



Park Lane School

EASTER NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2024

Welcome to our termly newsletter where you can read about the exciting things the pupils have been doing this term.

There has been an increase in educational visits during this term. Some classes have been to new places, such as The Imperial War Museum in Salford and Glebe Farm, while others are doing regular visits to a familiar place like South Park or Macclesfield Town Centre. It has taken some time for these visits to build up after the pandemic, but it is great to see our pupils out and about again, learning in the community. I am sure there will be lots more visits planned for the summer term as the weather improves.

Some pupils have also been able to participate in sporting competitions with our Table Cricket team reaching the final in Warrington while Barnaby class pupils are attending a Music event in Congleton.

We do offer our pupils activities at lunchtimes:

Monday - Sing and Sign.

Tuesday - Choir

Wednesday - Multi Sports for secondary age pupils

Thursday - IT club.

Friday - Multi sports for primary age pupils.

Thank you to Oliver, Gareth, Nichola and Emma who lead these clubs each week. The multi sports sessions are also supported by 2 community staff from Macclesfield Town Football Club.

During this term we have said Goodbye to some staff:

Andree who retired after long service at Park Lane.

Zoe Smith who left for a change in career.

We have also been joined by some new staff- Susan, Samantha and Chloe.

The school is going to end the term with some Easter activities. An Easter egg hunt organised by FOPLSS who have arranged for eggs to be donated and an Easter Market organised by Key Stage 3 pupils. All secondary pupils have been involved in making things and will be seeing them at the market.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing all the pupils back on the 15th of April. Now please read on.....



SILK CLASS



We have worked really hard on our sharing, turn taking and friendship skills. This has been hard for some of us but we have all got so much better at it. We can now share games and toys and sit together with very little support.



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THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: GLOBAL WARRIORS



We have done lots of work on sensory exploration on the theme of recycling and we visited the recycling centre.

been very positive. We work on our communication skills everyday in as many different situations as possible.



We also work on mark making and being creative alongside our fine motor skills.



We have continued to walk to the park and worked on our physical and social skills. We have loved the push on reading and working with different books and stories and visiting the school library has



HAPPY EASTER FROM SILK CLASS





Forest Class Newsletter

Spring Term

Another fantastic term for Forest Class!

This term our topic has been 'Global Warriors' and we have looked at some aspects of recycling. Our main project was junk modelling and using lots of rubbish to create our class robot, Robert! We have also repurposed cardboard boxes, like Little Bear in our story 'Whatever Next' and made a rocket to take us to space. We went on a trip to Tittesworth, where we were able to see how fallen trees had been repurposed into seating and have a go at recycling our lunch waste in the recycling bins. We enjoyed a lovely play on the park in the spring sunshine too.

As well as our topic we have also covered important dates/celebrations such as Lunar New Year, Mother's Day, Holi and Easter. We also enjoyed a little flourish of snow in January and built a class snowman!

We have continued to love our community visits to the park, where we have used our walks to look for signs of spring. We have seen daffodils, snow drops and new buds and leaves forming on the trees. We have also maintained our physical skills by swimming and working hard in our P.E sessions on our climbing and balancing.

We are really looking forward to our whole school topic 'Living Things' next term, where we will be focusing on ourselves! This will cover how we look after ourselves by healthy eating, personal care including haircuts, our friendships and our emotions.

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: GLOBAL WARRIORS



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Although a short term it most certainly has been a busy one. Even after all this time the children still amaze me. Whilst there has been some changes with regards to staffing, children have adapted very well and shown how resilient they are. I think they have secretly enjoyed all the messy lessons they have had without me.

Our topic this term has been 'GLOBAL WARRIORS'. We have learnt about the importance of taking care of our planet, and everything in it from the sea to the animals. We have enjoyed some great books to support this including 'Clean Up' and 'Michael Recycle'. We explored different types of items that can be recycled. We really enjoyed making things out of recyclebale materials.

In Maths, we have focused on shapes and measurement. We have loved learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We particlaury enjoyed building different shapes using lollipop sticks and going on a 'shape hunt'. We also enjoyed using jelly to learn about capacity....by the end the bowl was deifinetly 'empty'!!!

Every Tuesday we have had PE where we have worked on our balance and coordination and more recently our ball

skills.....De Bruyne look out. We have had fortnightly animal therapy, blocked swimming lessons and motor skills... We all love a bit of Dough Disco. We have also had fun and made great progress during 'Story Explorers' ran by the Speech and Language Team.

