant) and in April we will be joined by 2 new teachers Annie Coate and Laura Pinkerton. Things never stand still in Park Lane!

This term there have been some exciting events across the school. In February the school celebrated the Arts through Creativity Week with

the theme of Power. The pupils enjoyed a range of activities delivered by class staff. We also had some workshops led by performing artists. One of the favorite's was the Circus Skills which was great fun! Some of our Key Stage 3 pupils competed with other schools in a Table Cricket competition. The teams did not win but all the pupils did really well and the school was runner up. The older pupils have held 2 markets, 1 for Valentine's Day and 1 for Easter. This gives the pupils opportunities to make and sell items raising money which they can use for their class.

The term is ending with a fabulous Easter Egg hunt. Thank you to the FOPLSS Committee for organising this and to all of you who donated eggs. FOPLSS continue to support the school with fundraising events to raise money for school.

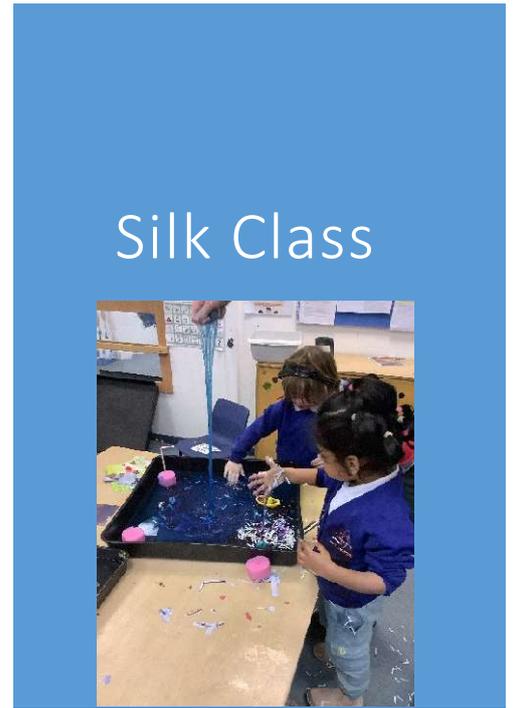
I hope you all have a Happy Easter holiday and enjoy lots of chocolate! I hope you enjoy this newsletter so please read on!

Best wishes for Easter.





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: TRANSPORT



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This term so far.....

This term we have spent time exploring the topic 'How Things Work' with our focus on Transport.

We have enjoyed lots of wonderful stories. These have included 'The Train Ride', 'My Gumpy's Outing' and 'Duck in the Truck'.

We have explored many concepts including stop/go, push/pull, fast/slow, heavy/light and friendship/love.

We have increased our understanding of mathematical concepts through exploring different sized wheels and sorting various transport items.

We have had a wonderful time celebrating class birthdays, World Book Day, Fairtrade Week, Valentines Day and taking part in some Easter events.

In addition, we explored the theme of Power through Arts Week. We all participated extremely well in the different activities.

We continue to work on developing our friendships through sharing, taking turns and enjoying shared experiences. We

especially enjoyed our track and car racing sessions.

The pupils are all making great progress with their individual communication skills, in particular asking for choice items and help.

Here are some photos of the children learning together.

Have a lovely Easter break!





Forest Class Newsletter

Spring Term

Another fantastic term for Forest Class!

This term our topic has been transport and we have enjoyed lots of stories with a transport theme, our favourites have been Duck in the Truck and The Train Ride. We have also had a go at different activities linked to this theme, like using various transport themed scooters and bikes, creating a car wash in our playground, tyre printing, exploring boats in our water play and linking this to floating and sinking, as well as many others. We also went on our own train ride at Brookside Garden Centre, which was an amazing morning out! All the students had a fantastic visit and they represented the school beautifully. We loved the train ride and all the different things we saw whilst travelling round the garden centre. We have also been on some transport walks, spotting lots of different transport like buses, cars, vans, and bicycles. As well as this we have continued to focus on developing our personal skills, building on our friendships and growing our independence.

Some of the group started to swim in our Hydropool this half term which has been wonderful to see, the confidence of the children is increasing week on week has been fantastic. We are looking forward to the other half of the class starting to swim after Easter to see their brilliant progress too.

As well as our topic we have also covered important dates/celebrations such as Lunar New Year, Mother's Day and Easter.

We are really looking forward to our whole school topic 'Our World' next term, where our particular focus will be on our school and learning more about our school, its facilities, and the people in it.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.

