



# CVPS NEWS

October 2020



## End of Half Term

As we come to the end of what I am sure we can all agree has been a very unusual start to the school year, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your support, patience and co-operation, over the past half term. The positivity we have received from parents has been overwhelming and is proof again of the strength of our school community.

The children have worked incredibly hard this month, with a key focus on Black History Month and the important messages of respect and equality for all. We hope you enjoy October's newsletter and wish you all a relaxing half term holiday.

## Celebration

Throughout the school, we value and celebrate the work and achievements of all of our children, encouraging them to continually strive to 'Be the Best they Can Be.'

### Kindness Award

Congratulations to Rosie in Rabbits, who received the 'Kindness Award' for being a wonderful friend, supporting a fellow Rabbit both in class and on the playground, who was finding the first few weeks of school a bit more difficult. Well done, Rosie.



## B Badge Awards

B Badge for demonstrating our 'Chipstead Valley Values' and being the 'Best they can be'! Here is a list of this month's amazing learners:

Class	05.10.20		12.10.20		19.10.20	
Rabbits	Ethan	Mia	Oliver	Milly	Noah	Aurora
Hedgehogs	Daniel	Skylar-Mai	Oscar	Phoebe	Jake	Ruby
Squirrels	Archie	Heidi	Jack	Aleeza	Matilda	Ellis
Treehouse	Sammy	Hashim	Tobi	Myles	Alman	Wilberaslan
1D	Amber	Ava	Shaka	Ashar	Beth	Cole
1H	Jamil	George	Toby	Xanthe	Elsie	Frankie
1S	Raaina	Jacob	Ozzy	Chloe	James	Lyra
2F	Demitri	Lottie	Ebba	Dessie	Mariam	George
2K	Zaheem	Katie	Adam	Charlotte	Ilakkiyan	Elsie
2R	Truly	Callum	Julia	Oliver	Daania	Toby
3B	Isabella	Daijon	Lilian	Noah	Ava	Jack
3C	Delila	Cherry	Matilda	Harry	Anna	Isaac
3G	Gem	Arjan	Adam	Julius	Olek	Mary
4W	Eva	Robyn	Yasmin	Solly	Sophie	TJ
4H	Emma	Oviya	Jayden	Ava	Mabel	Manahil
4S	Harry	Isobel	Kiera	Faris	Summer	Amelie
5P	Freya	George	Talia	Andrew	Mason	Hannah
5W	Emily	Maria	Kenzie	Anais	Riah	Kamal
5S	Amber	Aharan	Josh	Mikka	Holly	Lilian
6J	Emily	Sam	Ben	Tess	Jack	Sophia
6S	Alex	Billy	Erin	Harry	Annam	Nate
6M	Hayden	Molly	Nela	Lyla	Howard	Charlotte

# Music

It has been lovely to be able to do some singing outside with the children again this term. We've been using the outdoor classroom and have had the frequent appearance of a robin as our audience. The children's classes have been videoed singing harvest songs and these have been put together as a video assembly for Harvest Festival.



Year 6 have been singing songs from the Second World War as part of their discovery topic and Years 4 and 5 have been advancing their keyboard skills. Year 3 have been developing their rhythm skills and Year 2 have enjoyed listening to and writing about 'The Carnival of the Animals', by Saint-Saens. Year 1 are beginning to read musical rhythms and our Reception classes have been singing and playing instruments. In music, we've also been looking at the history of black music right from the earliest recordings of Blues by Huddie Leadbetter and Bessie Smith in the 1920s and tracing its musical and cultural impact through the decades, with the likes of Little Richard and Bob Marley to more recent artists such as Beyoncé.

## Cross Country Event



We had our first competition of the academic year last week. We sent two bubbles from years 3 and 6 to the cross-country competition at Lloyd Park. Chipstead Valley have historically done very well at this event and we were keen to make sure we entered a team. Last year's team came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all the schools and we wanted to do even better this year. Mr Thompson chose the team through the fitness tests we have been doing in class.

In previous years, the children have raced against children from different schools, whereas this year, we were only allowed to race in our bubbles. This meant it was harder for the children, as there were no time markers for them to work against. However, the children did us proud and produced some amazing times, which have been collated by the organisers. We should be hearing in the next few weeks how well we did, compared to everyone else, and will let you know in our future newsletter how we got on. Well done to all that took part.