This year there has been a lot to celebrate. We have celebrated some birthdays, and there was some fantastic costumes for World Book Day. We learnt and celebrated Comic Relief, Valentines Day and much more..... some students even celebrated 'World Theatre Day'..... Yes that is a thing and im sure the parents reading this are saying....'that's my child' ... Its been fun nonetheless.

Next term we will be looking at getting out more in the community and hopefully will get some trips to South Park.

We have ended the term enjoying some fun and delicious Easter activities. We are all really proud of our students. They can certainly put a smile on your face.

We wish you a 'Happy Easter!' and a restful break.

Granelli Team



Jodrell Class



Wow, what a whirlwind the Spring Term has been! We've had so much fun in Jodrell and our school family has thrived together. Every child has grown in confidence over the course of this term; they are challenging themselves to try new things with great success. We couldn't be happier with the effort and enthusiasm they put into each and every day.

This week we had a wonderful at South Park. This was our first school outing together as a class. We are so incredibly proud of the children; they behaved beautifully throughout. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to develop their language and social skills. They loved exploring and playing together on the equipment! Were hoping to arrange more trips during the summer term as this one was such a success.

This term the theme has been Global Warriors. We have embraced this theme and incorporated it into different parts of the curriculum.

In Challenge we have explored different materials and their properties. We've incorporated this into play activities, for instance, digging in sand to find rubbish e.g., plastic, cardboard and metal. As the term has progressed, we have been thinking about how rubbish can be dangerous for wildlife and the importance of looking after our natural environment. In one of our Challenge lessons, the children did some 'pond dipping'. First, they cleared the rubbish from the water (which was in a large plastic tub), then they explored the creatures in the water using magnifying glasses. They loved this!

In Creativity, we have been reusing rubbish to make art work, for instance printing flowers with scrunched up plastic.

The children have been learning new vocabulary and the signs. We have familiarized the children with the following signs: plastic, glass, metal, paper and of course recycling.



The children in Jodrell Class all enjoy listening to stories. In Literacy, we have looked at a number of different stories this term including The Gingerbread Man; The Three Little Pigs; and We're Going on a Nature Hunt. All of these stories have been big hits! The children particularly like it when I get carried away doing actions to the story or take on the role of one of the characters!

In maths we have been learning about shapes and measures. The children have been sorting shapes, matching, and labelling shapes. We have also been exploring concepts such as 'tall & short', 'big & small', and 'full & empty'. It would be great if the children could show you what they know at home. Maybe they could build a tall tower; show you a small insect; or choose a full glass.

We are looking forward to the summer term; our topic will be living things.

Happy Easter!

Best Wishes from Jodrell Team



Hovis Class Easter Newsletter 2024

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This term, we have explored our topic of 'Global Warriors' and focused on the concepts of recycling and protecting our world.

In Challenge, we have been exploring different materials and sorting them in order to properly recycle them. We have also been reusing materials to make new creations, such as using weaving skills to create something new from strips of paper or plastic bags. In Community, we have been learning about our beaches and oceans, exploring lots of new vocabulary. We also explored some stories to help us understand how to protect these environments, such as 'Clem & Crab' and 'A Whale's Tale'. In Individuality, we have continued to explore our emotions and the different strategies our students can use to either ask for help or regulate in the classroom. We have also practiced our Signalong sings related to our topic, as well as working on our balance and ball skills in PE such as weaving between cones with a football or attempting to catch a ball with catch nets. Lastly, in Creativity we have explored and recreated different famous artworks (such as 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh) as well as learning some new musical vocabulary to create our own version of the song 'Boom Chicka Boom'.

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 bottles and measuring jugs to explore capacity, and copying patterns and instructions by using 3D shapes as building blocks.

In English, we have explored stories related to our term topic, such as 'Michael Recycle', 'Fox's Socks' and 'A Little Paper Caper'. Pupils have particularly enjoyed interactive, sensory versions of the stories and have effectively used their communication mats

to discuss what is happening in the stories as they are being told. They have also allowed us to develop our vocabulary, exploring words around clothing and materials.

We have had weekly class sessions with the Speech and Language team this term, who have run sessions centered around core words and narrative comprehension. We have had great fun using our individual methods of communication, such as symbol mats and communication books.

