

CVPS NEWS

March 2021



Red Nose Day



Thank you so much for all of your donations on our Red Nose mufti day! Between us we raised £410! Thank you for all your support – the money has now been sent to the charity!

I cannot believe we are already saying farewell to the spring term and moving into summer. It has been wonderful welcoming all the children back to school, hearing the sounds of laughter, watching fun at playtimes and seeing a full timetable of curriculum learning. The school feels as though it has come back to life! The children have spent a considerable amount of time outside over the past few weeks, focusing on our core curriculum thread of outdoor learning across a wide range of subjects. Time has been spent allowing the children to talk and collaborate, as well as reminding us all of our Chipstead Valley Values, through our daily learning. Resilience has been key this term and the children have shown this in every respect, settling back into their routines and learning and making us all very proud.

I hope with things starting to ease slightly, you all enjoy a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Clare Rackham

Spring Term Award Winners

Reception:

Overall Effort: Katherine

Friendship: Poppy

Manners: Jayden

Reading: Precious

Writing: Poppy-Mae

Maths: Nicholas

Treehouse:

Overall Effort:

Writing:

Year 1:

Overall Effort: Amelia

Friendship: James

Manners: Ava

Reading: Annabelle

Writing: Hope

Maths: Sebastian

Year 2:

Overall Effort: Amelia

Friendship: Charlotte

Manners: Demitri

Reading: Mariam

Writing: Ilakkiyan

Maths: Beau



Year 6:

Charlotte Wicker Award: Nela

Charlotte Wicker runner up: Joshua Y

Charlotte Wicker runner up: Grace

Writing: Maya

Mathematics: Billy

Sport: Sophie

Science: Elliot

Reading: Cameron

Friendship Award: Gabriel

Computing: Daniel

Art: Ryan

B Badge Awards

Class	15.3		22.3		29.3	
Rabbits	Mollie	Iza	Mollie T	Finley A	Sienna S	Asher-River
Hedgehogs	Eli	Blake	Keira L	Poppy S	Dominic C	Zoha Y
Squirrels	Ellis	Aoife	Alex	Archie	Florence	Katherine
Treehouse	Myles H		Samuel		Wilberaslán C	
1D	Anirudh	Edward	Ariana	Kiyan	Noah	Arehan
1H	Annabelle	Toby	Rose	Talia	Benjamin	Henry
1S	Max	Charlie	Kayen	Poppy	Ariyan	Seanna
2F	Tegan	Masood	Sophie	Hariam	Fahad	Harley
2K	Florence	Francesca	Arthur	Amnan	Harry	Owen
2R	Callum	Truly	Ollie	Caitlyn	Freddie	Jasmine
3B	Zahara	Zohra	Anastasia	Freddie	Eliza	Jack
3C	Isaac	Emily	Harry	Hayley	Caitlyn	Felix
3G	Sofia	Daniel	George	Tommy	Oliver	Xaive
4W	Eshan	James	Eva	Jaiden	Sienna-Rose	Mehdi
4H	Alexis	Ava	Matthew	Layla	Ruby	Mabel
4S	Milo	Tillie	Harrison	Olivia	Brody	Chloe
5P	Kaitlyn	Jessica	Harley	Niamh	Summer	Hannah
5W	Nefer	William	Eloise	Amelia	Szofia	Blessing
5S	Leah	Aaron	Henry	Holly	Sonny	Amelia
6J	Ryan	Jack	Ben	Sophie	Celine	Millie
6S	Aaliyah	Ella	Sophie	Samuel	Nate	Annam
6M	Evie	Charlotte	Erin	Josh	Liv	Seb

Kindness Award

Well done to Adam in 3G, who won the kindness award for his encouragement and support towards his partner throughout their learning. This is highly considerate and shows true collaboration and support. In addition, well done to Henry in 5S for achieving the kindness award for continuously showing kindness to all of his peers. He has shown a true maturity in his consideration of others feelings and needs and putting these before his own. This has been noticed by many members of staff in Year 5. You should both be very proud of yourselves!