## School Council – Pupil Voice

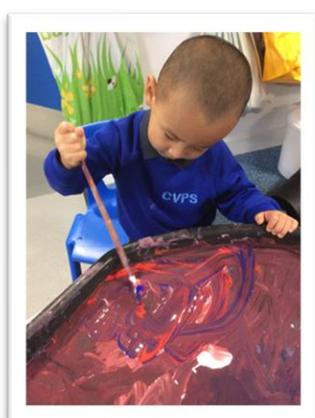
'We had our first socially distanced School Council meeting on Thursday 15th October. We are really pleased to be staying on until Easter and looking forward to getting the silver travel award. We already have the bronze and have made some fantastic posters to be displayed on our School Council board! We discussed our roles and how School Council will work this year with Mrs Leidecker and Miss Harding. We also discussed climate change and the impact this is having on our world. At our next meeting we will be talking about what we can do to help our environment. Look out for monthly updates from our next meeting is Wednesday 18th November.' - **Your School Council**

 Atlanta	 Howard	 Ben	 Mason	 Emily	 Jude	 Eshan
 Charlie	 Mabel	 Delila	 Lillian	 Florence	 Kabir	 Heidi
 Hendrix	 Oliver	 Joshua	 Ariyan	 Neve	 CVPS Meet our School council	

# EYFS Update

## Nursery

As part of Black History Month, Nursery have also been reading books celebrating black culture and history and we particularly enjoyed 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin which talks about the author's experiences of travelling on the Windrush and moving to England from The Caribbean. Miss Grizzle was able to share her knowledge of Trinidad with the class during the story.



Nursery have been very creative this month looking at the topic 'Colour Light and Dark'. We have experimented with mixing primary colours to make new colours and the children were delighted to discover what they could create with different paint.

We have also been looking at paintings by Vincent Van Gogh for our chosen Artist of the Month. We painted and coloured Sunflower and Starry Night pictures and read a story about the famous Sunflowers picture.



To broaden our knowledge and vocabulary, we have introduced a Curiosity Box to the classroom and have asked important questions around the chosen object in the box to spark sustained shared thinking amongst the children.



## Reception

This month, we have explored our senses, searched for Goldilocks and listened to the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin.

### *Marvellous Me – Senses*

The Reception children explored a different sense each day. On Wednesday they used their ears and played musical instruments. They also used the listening cups to talk to each other and found it fascinating that they could hear each other speaking. We also smelled different pots and said whether or not we liked the smell. Some children even liked the smell of the old boiled eggs. On the Friday we tried different fruits and also looked at what a pineapple looks like before it has been cut up in pieces.



### *Goldilocks – A Crime Scene*

Our Reception children enjoyed the story of Goldilocks. Hedgehogs class had a go at retelling the story which was a little different to the usual story with Goldilocks having golden dreadlocks with coloured beads. The children were most excited to hear that there was a crime scene and that the girl had stolen items from the classroom and the rest of the porridge from the bears. Each class went out to investigate and we found porridge on the ground and our missing items by the nursery.



### *Coming to England – A Celebration of Black History*

Miss Derrett introduced the book 'Coming to England' in our story assembly. Then each class listened to the story and discussed what it might be like for a small child to travel a long way on a boat like Floella in the true story of her move to London from Trinidad. We explored the art of Alma Thomas and recreated our own colourful interpretations of her designs.



We are looking forward to our half term break and returning to explore more about Autumn, light and dark.

# Treehouse Update

This month has been a very busy month in Treehouse class!

## *Goldilocks – Singing and Signing*

The children in Treehouse have really enjoyed listening to the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They have learned the words and Makaton signs to "When Goldilocks Went to the House of the Bears" and have enjoyed performing it in class!



## *Going on a Bear Hunt*

The children have also enjoyed the story "Were Going on a Bear Hunt". They listened to the story and did lots of exploring around the topic - inside and outside the classroom. They went on their own bear hunt and practised telling everyone "We're not scared!". The children particularly enjoyed retelling the story using props that we found in Mrs Fisher's bag.



## *Celebrating Black History*

This week, the Treehouse children have been learning about the artist Alma Thomas. They were very excited to get the paints out and recreate some of her colourful artwork. The children also enjoyed listening to Miss Derrett reading 'Coming to England' in our story assembly. After listening to the story, we talked about

what it might be like to live in a new country and to make new friends.



We are looking forward to half term; when come back, we will be learning about Autumn, light and dark.

