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NEWSLETTER



Friday 23rd October

Dear Parents and Carers, I hope you are all looking forward to half term with your children . It has been a very good start to the school year after our unsettled time due to the Corona virus and the impact it has had on everyone's lives. Your children have made us all proud with their positive attitude to their work and I am delighted with the progress they are making so far. We know we have a lot of catching up to do but with your support I am sure they will be able to flourish in all areas of their learning.

We have provided extra activities in school, which are also supporting your children's wellbeing and have had circus skills, class music sessions, yoga, specialist visiting artists and class art projects to add lots of fun to your children's days.

I want to thank you also for your positive comments and support about the school's COVID procedures including the one way systems when dropping off and collecting your children. It is a difficult one to get 100% right but we need to keep remembering to keep to the government's rules around social distancing. We do ask that you try to wear a face covering when you come into the school and not stay in the playground: drop/collect and go!

Over half term please encourage your children to continue to use our on-line learning support. Your child's class teacher will be giving homework on paper and through online resources to keep them active through the break. We do ask that you read as often with your children and ask them to tell you all about the books they are reading.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy half term. We will see you all back on Tuesday 3rd of November. Ms Murdoch

This term in Reception we have been working hard on our physical play. We have been exploring different types of movements using our hands and feet. We have been playing with our colourful parachute in the big playground. We have also been learning to become better at sharing and turn taking. All of these skills will help us to become better learners in class. Here we are learning to use the language over and under using the parachute. Can you ask the children to use words like under, behind, next to, in, on and over?



Books Books Books

We have been adding to our school library lots of books that celebrate the diversity in our school. The children have identified that the characters are like them and their friends and we have all enjoyed reading and discussing the new books.

We also want to thank Ariana and Thom for their kind donation to support us in buying new books for our school. We are really grateful and we look forward to inviting them into school to have a good read too.

The photos show a sample of the books that will be in all classes. For everyone to access.



In Year 2, we have been discussing why hygiene is important. We did an experiment using slices of bread to see why we need to wash our hands. We put the bread in a bag without touching it, then after touching it with unwashed hands, hands cleaned with soap, some cleaned with sanitizer and rubbing bread on a used surface.

We made predictions about what might happen and then we observed the bread as it changed over the next two weeks! Have a look at our results below.



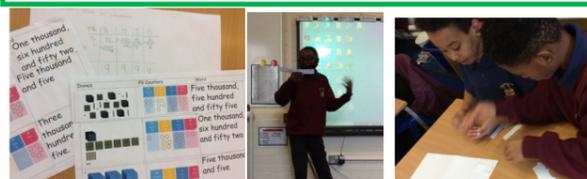
School photographs.

I know we are having individual photographs taken after half term and we are working on how to extend that to siblings photos too. If it is not possible this time we will be arranging a siblings photo session next term. Unfortunately due to COVID it has been a bit tricky to have the extra activities we normally do outside of the curriculum but we are trying to make things as normal as possible for the children. Their well being and learning is our top priority so we thank you for your support in this.



In Calipso and Ulysses Classes, this half term, we have been busy! In maths, we have been working hard to secure our number and place value knowledge. We have been on number hunts and have worked with a range of manipulatives including; dienes, place value counters, bar models and part/whole models. We have developed our reasoning and problem skill, and are now able to apply our basic fluency knowledge very well.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic Blast Off this half term and, through it, have acquired a wealth of knowledge about Space. Using all of this knowledge that we acquired, we have written a setting description, describing one of the planets in our Solar System, and a biography about the remarkable Katherine Johnson; an African American, whose calculations of orbital mechanics were critical to the success of the Apollo 11 and Freedom 7 missions.



Wintertime

Please check that your children are wearing their coats to school as the weather gets colder. Can you also check that you have written your child's name in their uniform. Thank you.



Art workshop with South London Gallery: Type Town Trolley

The children really enjoyed the session with South London Gallery where they worked with printmaking and collage techniques to respond to poster prompts relating to themselves and the local area.