Forest Class Team x





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK



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Although a short term it most certainly has been a busy one and I couldn't be prouder of all of my students. They have gone from strength to strength and even now can still surprise me. They really are the most beautiful individuals on the inside and out.

Our topic has been 'How Things Work'. We have spent a lot of time looking at ourselves, how we grow, how we develop and how we can be the best version of ourselves. We are continuing to learn about our emotions and what we can do to make us feel better and how we can support others.

In literacy, we have enjoyed some great books such as 'The old woman who lived in a shoe' and 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears'. Some of us have been developing their sentence building skills and oral comprehension, whilst others have enjoyed engaging with props and developing their communication skills.

In Maths, we have focused on measure-exploring big/small and long/short and 2D and 3D shapes. We have handled shapes and used them to create pictures, we went outside to find common shapes on a 'shape hunt'.

Throughout the week, we have enjoyed PE and Music Therapy. More recently, we have enjoyed getting back in the water learning different techniques and basic water safety. We have loved using the parachute, building dens and working as a group.

We have celebrated some birthdays, dressed up for World Book Day and supported 'Red Nose Day'. We really enjoyed Arts' week and learning about different things linked to 'Power'. We loved singing the 'Spice Girls' and enjoyed learning about volcanoes and windmills.

We have managed to do several trips around campus, working on transitioning and road safety and finally managed to get to South Park.

We have ended the term learning about Easter. We have enjoyed baking, getting creative and doing the Egg hunt! We have learnt a lot this term and enjoyed every minute of it.

We wish you a Happy Easter and hope you have a lovely break. You all deserve it. Thank you for always supporting us.

Love

The Granelli Team x





Hovis Class Easter Newsletter 2023

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK

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This term, we have explored our topic of 'How Things Work'. We have looked at different lifestyles and how people live, such as looking at the culture and practices of China by making a school display of a dragon for Chinese New Year and trying some different Chinese foods. We looked at where people live, exploring houses and eventually decorating our own in Creativity. We also looked at how people dress and get ready for each season, selecting and trying on different winter clothing that would keep us warm. We put this into practice on our first trip out of school this year to South Park, which we hope to continue in the Summer term. Pupils did a fantastic job at selecting and putting on the appropriate winter clothes and walking to the park to enjoy the play equipment!

We have been working on Shape and Measurement in Maths this term, initially looking at weight, height and capacity and then moving on to 2D and 3D shapes. Pupils have loved getting to physically interact with these topics, such as using scales to explore weight and performing action songs to become 'tall' and 'small' themselves.

In English, we have explored stories related to our term topic, such as A Squash and a Squeeze, Tiddler, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and finishing with The Gruffalo. We have been working hard on understanding and using key concepts such as 'same' and 'different' when comparing 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' with the original story, and have enjoyed sequencing the characters and events of The Gruffalo.

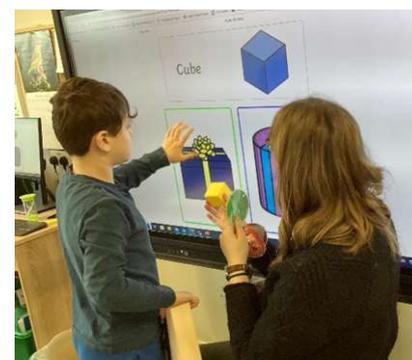
We have been very fortunate to have had weekly class sessions with the Speech and Language team this term, who have run sessions centered around core words using each pupil's individual form of communication. They all showed great progress in these sessions and importantly, had lots of fun!

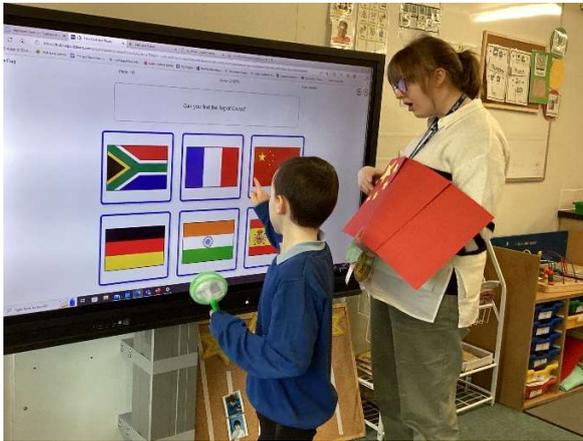
We have also started swimming in the school's Hydrotherapy Pool for the first time this year, which so far has been a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop their confidence in the water and exercise.