EYFS Update

Nursery

It has been wonderful having all of the children return to Nursery, we have enjoyed getting back to a level of normality.

March has been focused on the season of 'Spring' and we have looked at the topics of On the Farm, Growing, and Easter. For the first topic, we looked at animals and the children demonstrated excellent listening by identifying the farm animal sounds, well done. We were inspired by the farm themed story 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' to make our own scarecrows to protect our new growing bed in the Nursery garden.

For our Artist of the month, we have looked at the work of the famous impressionist Claude Monet and his paintings of flowers and nature. The children made some wonderful observations on his famous paintings, carefully looking at his use of pastel colours and shade in his distinctive style.

We observed seasonal changes on our wellbeing walk and on our regular pond visits to check on the progress of the frogspawn. We read the traditional tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and the children were keen to plant their own magic beans to see what would happen.





In 'Growing' we also looked at how babies grow and develop and how we should take care of them. We role played our own experiences with the dolls in our doctor's surgery. This led to exciting maths investigations of weighing and measuring our babies and writing these down using good pencil control.

We have finished off the half term by looking at the seasonal faith festivals of Easter, Holi and Passover. To celebrate, the children made colourful hats of their own design, in preparation for the Easter parade on the last day of term.



Reception

This term we have been finding out all about the Christian celebration of Easter. We have been looking at the Easter Story including the important events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. As part of our studies the children have made paper palm leaves, decorative crosses and Easter Cornflake Cakes! The children have worked hard on this topic reflecting upon Easter traditions such as hot cross buns and even taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt!



We have continued to focus on Wellbeing in EYFS and have worked hard thinking about the themes of Gratitude and Hope. The children made a mixed media collage of a Rainbow as a symbol of hope as well as a beautiful gratitude tree in an impressionist style.



Last week we even got a chance to visit the pond. The children took time to observe and draw pictures of all the pond life that they could see! We got to see lots of Frogspawn and even some frogs!! The children enjoyed this challenge and their enthusiasm was evident for all to see.



All of the Reception team would like to thank our families and children for all of their hard work over the past few months. It has been so lovely to have all of our children back in their classes and we hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter break.



Treehouse

Spring and a bit of growing!

We have had a very busy half term! The children settled back into the classroom routines exceptionally well – it has been so lovely to have them back!

This term we have been learning all about Spring. We have been on lots of nature walks and have been exploring the different changes that we can see. The children have made cotton wool lambs and Easter eggs and chicks.



We visited the pond and became scientists! The children spent a lovely afternoon examining the frogspawn and found out that the frogspawn will soon become tadpoles and then frogs!

We also grew cress seeds and have watched them grow tall and very green. We enjoyed sprinkling the seeds into the pots and watering them well.

Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

We have loved having all of the children in Year 1 back in class! We spent the first week doing lots of wellbeing tasks alongside social games to help the children readjust to being back in school and amongst their friends. The children were very mature in the way they approached this and they also produced some lovely artwork about emotions.



We continued our 'Out of This World' topic when we visited the digiverse and went on an interactive trip around the solar system and to the surface of Mars!

The children also did some amazing work around Comic Relief and produced some amazing 'crazy hair' designs. We were so impressed with how many children made the effort with their own hair on the day and there were some incredible hairstyles!



Well done to all of the children for a successful return to school!

