

CVPS NEWS

April 2021



Welcome back to the summer term, after what I hope was a relaxing break for you all. Hopefully you were able to safely see a bit more of family and friends, have some days out and spend time enjoying the sunshine in the second week, now restrictions have eased slightly.

We are very happy to be able to bring back a bit of normality by welcoming our external clubs back this week and are looking forward to starting some of our internal clubs from the 10th May. The field is being used more now that the weather is better and it has been lovely watching the children enjoying their time outside together.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Bennett, who welcomed her baby girl to the world in December. Miss Derrett had her baby boy this week and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her and Mr Goldhawk, who I am sure many of you will remember, on the new addition to their family.

We do hope you enjoy the April newsletter - fingers crossed for more sunshine!

Clare Rackham



Superhero Day!

On Wednesday 28th April, we joined schools across the UK in a world record attempt for the largest number of people to dress up as a superhero at one event. We supported the charity Hope Health Action, who help to provide life transforming care to children with disabilities and their families. They work with children across Haiti, Uganda and South Sudan, who face severe discrimination, making them some of the most vulnerable people in their countries. The charity funds 'The Maison de Benediction', a leading disability school in northern Haiti, offering residential respite care for children whose parents find it hard to provide the full-time specialist care their children need. If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so via Scopay.



B Badge Awards

Class	28.04.21	
Rabbits	Scarlett	Noah
Hedgehogs	Isla	Eden
Squirrels	Luke	Oliver
Treehouse	Jason	
1D	Amber	James
1H	Samuel	Elsie
1S	James	Holly
2F	Harley	Zoe
2K	Katie	Josh
2R	Theo T	Lineysha
3B	Stanley	Amaya
3C	Summer	Sammy
3G	Ellie	Jack
4W	Liam	Alani
4H	Max	Manahil
4S	Eva	Tillie
5P	Anastasia	Ronnie
5W	Kenzie	Kamal
5S	Inayah	Callum
6J	Tyler	Olivia
6S	Harry	Ollie
6M	Alasdair	Hayden

Kindness Award

Emily and Lottie from 5W received the kindness award together this week. They were nominated for their work to improve the school environment and have set up a Wednesday break time club where they litter pick the front playground. The girls also delivered a presentation to the Year 5 classes about how we can save the planet and have used the rubbish they've collected to create a rubbish washing line with string and also made signs out of the rubbish. Our cover photo this month is the Earth Day display that they helped to create.



Music

Mr Vinten has enjoyed taking his classes outside for their music lessons. "It's been so lovely to be able to sing outside with the children this term. It's only when you hear them all singing together that you realise how much we've all missed it!"

The younger children have been singing 'Penguins' and 'My Dog' whilst the older children are focusing on 'When it's a Sunny Day' and 'A Song for Every Day'. Year 5 have been Samba drumming and Year 6 have been learning 'One and A Million'.



EYFS Update

Nursery

Nursery returned from the Easter break by visiting the topic 'Space'. The children enjoyed various construction and small world play activities based around our solar system. We learnt a song about the planets and the class shared their knowledge of space with their peers. The children had a go at creating their own junk modelling rocket craft which were used in their role play games with their friends.

We celebrated 'Earth Day' on 22nd April. We talked about how our world is precious and special and why it is so important to protect it. We also discussed how we could look after our world by recycling our rubbish and walking to school to avoid pollution. We all agreed that seeing a rubbish free beach or park made us feel very happy!

Nursery then moved on to 'Superheroes' which is always a favourite topic. So far this week we have enjoyed maths investigations with the Numicon patterns and measuring with the superhero figures. The children also had fun experimenting with number and quantity with Supertato themed tables.

We have been enjoying the spring sunshine this month and ensuring that we bring both our child led and adult supported learning outdoors as much as possible. The children particularly enjoyed reading stories, playing games, digging in the sand pit and water play in the garden. The children have settled back to the usual routines of Nursery and the staff are very proud of how they are focusing on learning and growing in maturity each day. Well done to all!