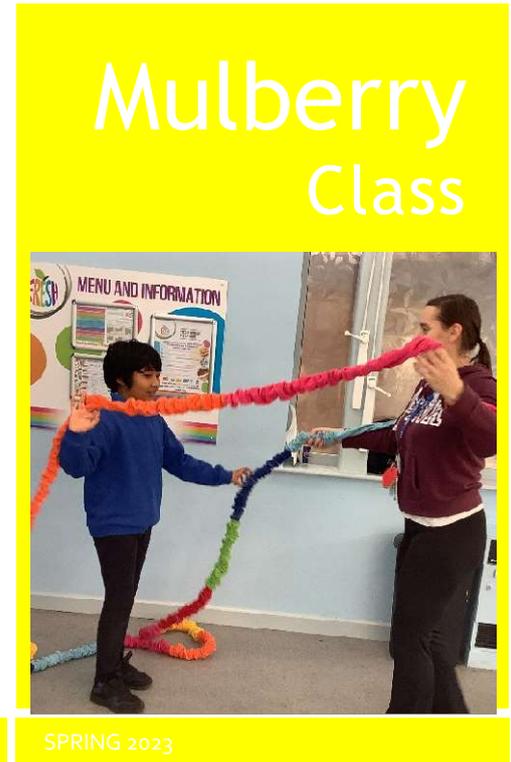
We have been very proud of how sensible all the pupils have been in the pool and look forward to the progress they make next term.

We have had a busy term with lots of events and surprises, such as Arts Week, Red Nose Day, World Book Day and even a visit from the Easter bunny!

We have really enjoyed the Spring term and can't believe it's already time for Easter. We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday!







SPRING 2023

Topic This Term- How things work

A lovely term with fun and interesting activities and we are now all ready for Easter. We've enjoyed some dance activities in Arts' week and lots of creativity. We have had World Book Day, Red Nose Day and a fabulous Easter egg hunt and visit from the Easter Bunny. We are saying goodbye to a staff member who is going to another class and welcoming a new teacher next term – Laura Pinkerton. Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

English – We have been working hard in English this term on the books: 'Lost and Found', 'Goldilocks and the three bears', and some great non-fiction on penguins and a book about blue whales and how their size compares to our Universe. We have just read 'The Easter Story' which is also part of our work in Community and Goldilocks has supported our work on measure in Maths. We are developing our mark making skills and letter formation and have enjoyed visits to Park Lane School Library to share books with our friends.

Maths – We have been focusing on measure and shape. We have enjoyed new songs to start sessions focused on size and have done practical activities on big and small, long and short and heavy and light. We had the school nurse weigh and measure us and we had good fun! We have looked at how time is measured by clocks and timers and explored our own daily routines. We have explored 2D and 3D shapes and learnt their names. We have been able to find shapes in our everyday environment and some of us can name them.

Challenge – We have been learning about push and pull forces in science, we have investigated different toys and how they move and experimented with magnets. – which was great fun! As part of how things work, we have made lots of different things in DT- cakes, loaves etc. We have used lots of equipment and utensils. We planted sunflower seeds to see how they will grow and what they need to make them thrive. We look forward to seeing how big they are when we return after the Easter holidays.

Creativity – We have been finding out about different pieces of music such as Benjamin Britten's 'The Storm', using instruments to create sounds and moods and making marks to the music to explore notation. We have also enjoyed seasonal art and craft activities for spring, Mothers' Day and Easter.

Individuality-in PE we have been working on our throwing and receiving skills. In SoSafe we have been starting to talk about personal space and consent with the story of 'Don't Hug Doug'.

Community – We have been learning about Fairtrade and what is 'fair' for workers and farmers. We have explored where some of our products come from like tea, coffee, chocolate and bananas. We bought some products and used recipes that included our Fairtrade products. We worked hard as a team to bake a Fairtrade Earl Grey Tea loaf and as a little enterprise we took some around school and sold to staff. We did try it ourselves and we can confirm it was delicious! We ended Community with some lovely work on Easter,





Arighi and Bollin Class Easter Newsletter 2023

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK - BUILDINGS

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This term, we have explored our topic of 'How Things Work'. We have explored different building materials and looked at their properties in Challenge. We have built bird boxes and paper houses. In Creativity we have looked at the work of Marc Chagall and have explored the songs 'Funfa Alafia', 'Sakura, Sakura'. In Community we have learned about different places of worship and places to visit in town.