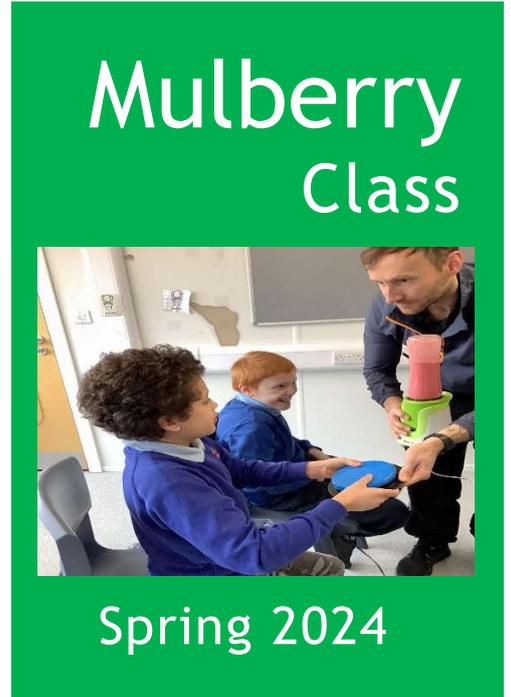
We have been making great progress in our swimming sessions in the school's Hydrotherapy Pool with our swimming teacher. Some have been working on developing their confidence in the pool, and have started to explore different ways to move in the water. Others have been working on different swimming strokes and going underwater. These sessions have also been a great way for our students to practice their independent dressing skills.

We have had a busy term with lots of events and surprises, such as Pancake Day, an author book reading for World Book Day and an Easter Egg Hunt with eggs donated by FOPLSS! We also had fun celebrating Red Nose Day, Valentine's Day and Down Syndrome Awareness Day, which have all been great opportunities to discuss important topics around respect, tolerance and family.

We have had a great Spring term in Hovis class - we hope you have a lovely Easter holiday!

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Topic This Term- Global Warriors

I can't believe how quickly the time goes. I know there have been changes to Mulberry class with regards to staffing and I can't commend the students enough on how well they have adapted. They have shown how brilliant and resilient they are.

It has been lovely to catch up with past students but also nice to see new faces. I have loved every minute of it and can say they have certainly kept me on my toes.

Our topic this term has been 'GLOBAL WARRIORS'. We have learnt about the importance of taking care of our planet, and everything in it from land to sea. We have enjoyed some great books to support this including 'The Tin Forrest' and 'The Bean Machine'. We loved exploring the different props from the stories and enjoyed making smoothies from different fruits.....the taste....not so much.

In Maths, we have focused on shapes and measurement. We enjoyed learning about different shapes and their properties. We particularly enjoyed making 3D shapes in team building. We loved learning about measurement and using playdoh to make things longer and shorter. We also looked at different tools to help us measure like a ruler and tape measure.

We have had weekly PE where we have worked on our balance and coordination. We have also enjoyed a range of Motor Skills sessions including Dough Disco to Parachute and bungee games. We have had fortnightly animal therapy and have also had fun and made great progress during 'Story Explorers' and 'Communication' ran by the Speech and Language Team.

This year there has been a lot to celebrate. We have celebrated some birthdays, Comic Relief, Valentines Day and much more..... We have loved learning about the different festivals and getting creative and messy during our afternoon sessions. We made some beautiful Irish collages to celebrate St Patricks Day.

We have ended the term enjoying some fun and delicious Easter activities. I can certainly say that I am extremely proud of all of our students. We have laughed, loved and cried but I wouldn't change any of it.

We wish you a 'Happy Easter!' and a restful break.

Mulberry Team



Arighi Class



This term our topic has been: Global Warriors

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Literacy

This term we have read Michael Recycle and The Day I Swapped my Dad For Two Goldfish in literacy. We also enjoyed World Book Day.

Maths

We have worked on measuring length and weight and naming 2D shapes. We have enjoyed cooking on Wednesdays. In Enterprise we have made products that we sold at Valentine's Day Market and Easter Market to fund our animal visit and summer trip.

Community

We have discussed recycling, farming and the Bible story of The Good Samaritan. We made bird feeders and set them up in our garden area.

Creativity

We have looked at artwork inspired by Angela Haseltine Pozzi. We have loved watching musical orchestras made up of car parts, vegetables, and junk. We have used recycled materials to create our own instruments.

Individuality

We have played volleyball and team games. We have worked on our ASDAN folders and So-Safe. We have learnt about our brain and how it controls our feelings and actions in MyHappyMind.

