

Learning Together

Spring 2023



Here is some of the fantastic learning that has taken place in the Spring Term.

Let's share and celebrate our amazing learning journeys....

Nursery



We have had a very busy but exciting Spring term! We have been sharing stories that have a beanstalk theme and thinking about similarities and differences between = 'Jasper's Beanstalk', Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Jim and the Beanstalk' and 'Wibbly Pig's Garden'. We retold these stories by using props in our story tray.

We planted iris bulbs and decorated the pot to give to our Mums for Mother's Day to say a huge thank you for all they do for us. We have been looking after cress seeds, daffodils and beans and waiting patiently for them to grow. We know what parts of the plants are called and what they need to grow.

We have been naming fruit and vegetables and comparing which ones are heavy and light by using a balance scale.

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book character and during Book Week we had a workshop with Chloe Inkpen which we enjoyed very much!

Reception

We have had a really great Spring term!

We have loved learning all about Africa and looking at different stories in Literacy. One of our favourite stories was Handa's Surprise where we retold the story and wrote about some of the fruits that Handa had. We have been working really hard on our sentence structure; using a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops in our writing.

We have worked hard with our number knowledge and we have been looking at one more and one fewer, as well as doubling and halving. It has been great fun using the cubes, tens frame and part whole models to represent different amounts.

We have loved getting creative with the paint this term and using different techniques to create jungle animals. We have also used the watercolours to paint a sunset background and then we drew and cut out different animals/trees from black paper to make a silhouette picture.



Year 1



We have had a wonderful Spring term in year 1.

We started our half term with our castles hook day, we all really enjoyed finding out about the various job roles in a castle and we dressed up as our favourite! In creative curriculum we discovered that castles have got lots of interesting parts, we have also looked at how castles have developed over time.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions, length and mass. We really enjoyed using a metre stick to measure different objects around our classroom. We were very excited to use playdough to make objects and then we practiced cutting them into halves and quarters.

In English we have been reading a very exciting story called 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. We learnt lots of new vocabulary such as 'extinct' and 'endangered'. We used ideas from the story to become authors ourselves and we wrote some amazing stories about a lost Dinosaur!

Year 2



We have had a fantastic Spring term in year 2.

This term we have really enjoyed all of our learning all subjects. We particularly enjoyed going to Danson Park to carry out a minibeast hunt. We loved searching through different microhabitats to see what we could find.

In maths, we have been learning about money. We learned how to make the same amount of money with different coins and even how to calculate change. We were so confident by the end of the unit now that we will be able to help our adults when we are next out shopping.

In English we have been reading a very exciting story called 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'. The story centres around two toy army soldiers who get lost under the floorboards of their owner's house and remain there through many historical events until they are eventually found over 100 years later. We loved writing in the role of one of the toys, describing what it was like when we were finally rescued from under the floorboards. We could not believe that the author found similar toys under the floorboards of his own house and that acted as the inspiration for the story.

Year 3



This term has been filled with new learning, interesting events and exciting challenges.

In English, we absolutely loved reading the 'Big Blue Whale' book and finding out some amazing facts about these marine mammals. Did you know that there are only 10,000 whales left on our planet? We wrote an information article about whales and why they are in danger. Some of us even tried to persuade people to act and do something to protect the whales.

In maths, we have been learning and mastering different ways of multiplying and dividing. We ended this term with learning to tell time to the nearest minute and challenged ourselves with calculating and comparing durations of events. It was tricky but we persevered!

We began this term with the 'Stone Age Day' that sparked lots of curiosity towards our Creative Curriculum topic. We loved learning about the lives of people that lived thousands of years ago and their important inventions that led to the progress of human society.

In Science, we looked at and compared human and animals' skeletons and found out that although we look different, our skeletons have a lot in common. We learnt about healthy diet and lifestyle.

Year 4



Year 4 have had a great Spring term!

In our maths lessons, we have been applying our multiplication and division knowledge to formal written methods. In addition to this, we have been working hard on our learning about fractions by finding equivalent fractions. Towards the end of the Spring term, we have begun to learn about decimals and are excited to continue to develop this next term!

In English, we have been really enjoyed reading 'When the Giant Stirred' which was about a volcano eruption and the citizens' escape from the island. We then wrote our own version of the story using our best descriptive language. We also had a visit from author, Catherine Barr, who shared her amazing non-fiction books with us and we learnt lots of really interesting facts about animals around the world.

In Science, we have been looking at the topic of 'Electricity' and have learnt how to use a series circuit to make a bulb light up. We also looked at a range of materials and tested whether they were conductors or insulators. At the end of the term, we were able to use our knowledge from these lessons to make a torch out of a water bottle!

Our Creative Curriculum topic this term has been the Tudors. We have learnt about all of the Tudor monarchs and their impact on the country. Finally, we finished the term with a 'Tudor day' workshop where we dressed up as Tudors and took part in various Tudor games!

Year 5

We have been very busy this Spring Term!

In English, we learned about the features of fairy tales before adapting the story of Snow White to write our own fairy tale called Snow White in Egypt. Once we had written this, in design and technology we created our own pop-up book, which told a simplified version of Snow White in Egypt, using different mechanisms.

In maths, we have been taught the turtle method to help us remember the steps involved in long multiplication. We have also worked with fractions in a variety of ways such as multiplying a fraction by an integer and calculating a fraction of an amount. More recently, we have been working with fractions, decimals and percentages.

In science, we have enjoyed many practical lessons when learning about forces. We investigated the effects of air resistance (when dropping paper with a different surface area) and water resistance (when dropping different plasticine models into water). We also tested the friction created by different surfaces when pulling a basket of small weights using a Newton metre.



Year 6



It has been another busy term in Year 6! We have had lots of fun and done lots of learning along the way.

We began the term with a fantastic Ancient Greek workshop which introduced us to our new topic for the term. Over the course of this term, we have built on this knowledge learning all about this ancient civilisation and how we are still influenced today by them.

In English, we have very much enjoyed exploring Shakespeare's Macbeth. We have: written setting descriptions with a focus on creating atmosphere; written a persuasive letter from Lady Macbeth to her husband; roleplayed and written monologues as Macbeth himself and become journalists, writing a broadsheet newspaper report on the death of King Duncan. After, we explored the themes within the narrative and worked hard to write our own narratives based on the same themes as Macbeth.

We have also been lucky enough to have some visitors this half term. The author, Catherine Barr, delivered a book workshop in which we looked at climate change in more detail. We also have had visitors from TfL and the Metropolitan Police as part of the Junior Citizenship Programme. The children enjoyed finding out about being responsible citizens and learning how to travel independently and safely.

This half term, we completed our final set of mock tests in preparation for the SATs. The children worked incredibly hard across all of the papers and the teaching team are extremely proud of them. We will continue with our revision after Easter and will be supporting the children to achieve their best. We wish all of the children and their families a fantastic Easter and look forward to seeing you again after the break.