



CVPS NEWS

October 2022

Head's Welcome!

Well, we have reached the end of the half term and as always, it has been filled with busy children and exciting learning. From discos to creating videos for children in other countries, to setting fire to a real life version of Pudding Lane, the children have been engaging with all sorts of activities, to further their knowledge, skills and understanding of the world around them, in creative and inspiring ways.

With things uncertain and difficult in the wider world right now, the safety of school is as important as ever. Yesterday, you will have seen an email from me regarding the wellbeing of our families. This morning, after not even 24hrs of it being out, we were inundated with responses showing just how necessary it was for us to hear from you at this time. In addition to all those who have asked for support, we also had an overwhelming number of families offering to help, truly showing the strength of our school community. The questionnaire will be live until Wednesday 2nd November, so please do respond if you can, so we can decide on some actions moving forward.

Wishing you a wonderful half term with your families and friends!

Attendance

As you know, it is a legal requirement for all children to be in school. This is more important than ever in order to minimise, as far as possible, any longer-term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Please can we take this time to remind all parents to arrange appointments out of school hours and ensure your children are at school on time.

Every week during our celebration assemblies, we share class attendance with the children. Each week, the winners with the highest attendance in KS1 and KS2 are rewarded with extra play. Here is a list of the class attendance winners for this month. We will share the class attendance winners in every monthly newsletter. At the end of the term, the class with the highest attendance receive our impressive attendance trophy!

	3/10 – 7/10/22	10/10 – 14/10/22	17/10– 21/10/22
KS1			
1st	98%	99.1% (1W)	99.2%
2nd	(1C & 2L)	98.3% (1C)	(1S & 2K)
3rd	97.6% (2K)	97% (1S)	98.3% (2L)
KS2			
1st	98.7% (3C)	100% (3C)	100% (3B)
2nd	98.3% (6S)	98.3% (5C)	98.4% (3D)
3rd	97.2% (5C)	98.1% (3D)	98.3% (6H)

Should your child be absent from school, it is important that this is reported to the school office before 9am. If the office staff are unable to receive a response concerning absence this may be referred to our Attendance Officer and Safeguarding Lead.

B Badge Awards in October

Class	07.10.22		14.10.22		21.10.22	
Treehouse	Alexis					
Rabbits	Jacob	Linaya	Kaiyan	Rithwik	Alfie	Evelyn
Hedgehogs	Olivia	Zachariah	Annabelle	Samuel	Sydney	Oliver
Squirrels	Milo	Astrid	Halle	Ruhaan	Oscar	Frankie
1W	Amber	Bobby	Abrish	Nyla	James	Charlotte
1C	Matilda	Scarlett	Sienna	Abigail	Sebastian	Quinn
1S	Mason	Anaya	Thea	Hanna	Brooke	Finn
2F	Arabella	Yasmin	Oliver	Emilio	Sienna	Layla
2K	Aleeza	Jack	Ellis	Katherine	Lily	Sabeeka
2L	Obaid	Skylar-Mae	Dominic	Poppy	Oscar	Zoha
3B	Beth	George	Kenan	Neve	Samantha	Edward
3C	Jemima	Jacob	Kayen	Amelia	James	Lyra
3D	Ted	Seb	Aria	Finley	Oscar	Kian
4G	Freddie	Caitlyn	Theo T	Sophie	Hendrix	Ollie MF
4H	Ilakiyian	Ella	Florence	Jason	Maimie	Brandon
4S	Dessie	Jaya	George	Katherine	Mikey	Aeryn
5C	Dylan	Luke	Sofia	Ava	Freddie	Isla
5J	Alexis	Caleb	Ellie	Hannah	Mary	Anton
5O	Ella	Mollie	Felix	Harvey	Aisha	Hayley
6H	Ruby	Matthew	Max	Neve	Ashley	Tyler
6M	Chloe	Milo	Liam	Harrison	Brody	Millie
6S	Raya	Evie	Yasmin	Alani	Aiden	Solomon

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Last Friday, we hosted a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We received lots of amazing baked donations and are incredibly grateful for your help! With your support, we raised £235.74 for the cause. Thank you to all of those parents and staff who helped to make the event a success!