In Individuality we have worked in the garden, tidying and planting bulbs. We have also worked on our ASDAN files and taken part in Jasmine PE weekly. We have enjoyed sing and sign and are becoming proficient at signing. In Happy Minds we have had some wonderful discussions around our strengths, the attitude of gratitude and feeling good when we do good.

We have been working on Shape and Measurement in Maths this term, initially looking at 2D and 3D shapes and then going on to measure length in cm and m and compare length. Some of us have measured perimeter.

In English, we have read Danny Champion of the World in one group and Revolting Rhymes and Three Little Pigs in other groups. We have also read a news article each week and had a good discussion around the topic.

We have worked hard as a team to reach the regional finals for table cricket. We have also worked well in teams for Enterprise and enjoyed preparing for the markets. As part of preparing for adulthood, we have made healthy snacks and soups in cooking. Some of us have enjoyed tag rugby. We all enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and we very grateful to receive an egg.

We have had a very busy and productive term. We hope you all have a super Easter holiday!





Middlewood Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK - BUILDINGS

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What a fantastic, fun-filled term!

By Letitia

We have had a brilliant spring term, filled with lots of laughter and learning!

This term we have spent time exploring the topic How Things Work.

In Literacy some of us have read the book *The Three Little Pigs* by Roald Dahl, others enjoyed *Danny the Champion of the World* and others took part in lots of sensory stories! We have also worked on shape and measure in Maths.

This spring term has opened up a lot of new opportunities for Middlewood, which we have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in. Most of us have enjoyed swimming at Macclesfield Leisure Centre and some of us have been going to Macclesfield College to take part in tag rugby. We also enjoyed selling goods to the public by managing our own stall at the Valentines Market. All pupils have represented Park Lane School with exceptionally high standards.

Many of us have also experienced our first Arts Week, we got very messy (sorry!) to explore the topic of Power. Activities included baking, drawing, painting and music!



Throughout our values lessons we have been learning all about 'Buildings'. In Community we have looked at different religious buildings and how different religions practice their beliefs. In Challenge we have been discussing properties of materials and made our own buildings!



In creativity we have explored the songs 'Funfa Alafia', 'Sakura, Sakura', we also did lots of arts and crafts all about

cityscapes. There are some budding musicians and artists beginning to appear! In individuality we have focused on ball skills and footwork, as well as continuing with our new MyHappyMind scheme.



We have particularly enjoyed witnessing the changes in our new sensory garden



this term as it progresses through the different seasons. We have learnt all about bulbs and buds and look forward to investigating how it has flourished after the Easter

holidays (and how fat the squirrels have gotten after eating all our bird seed!)

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 Easter break.





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN COOKING & CLEANING



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This year so far ...

By Simon

Happy Easter from all the students & staff of Treacle Class. We have had an action-packed and fun spring term. Our overall topic has been 'Cooking & Cleaning' and within this topic we have managed to incorporate a range of diverse and interesting lessons and topics. We have all worked hard on our individual PLG goals and undertaken a range of personalized numeracy and literacy activities.



English & Literacy

In English & Literacy our focus has been on developing our reading & writing skills. We have undertaken a range of activities to support our PLG's including doing phonics work and focusing on our selected text 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

RE

In RE we have been exploring Buddhism and have had an opportunity to experience Buddhist artefacts, symbols, music and clothes. We have taken part in meditation and yoga sessions and were lucky to be able to be visited by a practicing Buddhist who explained the religion to us and answered our questions on Buddhism.



Math's & Numeracy

In Math's & Numeracy we have focused on learning via the shape, space & measure topics. We have learned about different sizes of clothes, measured length, area and mass using rulers and scales, discovered how shapes are used for safety signs and developed our basic numeracy ability through a range of personalized PLG activities.

PSHCE & Enterprise

In PSHCE & Enterprise we have developed our knowledge of social skills and gained an understanding of both appropriate behavior and what are the qualities of a good friend.

Science

In Science we have started to develop our practical skills and our knowledge of different types and qualities of materials. We have made slime, measured craters and simulated volcano's using vinegar and baking powder.



Humanities

In Geography we have studied our varied and interesting local environment, and the many places of interest that it contains. We have studied both Cheshire & the Peak District and discovered a range of activities that we would like to participate in.



MFL

We have gained experience of a number of languages & cultures in MFL. As well as learning some simple words & phrases in French, Spanish & Italian we have also had the opportunity to sample many of the most popular foods of the countries.