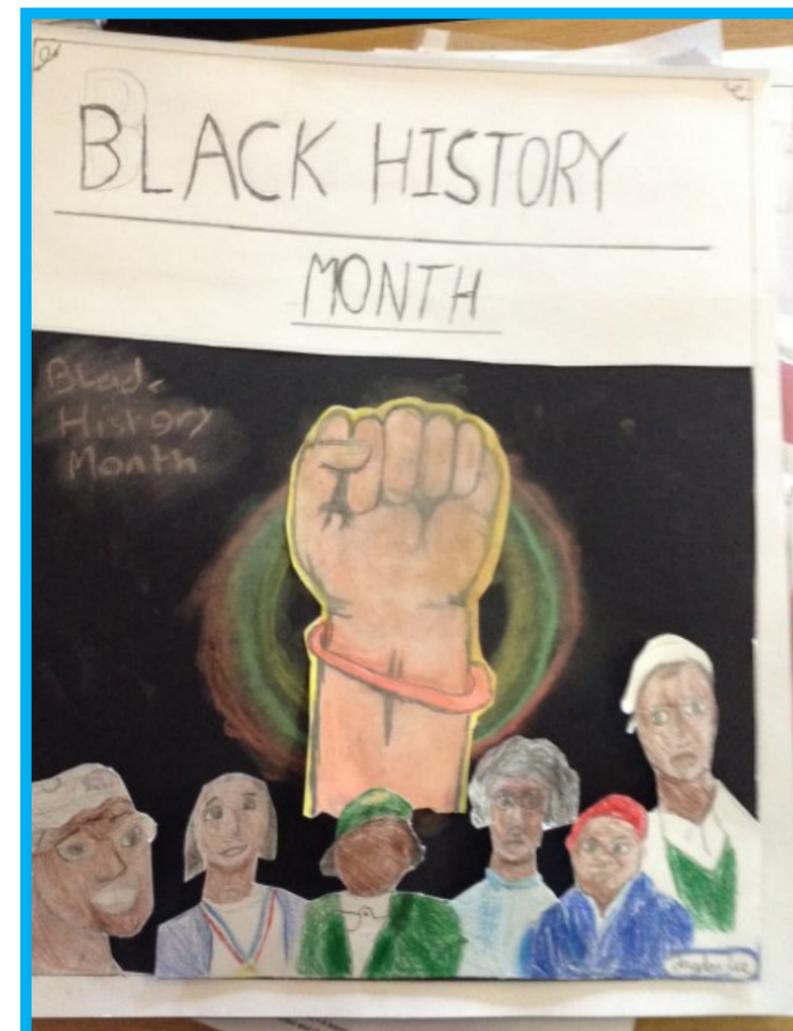


The children will be able to access lessons for their year group on Google Classroom.

Every teacher will give your child their log in details. Please have a look and support your child as best as you can.

We will be adding lots more to each year group on google classroom and will send you guides and on line support when we come back from half term.

Remember your child can continue to use purple mash, dojo, mathletics too.



Black History Month

Every class have been learning about all the amazing people in our lives and history during Black History Month.

Every class has been celebrating the contributions black people have made to all walks of life and work.

Year 6 have been writing some amazing pieces of work , which we will be looking forward to reading. They have also been very creative with some art work for Black History Month.

Jayden Lee did a fantastic 3D poster.

The PTA are also creating a display for Black History Month based on all the firsts.

1st in every field. [maths, science, art, medicine, music, etc....]

This will be a very informative display and one the children can use to investigate more!

In Year 1 we created our own pencil cases! We used our own design to help us.

We explored a variety of materials and chose each resource carefully. We used our own designs to create our pencil cases and made sure we followed these carefully.

At the end we looked at each other's work and discussed what we liked about them and what went well.



Year 3 have been looking at stone age buildings and have been using their skills to try and create their own structures.

They have been finding our about all the ways humans started to build things in the stone age and how our ancient families were able to invent and use many different things.