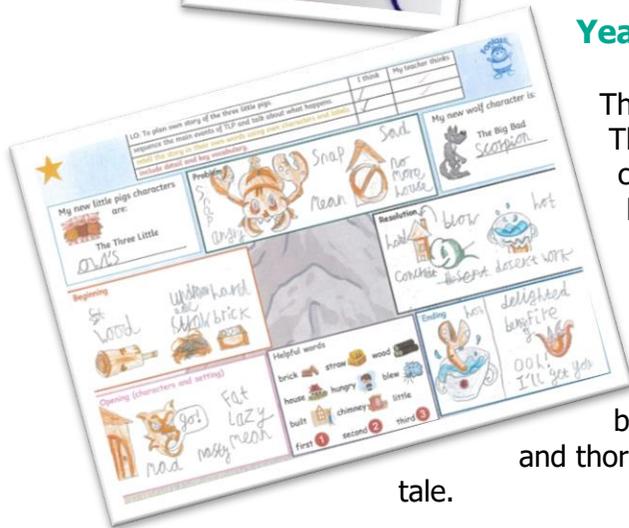


Year 2

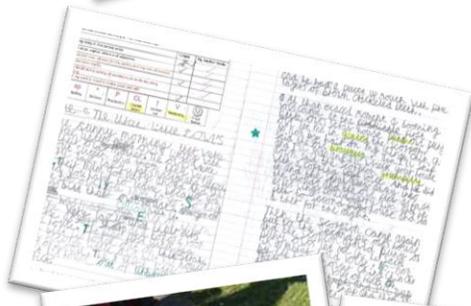
The children have been working hard exploring the story of the Three Little Pigs. We have enjoyed sequencing the story in chronological order drawing our own pictures; thinking about how the characters are feeling using exclamation marks; describing the setting and then creating our own characters instead of the pigs and the wolf using expanded noun phrases.

We then wrote our own imaginative stories using the Three Little Pigs as a stimulus using our own characters. We have been so impressed with the creativity the children have shown and thoroughly enjoyed reading their new versions of the traditional

tale.



This half term we have been looking at fractions, specifically halves, quarters and thirds. We have been doing this practically and in written form, by going outside using counters, cubes and chalk, to explore what we knew. We matched fractions of two different amounts whilst working in teams. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working together exploring and developing new concepts.



We have continued our topic of 'Creepy Crawlies' this term. The children learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly and the needs of different minibeasts such as shelter. As part of DT, we research, designed and made our own minibeast homes. The children really enjoyed working together outside in small groups to create minibeast homes using various natural resources. We then discussed what we did well and what we would change next time. In Spanish, we have continued to practice saying and writing minibeasts names and learning various songs linked to our topic.



Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

In Year 3 the children have settled back into the school routine well. They have returned to school with great enthusiasm and loved taking part in several team building activities including our wellbeing trail.

In English, we have been completing tasks in connection with our new book Cinderella of the Nile. The children have written a character description and a diary entry from the main character's point of view. The children also enjoyed taking part in some role play and answering questions whilst in the role of Rhodopis, the main character, during our hot seating activity.

In Maths, we have been focusing on Fractions. Children have enjoyed taking their maths learning outside and playing games to help aid their learning of fractions. They have looked at finding fractions of a whole, sequencing fractions and equivalent fractions.

During this half term, we have been looking at Forces and Magnets. As a year groups we have carried out investigations, in small groups and pairs, looking at how magnets work and what they attract. The children have had the opportunity to go in to the Digiverse to help develop their understanding of the Earth's magnetic force.



The children in Year 3 have continued to enjoy a variety of activities within the wider curriculum. The children have enjoyed their PE lesson, with their class teachers, where they have been working on learning hockey skills as well as taking part in our weekly run and visits to the school pond. They have made fantastic progression in Spanish, learning how to say 'there are', and learning a few new animal names.



Year 4

Throughout the transition back to school, year 4 have taken part in a number of exciting well-being activities. These activities were designed to ensure that the children's well-being, team building skills and social skills were enhanced and developed further. They enjoyed taking part in the 'Spaghetti Challenge,' exploring Mars in the Digiverse, the 'Egg Drop Challenge,' creating worry dolls and taking part in a 'well-being trail.'