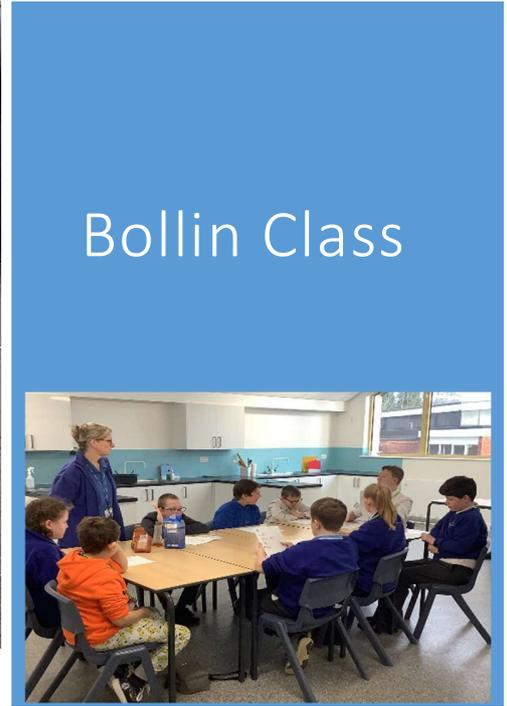
Challenge

We have learnt all about recycling and discussed the human impact on animal habitats. We role-played a recycling centre and made Easter chocolate treats. We finished our topic with an exciting animal workshop in school.

Swimming

We have loved our swimming lessons at Macclesfield Leisure Centre on Fridays, and we have all made fantastic progress with our swimming skills and water confidence!





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Literacy



This term we have read Michael Recycle and The Day I Swapped my Dad For Two Goldfish in literacy. We have worked on our signing and discussion skills and enjoyed reading Picture, News, Symbols. We enjoyed World Book Day and met an author.

Maths

We have worked on measuring length and weight and 2D and 3D shapes. We have enjoyed cooking and active maths. In Enterprise we have made products to sell to fund our summer trip.



Community

We have discussed recycling, farming and the Good Samaritan.



Creativity

We have looked at artwork inspired by Angela Haseltine Pozzi. We have loved watching musical orchestras made up of car parts, vegetables, and junk. We have used recycled materials to create our own instruments.



We have said goodbye to one of our friends from Bollin and gained another. Happy Easter from Bollin Class.

Individuality

We have played volleyball and team games. We have worked on our ASDAN folders and So-Safe. We have enjoyed yoga sessions.

Challenge

We have worked on ICT skills and made bird boxes.





Middlewood Class Easter Newsletter 2024

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: GLOBAL WARRIORS

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This term, we have explored our topic of 'Global Warriors' and focused on the concepts of recycling and protecting our world.



In Challenge, we have explored the effects of pollution in animal habitats. We have learnt about the concept of littering and the harmful impacts it has on the land and sea. We have also taken part in a variety of projects to improve animals habitats, such as making bird feeders, bird house and bug hotels all using recycled materials! In

Community, we have exercised our ability to identify and separate recyclable material from waste as well as learnt about seasons and farming within the UK. We had lots of fun investigating natural disasters by making buildings and shaking them when learning about earthquakes!



In Individuality, we have enjoyed expanding our knowledge about ourselves, our strengths and what we can do to help others during our MyHappyMind sessions. We have also continued to work towards our ASDAN qualification.



Lastly, in Creativity we have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different instruments while also making our own from recycled materials to create a class band! We have also reused lots of plastic bottles to make sculptures and sensory items. This term we have also welcomed back Mike from LoveMusicTrust and have made



excellent progress towards independently playing the pBuzz!

We have been working on Shape and Measurement in Maths this term, initially 2D and 3D shapes and then progressing onto looking at weight, height and capacity. The pupils particularly enjoyed learning about water and capacity by having an unintended water fight in class!



In English, we have explored stories 'The Undersea Cleaning Spree' and 'The Messy Magpie'. All pupils have concentrated hard in these sessions and have enjoyed exploring the sensory story items.

We continue to enjoy animal therapy sessions and have noted increased interactions from all pupils, some pupils have also enjoyed weekly hydrotherapy sessions. In Enterprise we have sold lots of goodies and continue to raise money to put towards experiences and sensory equipment.



We have had a busy term with lots of events and surprises, such as Pancake Day, an author book reading for World Book Day and an Easter Egg Hunt and many birthdays! We also had fun celebrating Red Nose Day, Valentine's Day and Down Syndrome Awareness Day.



We thoroughly enjoyed Spring Term in Middlewood class. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to welcoming everybody back in the Summer Term where we will



enjoy even more exciting opportunities!