Harvest Festival

This week, children across the school have been taking part in their annual Harvest festival celebrations. With the help of Mr Vinten, the children have been learning Autumn themed songs, ready to perform as part of the festival. As part of the Harvest theme of giving thanks and helping others, we received many food donations to help our local charity, Purley Food Hub. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who was able to bring something in for this cause and we know the local community who are supported by this amazing charity will be too.



Safeguarding Event

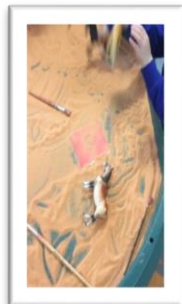
Last week, we hosted two online safety safeguarding parent events to provide practical information about the world online and how to support your children. After half term, we will be providing this as a virtual event as well, which we hope will benefit more parents.

EYFS Update

Nursery

This month Nursery have been exploring our senses we have had a go at making lemonade with citrus fruit and mint using our hands to squeeze and our noses to smell the fragrances.

We have been feeling the different textures of things such as corn flour and listening to the sound of different musical instruments. We have been busy making marks with paintbrushes in the sand and using our fine motor skills to thread beads onto string.



We harvested our very own crop of carrots that were planted in the spring with the help of Miss Payne, the children have taken this learning into their own play by experimenting with the crops and soil by creating carrot cakes and soups in the mud kitchen.



We then made a variety of shape creations using different craft and construction materials, we explored shapes in the sand and water trays, discussing their properties counting corners and sides.

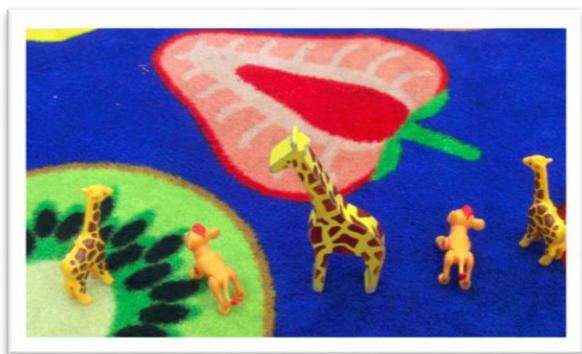


Reception

This month Reception have had their first disco where they enjoyed dancing with their friends and enjoyed making new friends as well.

The children have now learnt an amazing 20 sounds in phonics, all the children have been trying really hard with this learning with many completing the sheets that we have been sending home. They have been reading the story Owl Babies and thinking about our families and who is in them. The children have drawn their own families and even labelled them. In our special assembly each week we have been practising saying please and thank you and even practising using the correct Makaton sign. In maths we have been doing repeating patterns and some children have been very creative with this!

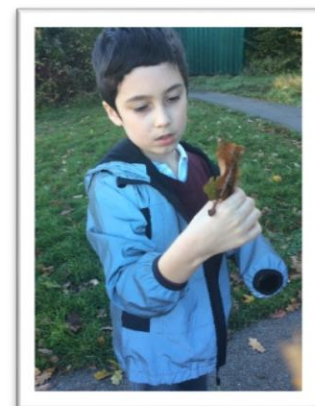
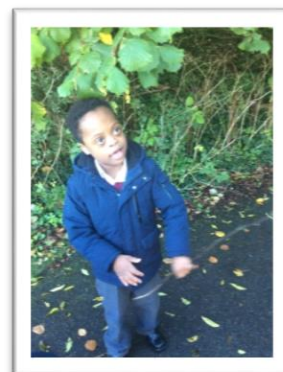
This week we have learned about Diwali, in PE we did a special firework dance before coming back to the classroom to learn more about this special festival. We thought the food looked very yummy.