# Key Stage 1 Update

## *Year 1*

In Year 1, the children have continued to try their best in all aspects of their work, and we have seen huge improvements in their reading and writing. Leading up to half term, we have been practising our letter writing skills and even took a trip to the local post box to send a letter home about what we have been learning at school.





We have also been celebrating Black History Month by learning about the inspirational Rosa Parks, created our own 'abstract art' inspired by the incredibly talented Alma Thomas. We have also enjoyed sharing various books written by black authors. Please see the links below if you'd like to read them too!

Sulwe - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vujbTOuzg2Q>

I Am Enough - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_l4jeZH84k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_l4jeZH84k)

The Day You Begin - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDs5d\\_qFbEs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDs5d_qFbEs)



Our amazing Rosa Parks fact files ☺

## Year 2

In October, we have been re-telling the story 'Little Red Riding Hood.' The children performed the story in groups, using the main events of the story to support their writing.



In maths, we have been focusing on greater than, less than and equal to, which they have applied to answering reasoning and problem-solving questions. We have also continued to investigate place value by using the bar and part-whole model. During this half term, children have been looking at living and non-living things in our environment, alongside animals and their habitats and food chains, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



As part of Black History Month, we have been exploring the book 'Look Up!' by Nathan Byron. We have also looked at the incredible Mae Jemison, who was the first black female astronaut in space!

# Key Stage 2 Update

## Year 3

Year 3 have been working really hard over the last few weeks. We have continued to enjoy working outdoors and in history we made some amazing spears linked to our Stone Age topic.

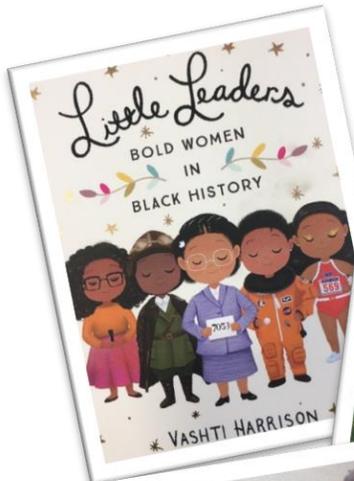
The children have enjoyed looking at 'Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History' as part of Black History Month. They have been writing some excellent biographies on these inspirational women. Year 3 have also been learning about Alma Thomas. Building up to the piece of art, we went on an autumn nature walk to observe the colours in nature. We will now be using these colours to create a piece of art in the style of Alma Thomas.

In maths, we have been focusing on using practical resources, our outdoor environment and investigations to help develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We are really proud of everything that they have achieved this half term.

## Year 4

Year 4 were so excited to find a 'Tudor whip' on the school site. Here are some photos of them carrying out interviews and collecting witness statements to help them write a newspaper report. Mrs Roger's was first to the scene so they interviewed her. The children also interviewed Mrs Ward, Mrs Hone and Mr Rosewell as they were all witnesses 😊

Within their learning around Black History Month, year 4 learnt all about the artist Alma Thomas. They looked at her different style of art work and created their own versions in the same style. They had lots of fun creating these beautiful hearts – take a look!

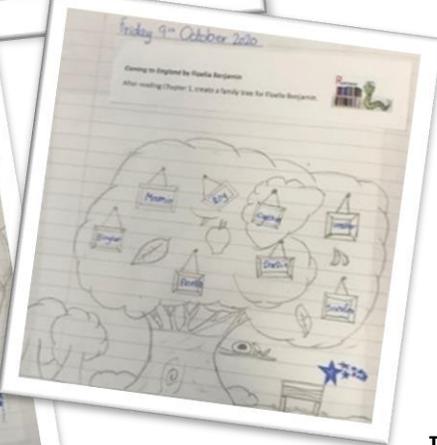
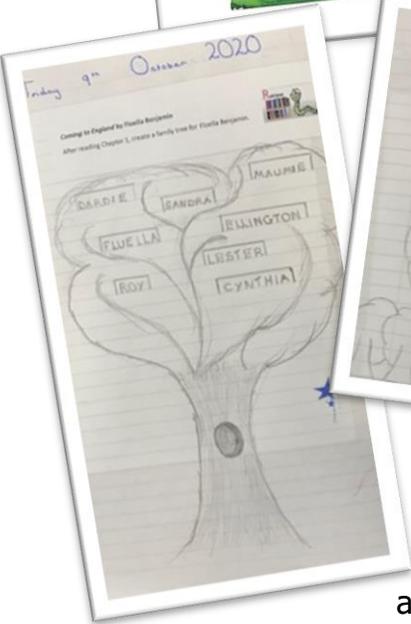


## Year 5

### *Around the World with Year 5*

We have been reading 'Coming to England' in our VIPERS lessons and have begun researching and writing a biography about the author Floella Benjamin.