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN IN THE HOME

Treacle Class Easter 2024 Newsletter



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Happy Easter holidays from all the students & staff of Treacle Class. We have had an action-packed & fun Easter term. Our overall topic has been 'In the home' and within this topic we have managed to incorporate a range of diverse & interesting lessons & topics. We have all worked hard on our individual PLG goals & undertaken a range of personalized numeracy & literacy activities. Here is some more information on a small selection of the work & activities we have undertaken.



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 & focusing on our selected text 'Danny Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl. We have all worked very hard on extending our vocabularies of words & using new words, phrases & concepts to better access our reading books & our class reading book. We read for 25 minutes each day and made lots of progress. We have undertaken a variety of Towards Independence literacy skills including using our skills in external settings such as Costa Coffee and Aldi supermarket.

ASDAN

In our ASDAN lessons we have focused on updating & completing our portfolios of work. We have impressed everyone with the pride & care we have taken with our work folders to make them a true reflection of our talents & potential across several different areas. Some of the range of activities have included traffic surveys, completing shopping lists, visiting café's and supermarkets amongst lots of others.

Math's & Numeracy

In Math's & Numeracy we have focused on learning via the ASDAN Towards Independence topics with have in part focused on using coins/notes to pay for in café's and shops. We have also done a lot of work on tally and bar charts and linked these to other curriculum activities.



Science

In Science we have focused on the 'Electricity in the Home' topic. We have looked at and used lots of useful electrical equipment that we will use in our everyday lives. We really enjoyed 'playing' with dry ice and taking

part in a 'Science with Balloons' assembly as part of science week.



Humanities

As part of our study of the second world war in history we were lucky enough to visit the Imperial Museum North. We all had a great time, learned a lot and represented our school really well. We also really enjoyed our visit to St Albans Church.

Work Experience

We have all volunteered for and are carrying out important activities around the school as part of our internal work experience. This includes being hall monitors, being in charge of the organization and tidying up the library and helping out in Barnaby class with odd jobs.

PE & Swimming

We continue to really enjoy swimming with our fantastic swimming teacher, George, and we have all made progress with lots of students being awarded swimming badges and certificates for their hard work.

Sixth Form 1

Spring Term

Sixth form 1 students have been working hard and enjoying their learning.

During ICT sessions our students have been accessing cause and effect games and using switches or have been learning how to send emails and how use electrical equipment effectively and safely. Some Sixth Form 1 students have been enjoying group music therapy sessions. Whilst others learners have been giving and following directions and describe position as part of their maths work.

In Sixth Form a large part of our learning takes place in the community. A group of our students have been accessing a local gym. Not only have they really enjoyed the experience it has provided them with skills and habits to live a healthy lifestyle in the future. Sixth Form 1 also had a great time at Macclesfield Superbowl. This trip was paid for by the money students raised through enterprise.

A number of our students enjoy interacting with animals. This term we visited Glebe Farm. This gave our students the opportunity to be around farm animals and to experience how a farm is run as a business. A very positive outcome from these trips to Glebe Farm and the animal therapy sessions was that one of our students, who was scared of animals, now really enjoys engaging with them.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter!





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We have had a busy term. We have been focusing on our new units 'Keeping Safe' and 'Personal Care'. We have been practising crossing the roads safely around the campus and using the pedestrian crossing. We continue to work hard on our work experience sessions.

We are making excellent progress with our 'Shop Cook and Eat sessions' and can now make a number of simple meals with less support.

In our English and Math's sessions we have enjoyed learning about 'Positions' using remote control cars, bee bots and other fun activities., We have enjoyed reading and exploring several Roald Dahl books too!

We have enjoyed visiting the community hub every Wednesday morning and practising our social interaction and communication skills. At the hub we have been working together, trying new activities and interacting with the staff.

A highlight was the visit from the Athlete Michael Churm and this gave us more inspiration to work on our own fitness, visiting the parks and completing laps for our exercise charts.

From our visits to the Silk Museum last term, we have created some wonderful pieces of art work based on the Egyptian artifacts that we saw at the museum.

Have a lovely Easter break!



Barnaby



What a busy term we have had. We have been exploring different materials to create art work, from tearing and dipping newspaper to adding rice to old plastic bottles to make shakers for us to play with. We have been working on our ICT skills too, from touch screen activities on the iPad, to switch work and eye gaze. All of these are really important skills for us that we visit in a range of ways over time to help us generalise our skills.



We also had our first Barnaby trip. Thanks again to the parents who helped us make it happen. We went to Congleton Town Hall for a Music event run by Love Music Trust, and was a joint adventure with Springfield School. We all had a great time.