Reception

We have made a great start to the new term with our topic 'Amazing Changes'. We have been learning about plants and what they need to survive. We have labelled a plant and also had great fun planting a runner bean! Our story this week has been Jack and the Beanstalk. As part of our work we have re-enacted the story, written speech bubbles and created junk model beanstalks!!



In the outside area we have really enjoyed playing with all our new equipment. The spring weather has been kind to us and we have relished learning through play in the summer sunshine!



Treehouse

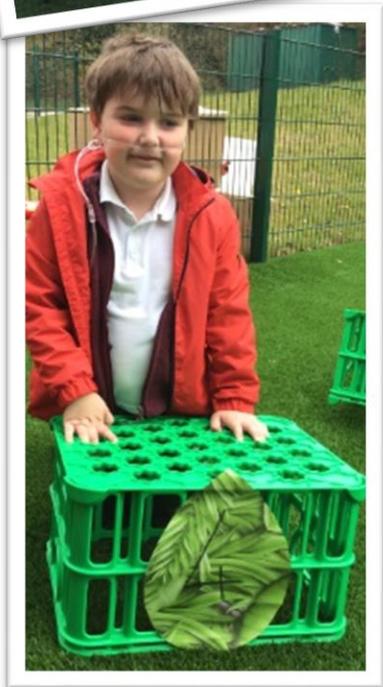
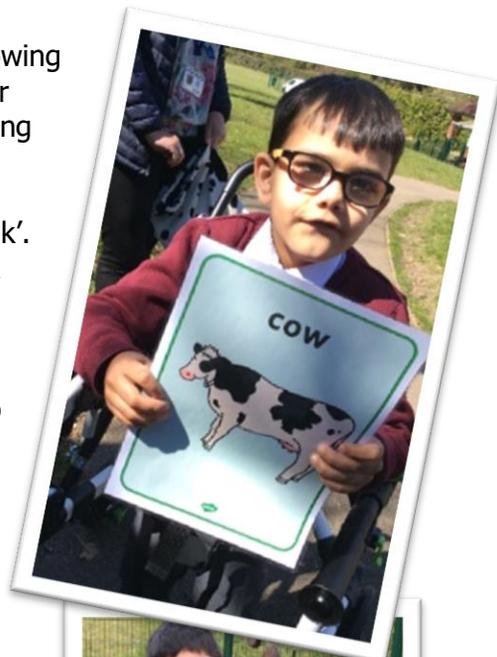
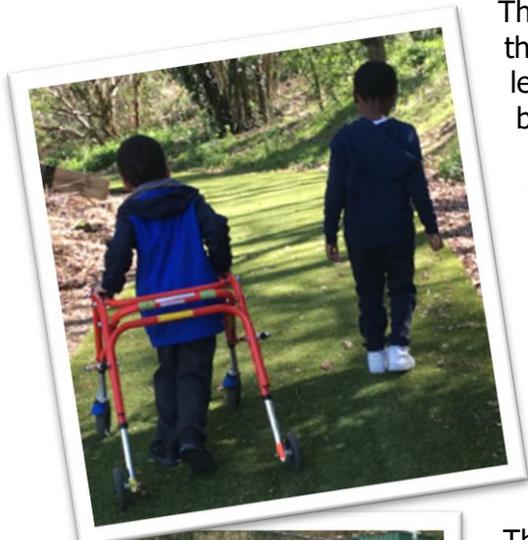
Jack and the Beanstalk

The children have settled in very well following their Easter break. We have continued our learning on growing and we will be planting beans to grow our very own beanstalks!

Our topic book is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have been on a story walk around the school grounds, collecting pictures from the story and matching them to the story words and puppets back in the classroom. They have also been acting out parts of the story and retelling it in their own words!

The outdoor area is amazing – we have spent lots of time exploring our new construction toys, as well as learning out there! We have really enjoyed PE and have been working on ball skills as well as following instructions.

In our fantastic outdoor area, we did a maths investigation where we built a beanstalk out of numbered green crates. We discussed whether the beanstalk was shorter or taller than them and how tall it might be.



Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

We are loving having all of the children back together in class and are looking forward to a fun filled summer term. We are so lucky to have had such beautiful weather as this has allowed us to spend lots of time learning outdoors! We have completed lots of maths investigations, including the hen, fox, corn and farmer, some children remembered this challenge from the PACE Academy Trust maths day, which was fantastic. The children worked together in teams and demonstrated some amazing thinking and problem-solving skills.

At CVPS, we know the children's well-being is incredibly important. To ensure Year 1 are feeling safe and happy in school and out in the community, we have been completing lots of activities about who can keep us safe, who we can talk to if we feel unsafe and what the children's responsibilities are to keep themselves safe. The children have done some amazing acting when discussing scenarios and we are so proud of how the children have responded to these activities.

Our new topic is 'Growing Together' and we have hooked the children into the learning with some scientific scavenger hunts searching for plants and trees around the school grounds. The next few weeks will be filled with some bean growing investigations and spending time planting a range of plants in the growing room!

We are looking forward to the up and coming clubs throughout the summer term and hope to see lots of the children there.

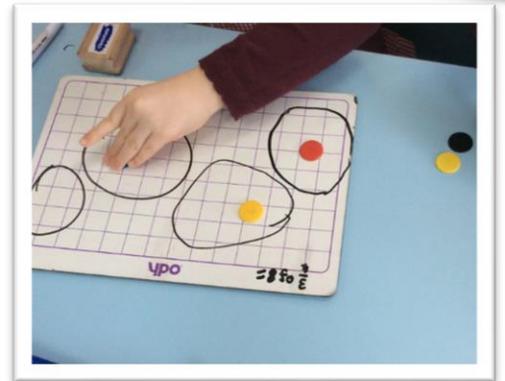
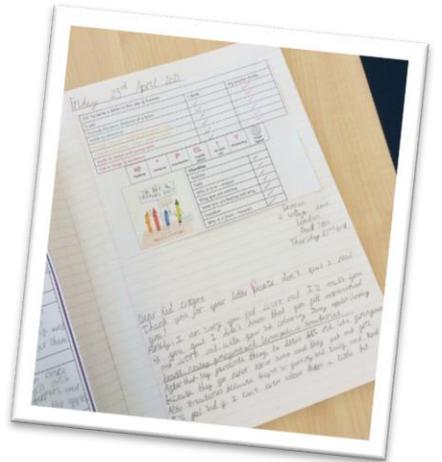


Year 2

We have loved having all of the children in Year 2 back in class and are delighted to be starting off the summer term together after the Easter holidays.

In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We found it very funny listening to all the different reasons they dislike being a crayon and reading about their complaints. Our chairs then went on strike and wrote a letter about how they were feeling too! We then had a go at writing our own letters in the role of a character like the crayons and chairs, complaining about being mistreated.

In maths we have continued and completed our fractions topic. The children looked at equivalence of a half and 2 quarters, they used counters and drawings to help them to see how these are the same. We also looked at finding three quarters of a given set of objects by doing this practically followed by using a bar model to answer more reasoning-based questions. The children completed the fractions topic by looking at mixed fractions which they shaded.



The children have really enjoyed learning about 'Healthy Eating' where we discussed foods

which were healthy and not healthy and what we can do to stay fit. We then learnt about the 'Eatwell Plate' and discussed what different foods went in which areas and we found out how much of each food group we should be eating. After this, we looked at personal hygiene and how we can stay safe and reduce the spread of germs. We completed the 'Bread Experiment' where we tested how clean our hands were which we all thoroughly enjoyed doing! As part of our wellbeing curriculum, we discussed the topic 'Who can keep us safe?' The children worked in

groups to match the person to the description of what job they do to keep us safe.