This month, we have learned about the abstract impressionist artist, Alma Thomas. 5W produced some wonderful pieces inspired by her using oil pastels.



In history, we have developed our enquiry skills, unearthing artefacts during outdoor learning sessions. We sketched and inferred information about the ancient Greeks and enjoyed being Chipstead archaeologists!

In Global Scholars we have been working hard, writing scripts and developing our oral presentation skills, to create a welcome video. Each class has made their own video to share in our e-classrooms with our international peers.



## Year 6

### English/History

Year 6 found an unexploded WW2 bomb in the allotment! Well, actually we didn't but it made a really great newspaper report! The children enjoyed being journalists and used key witnesses to build their report. They did some fantastic writing!



## Black History Month

During Black History Month, we have been studying the achievements of great black artists and musicians. We created our own self-portraits in the style of Jean- Michael Basquiat and we have even written our own spoken word poetry inspired by black song writers!

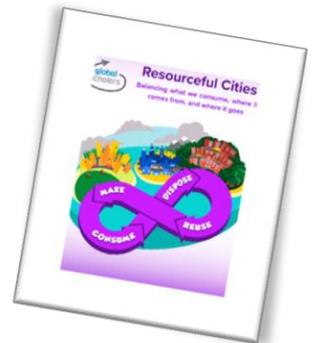


History/Art  
We studied the wartime artist Henry Moore, focusing on perspective and the human form. We used recycled materials to add an extra dimension and texture to our work! The results are amazing!

## Global Scholars

As Year 5 move towards the end of Unit 1 of the Global Scholars program, they completed the first of five digital projects. This digital project, to produce a video, proved to be an exciting and engaging task across the year group! Each class wrote their own scripts, rehearsed, then filmed in various locations around the school, sharing what it's like to be a pupil at Chipstead Valley. Pupils also included facts about London and explained what being a Global Scholar means to them. The end products will be shared in the e-classrooms and Year 5 pupils are eager to see the videos their international peers share.

Unit 2 plans are underway, with a focus on consumption for the next half term. Our pupils will initially examine consumption through a personal lens, discovering its role in their everyday lives. In the e-classroom, pupils will share their experiences, test out solutions to reducing waste and create a digital photo journal.



## Parents Consultations

Initially, we had been planning on carrying out the parent's consultation meetings via telephone, in light of COVID. However, one of our trust schools has trialed a remote video system this week, which has worked extremely effectively. We have therefore made the decision, that in order to provide our parents with virtual video consultations, which we feel would be considerably more personal, we are going to be bringing the same system into CVPS. To ensure we have trained the staff and given parents enough information and time to sign up for a consultation time, we will be moving our parents evening dates to two weeks later than those originally scheduled. Please see the dates to the side, for the new timings.

## PTFA

Fundraising during this current climate is exceptionally difficult and therefore events we would normally have been holding such as the discos, are not possible. We are currently working hard to raise funds for a new and improved school library, which all of our children would benefit greatly from, regardless of their age.

We have put a donations button onto Scopay for anyone who would like or feels able to make a contribution, but we appreciate that people's financial circumstances may be difficult at this time. We will also be holding a sponsored event on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, with more details to come and a mufti day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Communication

Our new promotional video is now live on social media and the school website. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with its development. In addition, we have also created a new school prospectus. Please do visit the school website to view it.

The website has returned! This is now back up and running and we will be continuing our work on it over the next few weeks, adding new things and updating it regularly, so keeping checking back to see what's new!

[www.chipsteadvalley.com](http://www.chipsteadvalley.com)

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter!

@ChipsteadPri

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
October Half Term 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020		
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	INSET DAY	No school for children due to staff training
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Consultations 3.40 – 5.00	Details to follow (Virtual event)
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Consultations 3.40 – 5.00	Details to follow (Virtual event)
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Consultations 3.40 – 7.00	Details to follow (Virtual event)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Mufti Day (PTFA Donations)	N/A

## Mrs Rackham's Book Quote of the month:

"I'm not meant to be like you; you're not meant to be like me.

Sometimes we will get along and sometimes we will disagree.

I know that we don't look the same: our skin, our eyes, our hair, our frame. But that does not dictate our worth; we both have places here on earth."