PE & Swimming

Swimming has gone really well this term and we have all developed our confidence in the water and had a lot of fun. We have had the chance to take part in a range of sports / exercise in PE including football, basketball and completing an assault course.

Sixth Form 1

Spring Term

Sixth form 1 students have been progressing both academically and in developing their preparation for adulthood related skills

We have had a number of students begin internal and external work experience projects. We are especially proud of one of our students who has been excelling at their placement at Macclesfield Library.

Sixth form 1 and 2 and Treacle class have taken part in weekly P.E. lessons in the college sports hall. This term we have focused on basketball skills. In addition to these sessions Sale Sharks have run an additional Rugby related P.E. lesson on a Friday afternoon that all participating students have really enjoyed.

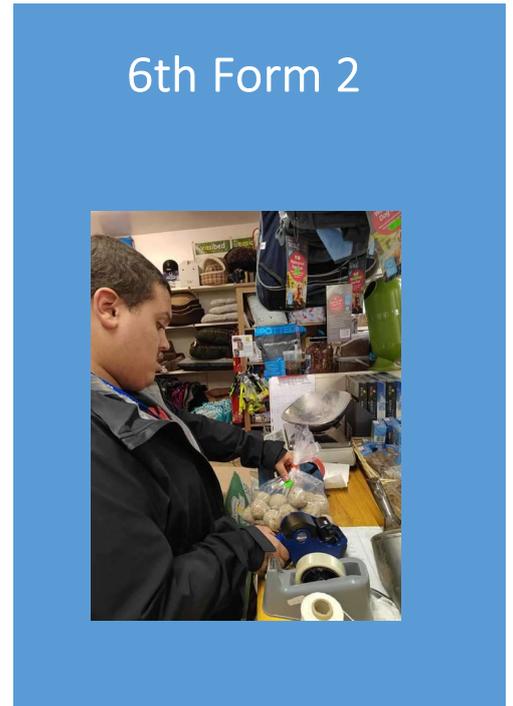
During cooking sessions sixth form 1 students have been learning to become more independent and competent in the kitchen. Students have been using In Print lists and recipe sheets to help support their independence. Some students have been using external switches to help them activate appliance like blenders, an electric whisks and a juicer.

We have practiced our money skills by researching ingredients costs online for our cooking lessons and selling our products at the Valentine's Market.

In Art, we have enjoyed exploring different sculpture and pottery techniques. Students have made coil and pinch pots and have created beautiful tiles imprinted with patterns found in nature.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter!





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We have all worked hard this term. It has been lovely to welcome a new friend to our class.

We have now completed our 'Getting out and about unit'. We visited local shops and bought different items. We visited cafés, the garden centre and learnt how to borrow books from the library.

We have also completed our 'Being Healthy' unit, learning about eating healthy foods, exercise, swimming each week and learning about germs and the importance of washing our hands. We all particularly enjoyed our tag rugby sessions working with the Sale Sharks!

We continue with our weekly work experience placements at the Hope Centre Café, Pet Shop, Co op, Reception and recently a new 'bathroom stock' role around school.

We have practiced our money skills by shopping regularly to buy ingredients for our lunches and selling our products at the Valentine's Market.

In Art, we have enjoyed exploring various types of artwork from aboriginal art to Claes Oldenburg sculptures.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter!



Barnaby



Another busy term in Barnaby class, with us all working so hard on improving our skills with our own PLGs, as well as enjoying working on some new skills and having new experiences. A lot of our work has been around Japan in this term and

there were lots of new smells, tastes and textures to experience, from seaweed sheets to hold and cherry blossom



smells to enjoy (or not!) The students are really working at being

more consistent in their responses and offering their opinions. This might be through facial expressions, vocalisations

or from selecting like/dislike in symbol form. We've also enjoyed exploring Fair Trade foods, making chocolate and coffee

playdough and cakes as well as some Japanese recipes. Our cookery sessions allow us the chance to have lots of sensory experiences, touches, smells and tastes for

some, as well as working on our switch skills.





Preparing for Adulthood

Key Stage 1

SPRING TERM 2023

Employment



Following instructions
Communication

Maths – following instructions to play a game

Independent Living



Personal care
Independence
Communication

Personal care – cleaning teeth

Community Inclusion



Using the school grounds
Communicate

Challenge – bug hunt

Health



Physical wellbeing
Keeping healthy
Communicate

PE – joining in physical activity