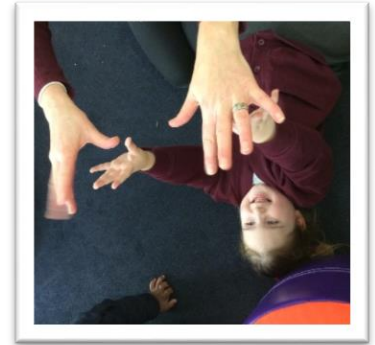
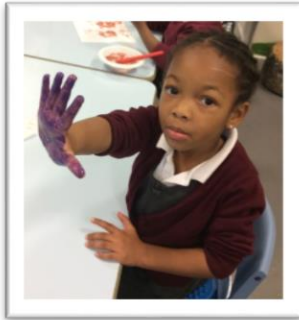
Treehouse

The children in Treehouse class have been very busy exploring this half term! Our theme has been All About Me and we have been reading lots of books with different families and homes. The children really enjoyed the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and have been busy engaging in lots of café role play as well as enjoying some small world play with tigers, houses, people. The children have worked hard to retell the story using some drama as well as lots of writing and mark making about the characters (mainly the Tiger!) in the story. As well as this key text the children have read the story 'So Much'. This story, about a family party, was absolutely adored by the children and they were even able to look at themselves as babies and think about how they have grown into children now.

The children have been engaging in lots of construction over the past few weeks with large and small arrangements of different shapes using many different materials. Some children have been looking at famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and trying to represent these using wooden blocks, Duplo and Magformer tiles. This is wonderful for their fine motor skills, maths development and their Design and Technology skills progression as well. They were then able to draw pictures of their models, and many engaged in further play using the models and small world people, cars and creatures. Super learning!



In our outside area we have been focusing on climbing up and over small obstacles. The large crates and balancing equipment have been a favourite and it has been brilliant to see the children praising their peers for effort or persevering themselves. The children have enjoyed our daily walks around the outside school grounds and this has been part of our Geography topic – exploring and naming things in our immediate environment.



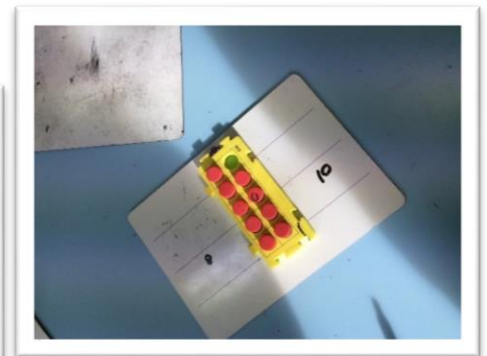
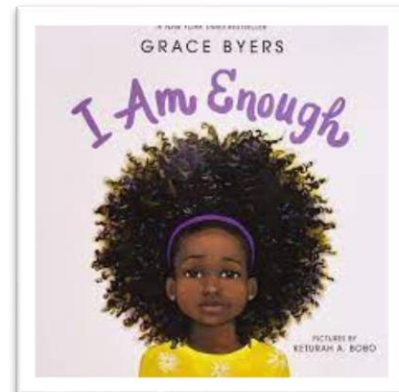
Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

This week, the children have enjoyed their 'Dome Experience'. They loved the hands-on introduction to bones and teeth, healthy eating and digestion. Find out what we eat, where it goes and what happens to it all inside your stomach!

In English we have been looking at the book 'I Am Enough' by Grace Byers. We used this book as inspiration and used adjectives to describe ourselves.

In Maths, we have been doing lots of outdoor learning by drawing number tracks and finding one more and one less than a number.



Year 2

During October, Year 2 have really enjoyed celebrating Black History Month. In English, the children have been creating their own non-chronological report about Mae Jemison. We started off by researching facts about her using the chrome books and learnt how to take accurate notes. We also blasted off into space in the Digiverse to discover more about her life! The children created some fantastic non-chronological reports and we have been so proud of how much they could remember. We also started to look at instruction writing which we will be continuing after half term.

In Math's, the children have been working really hard on counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s where they used lots of different resources to help them. They have all done fantastically well with this and especially enjoyed the outdoor activities they completed. We then moved on to look at estimating numbers on a number line and writing numbers as words.