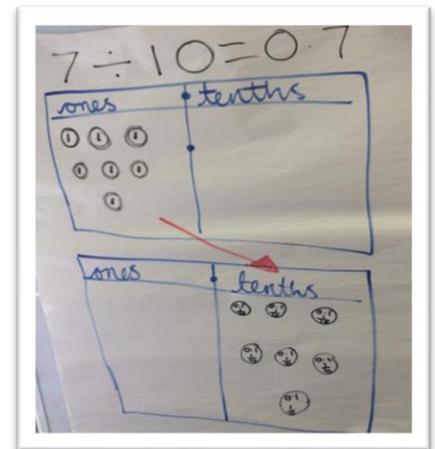


Year 4

Since returning after the Easter holidays, Year 4 have started a new Discovery topic. Their new topic is called, 'Walk like an Egyptian!' The children are extremely enthusiastic about their new topic and have already thought of so many insightful questions. In addition to this, their new science unit is, 'Living things and their Habitats.' Throughout the lessons so far, they have taken part in a variety of observation activities, sorting, classifying and researching using the chrome books. They have thoroughly enjoyed this unit so far.

In English, the children have been focusing on the story book, 'Egyptian Cinderella.' They have loved acting out this story, planning their own version of this story and rewriting it.

In maths, the children have been learning all about decimals. Even though this is a challenging topic, every single pupil in Year 4 has been so resilient. We are incredibly proud of them for their continuous hard work.



Year 5

It has been an exciting month in Year 5, as we started our summer term and kicked off our new topic, Jungle Fever.

We started our topic by exploring South America and using our geography knowledge to locate rainforests around the world. This led to using atlases to help build on our existing map knowledge. We also looked into how climates differ throughout the world, including which animals can be found in certain climates.

In maths, we have been looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, which has required great place value knowledge. We have also looked at ordering and comparing decimals.

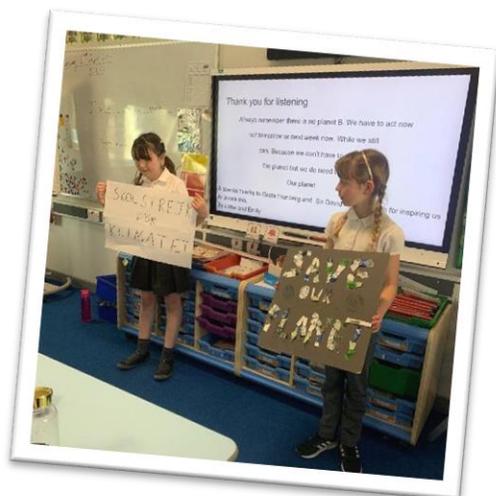
In English this month, we have been looking at poetry. We studied 'Walking with My Iguana' by Brian Moses and constructed our own versions based on our chosen rainforest animal. We identified structure and rhyme schemes and used these when creating our own poems.

We have also begun Live Lessons with Pie Corbett, where we will develop our creative writing and use digital resources such as Padlet and Jotcast.

We began Unit 5 of Global Scholars this month. Our focus is on a 'Community Action Project' in which we try to take action to resolve a problem in the local area. After reflecting on the things we have so far learned in the program, we started to generate ideas for our action projects.

In P.E, we began our new focus of cricket. We also began our dance unit, which is taking place alongside cricket.

We had a special presentation from members of 5W highlighting the importance of saving the planet.



Communication

We know different families have been through a range of difficult circumstances over the past few weeks. We are always here to help, so please do contact us if there is anything we can do to support you. safeguarding@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk

Website

Our website is regularly updated and we have recently added more content to our 'Remote Learning & Useful Links' section on the Parent Information tab.

Twitter

As always, you can follow us on Twitter! @ChipsteadPri

We also have a new account for our Connecting Classrooms project with Nepal: @WasteUnited

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 18th May	Class Photos	
Wednesday 19th May	Class Photos	
HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 31st MAY – 4th JUNE		
Monday 7 th June	INSET – Staff Training	No children in school
Tuesday 8 th June	Return to School	All children back to school
Tuesday 15 th June (reserve day 16 th June)	Nursery & Reception Sports Day	More information to follow
Tuesday 22 nd June (reserve day 23 rd June)	KS1 Sports Day	More information to follow
Monday 28 th June	Nursery Intake September 2021 New Parent's Evening	Information to follow
Tuesday 29 th June (reserve day 30 th June)	KS2 Sports Day	More information to follow

Mrs Rackham's Book Quote of the month:

"Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog."

Roald Dahl - Matilda