In English, the children thoroughly enjoyed reading and writing a letter to people we can't hug at the moment and in maths, the children were recapping on some fluency skills. Throughout our science lessons, the children carried out an exciting experiment based on the states of matter.

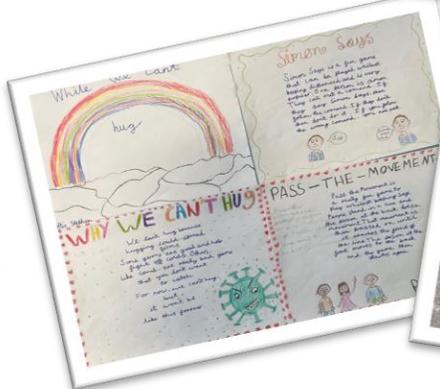


Overall, as a team we are so impressed with the children's attitudes towards their learning. They have settled in nicely and are keen to learn. For this we couldn't be any prouder.



Year 5

It's been an exciting month in Year 5, as we welcomed our pupils back to the classroom. Some of the highlights included visiting Ancient Greece in the Digiverse, teambuilding maths



challenges, science experiments and creating our own books!

This month we have become artists, exploring different emotions and colour theory. We created our own masterpieces, which combined the use of pencil and oil pastels to convey a range of feelings. Can you guess which feelings we are showing in these images?



We've had lots of fun this month with our science topic, separating materials, especially when investigating how to retrieve salt after it has been dissolved in water. We have also worked hard to learn how to write detailed conclusions using the 'peel' method (point, evidence, explain, link)

In P.E. we have improved our skills in hockey, such as dribbling, passing and shooting. Next term, we will be starting a new unit, dance!

In maths, Year 5 have been solving problems and working together and are excited to use the TimesTables Rockstars - don't forget to log in and practise a few times during the Easter holidays!

Year 6

Crossing a Crevasse!

Year 6 have been learning all about Mount Everest. To understand the physical feeling of being off balance and balancing on narrow ledges, the children completed an obstacle course! We even tried on a heavy backpack to see how hard it would be to balance and carry heavy gear. We then had a go at rescuing a teammate from an imaginary crevasse too!

In history and geography, we have looked at the theories that exist surrounding who scaled Everest first. The children have become history detectives; they looked at all of the evidence and clues and have drawn their own conclusions!



In art, we have used oil pastels to blend. First, we created emotions colour portraits and then had a go at drawing Mount Everest. The results are fantastic!

The children have had their first taste of algebra over the last few weeks. We have been looking at function machines and simple expressions and formulae. They have made an excellent start!

This half term we have been learning to play hockey. Our focus has been on passing, intercepting and dribbling. The children have communicated well in their teams and have enjoyed playing!



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
EASTER HOLIDAYS – 1st APRIL – 16th APRIL		
Monday 19 th April	Return to School	All children back to school – children to return to staggered timings and gates, as they were prior to the holidays
Wednesday 28 th April	Superhero Dress Down Day	
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

Breakfast and After School Club DVDs

If anyone has any children's U-rated DVDs they are looking to donate, they would be welcome at breakfast and after school club! If you think you might be able to help and have some your children have grown out of, please do drop them in at the school office. They would be greatly appreciated and well used!

Children's Vision Poster

Year 5 and 6 parents will have seen the announcement of the children's vision poster competition. Don't forget the deadline is Monday 19th April! The winner will have their poster displayed in all classrooms and additional communal areas throughout the school! Good luck!

Competition

Superhero Dress Down Day!

Next month, on Wednesday 28th April it's National Superhero Day!

On this day, CVPS will be joining schools across the UK in a world record attempt for the most number of people to dress up as a superhero at one event, to raise money for 'Hope Health Action'.

Hope Health Action are a non-profit charity in Bromley who are passionate about providing 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 Maision 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.



So, let's grab our capes and join in with the world record attempt! We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 and Scopay will be open to these donations, nearer to the time.