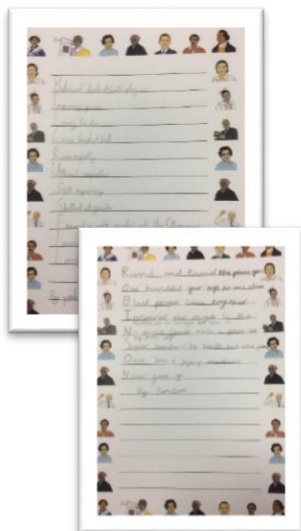
As part of our History topic 'Fighting the Flames,' we built Tudor houses using a range of different flammable materials. We then created our own miniature London and watched what must have happened in 1666! The children also thoroughly enjoyed their workshop where they pretended they were part of the fire and completed a carousel of activities such as bookmark, medicine and candle making. We were so proud of all of their efforts and involvement during the day! In Art, we created space pictures using chalk, liked to Mae Jemison's time in space.

The children have all worked so hard during their first half term in Year 2 and we look forward to seeing them back in November!

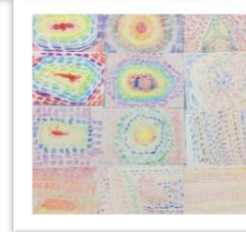


Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3



In October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. Year 3 have been reading the 'Little Leaders' books by Vashti Harrison. The children were inspired by some of these incredible black men and women and have written some fantastic acrostic poems to celebrate their amazing lives. We wrote poems about Bill Russell (a famous NBA basketball coach), John Robinson (an extremely talented pilot) and the phenomenal musician Louis Armstrong. As you may have heard at home, the children have enjoyed singing 'What a wonderful' and listening to jazz music whilst doing our learning. It has been very relaxing!



In addition to this, we explored some artwork by Alma Thomas, who was famous for her use of bold colours and acrylic paint to create thick stroke marks. The children chose their favourite piece to re-create, imitating it using an autumnal colour palette and pastels instead of paint.

Year 4

Throughout October, we have carried out a variety of 'Black History Month' inspired activities. In English, the children have focused on the narrative, 'Ghanaian Goldilocks'. They wrote a character description for Kofi, which they used to create wonderful portraits of him. They look amazing in and around our classrooms! We are now exploring John Blanke, who was a black Trumpeter that performed for King Henry VIII during the Tudor period.

In Maths, the children have continued to show great resilience whilst continuing our topic of place value. They thoroughly enjoyed completing a journaling session on negative numbers and have been working hard to show their understanding of number using different visual representations.

Within our science lessons, the children have been working as scientists and have completed an investigation related to our topic of sound. They had to find an effective material to soundproof Mr Vinten's music room. Mr Vinten was very impressed with our suggestions!

As part of our work on 'Terrifying Tudors', we have created a fact file on King Henry VIII, explored and designed Tudor houses and drawn a portrait of either King Henry VIII or Catherine of Aragon.

Keep up the hard work Year 4 and we look forward to seeing more of your discovery homework soon!



Year 5

Throughout October, Year 5 have been working incredibly hard across a range of subjects.

This month, we have focused our learning on "Black History Month." Year 5 were looking specifically at Nelson Mandela. We were able to learn lots about him through reading comprehensions and in Art we practiced sketching by drawing a realistic portrait of him.

Within English, Year 5 have focused their learning on Greek mythical creatures. The children have written some superb explanation texts explaining how to care for their very own mythical creature. Within this piece of writing the children were able to use a wide range of grammar concepts such as relative clauses, modal verbs and causal conjunctions.

The children in Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in Wellbeing sessions where we have thought about "What makes a good friend?" As part of this, we discussed how we can be a good friend to others and what we already do that makes us a good friend. The children then created their own friendship potions for our Wellbeing Class Journal.

In Maths, Year 5 have been working on using their knowledge of place value to mentally add and subtract numbers as well as rounding. The children have loved using their number knowledge to complete trickier worded problems as well.

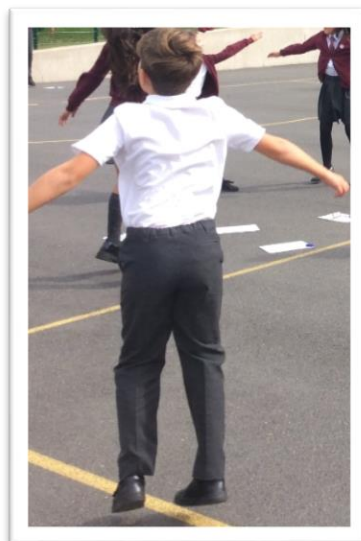
Well done Year 5 for all your hard work this month!

Year 6

This month, the children have celebrated Black History month by looking at and enjoying the history of black music with musicians such as Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Sam Cooke and many more! With this information, we have created timelines of the evolution of musicians and a biography of Aretha Franklin.

In art, we have looked at Jean-Michael Basquiat and have created expressive self-portraits in his artistic style which incorporates cartoons and graffiti and the sense of identity.

As part of our science topic, we have continued to look at the heart and have experimented with exercises to discover which cause our heart to beat fastest. We have also studied the components of blood and even created some of our own using food dye, water and a few household foods.



Communication

Alongside Scopay emails, text messaging, class emails and our monthly newsletter, we also have a school website and Twitter account:

Website

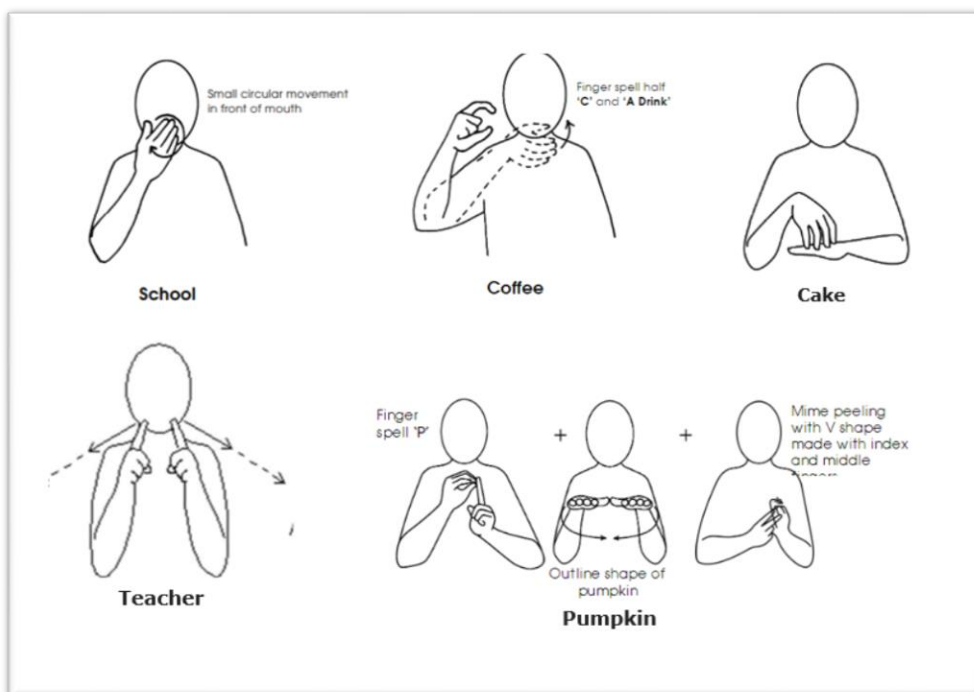
Our website www.chipsteadvalley.com is regularly updated. You can view past newsletters and keep up to date with clubs etc. by visiting the 'Parent Information' section.

Facebook

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we have a facebook group. Take a look and follow us on our [CVPS Reduce, Recycle and Reuse - facebook page](#).

Makaton Signs

This October we have been learning to use some Makaton. Can you practice using these at home?



We know different families have been through a range of difficult circumstances. We are always here to help, so please do contact us if there is anything we can do to support you.

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Twitter

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

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

Padlet

Our United Against Waste project with schools in Nepal is recorded on Padlet. [Click here to visit our pages.](#)

