



CVPS NEWS

Spring 2 2023

Head's Welcome!

The days are getting longer, daffodils are appearing and spring is definitely upon us. With this comes the opportunity for reflection as we celebrate life, new beginnings and look ahead to the summer term. In the last few weeks our year 6s have spent a week away showing determination and resilience, developing essential skills for their upcoming transition to secondary school. Many of them overcame fears, bravely tackling heights and working together to encourage each other to be the best they can be. A key focus this half term has been on keeping safe, both online and in person, with discussions, lessons and visits from members of our community such as the police, helping children to grow in terms of knowledge, skills and independence in these all-important key areas. Planning of exciting events for the summer term such as productions, sports days and art workshops are in full swing and we are looking forward to sharing so many of these events with you next term.

I wish you all a wonderful break with friends and family.

Music

What an exciting term this has been for music! Thirty-five members of our choir travelled to, rehearsed and performed at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon on 9th March. It was a wonderful evening of music and we are very proud of all our children who took part in the event.



We have a very busy summer term ahead of us with another performance from our choir, this time with other schools in our cluster on 27th June at Oasis. Our own Piano Concert will be on 15th June and our annual Summer Concert will take place on 21st June. As we lead up to the end of term Year 6 will be working hard towards their final performance at Chipstead.

This is an ideal time to sign up your child to learning a new instrument next term. Croydon Music and Arts deal with all music lessons (there are some subsidies available).

Please contact them here <https://www.croydonmusicandarts.co.uk/music-lessons>



World Book Day

On 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day in style, with children and staff attending school dressed as their favourite book characters or PJ's, ready to snuggle up with a story. The day was filled with book-related activities such as shared reading, book reviews, artwork and drama. Year 6 even went in to the Digiverse to experience performing the opening scene from Macbeth in Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

Throughout the day, children gathered on the playground for parades and we finished with special B Badge assemblies to announce the winners of our WBD competition. This year, children were asked to decorate a wooden spoon or rock to look like a character from a book and we were blown away with the variety and creativity in entries! Our school council were given the incredibly difficult task of choosing their top 25 from over 200 entries, but they managed to select some superb creations from Nursery through to Year 6. Thank you to all those who entered the competition and congratulations to the 5 children who received £5 book tokens for their winning designs. Our library is now awash with spoons and rocks and looks even more splendid!



Book Fair

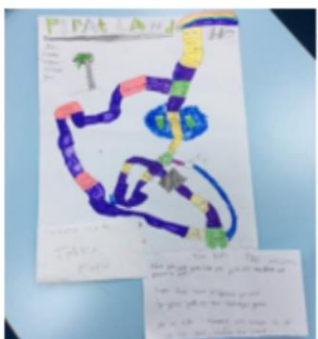
We held our annual book fair this month, which has been our biggest success to date. We took over £2,800 in sales, with a commission of over £1,200! The commission vouchers we receive from Scholastic will be used to buy much-needed dictionaries, thesauruses and book band books. We also have vouchers to stock the library with additional copies of popular children's books. Each class has chosen a few texts they have been enjoying in Guided Reading sessions, which will soon be stocked in the library and available to borrow after Easter.

Books

Each year, we lose a large number of books which belong to the school. Please be reminded that library books (these have a barcode inside the first page) and stage books (these have a colour sticker on the front) should be returned to the school as soon as possible please!

Feel Good February

Back in December The School Council team came up with an idea to help make the start of the year a little bit more exciting during the cold winter months. They decided to call it 'Feel Good February'. Every child across the school was then able to have their say and vote for the activities that would be carried out each day. Feel Good February was all about boosting the children's happiness and wellbeing. Tuesday kick started with a games afternoon, this included classes carrying out PE games, board games, quiz style games, anything they wanted! Wednesday involved a teacher/pupil swap afternoon, this allowed children to teach the rest of the class about something they felt passionately about, they loved using the whiteboards and interactive screens! Thursday afternoon was 'no pencil or pens' which meant the children were taking part in as much hands on, practical learning as possible. The week ended with far the most popular activity, Pyjama day with an afternoon movie!



Holi Festival

This term we were lucky enough to have a visitor from London Institute of Vedic Education to talk to the children about the Hindu festival Holi which is known as the festival of spring, colour and love. It is traditional to throw powdered paint which the children very much enjoyed experiencing.



Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports

At Chipstead Valley school, we recently held a PE event for our Cluster schools. Some of you will remember these events from the past and we are pleased to say they are returning. We chose 6 children from Year 1 & 2 to represent our school. During this time, we had an obstacle race, we had target throwing, basketball and mini games as well as the highlight, a tug of war competition.

The children were very well behaved and showed great sportsmanship throughout and enjoyed meeting children from different schools. We hope to make this a regular event and offer more children an opportunity to take part.



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!

*Should your child be absent from school, it is important that this is reported to the school office **before 9am** (absence line opens at 8am). If the office staff are unable to receive a response concerning absence this may be referred to our Attendance Officer and Safeguarding Lead.*

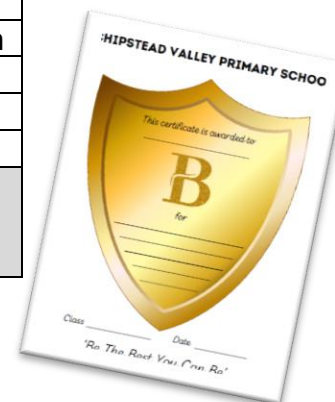
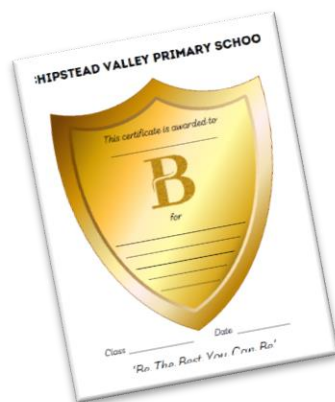
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KS1						
1st	99% (1S)	98.3% (3C)	99.7% (3C)	95.5% (2K)	100% (1C)	80% (1S)
2nd	98.7% (3D)	97.2% (2K)	96.8% (3D)	95.4% (RAB)	98.3% (3B)	79% (1C)
3rd	97.3% (RAB & 3B)	96.8% (3D)	95.7% (3B)	95.2% (1W)	98% (1S)	77% (2F)
KS2						
1st	100% (6S)	96.7% (6S)	99.3% (4H)	96.7% (6S)	100% (6S & 6M)	79.3% (5O)
2nd	98% (5C)	95% (6H)	96.6% (6M)	95.2% (4H)	99.3% (6H)	77.9% (4H)
3rd	97.6% (5J)	94.8% (6M)	95.2% (5O)	94% (6M)	97.6% (4S)	76.2% (5J)



Badge Awards in Spring 2

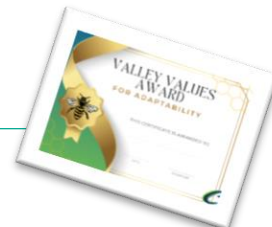
Class	24.02.2023		03.03.2023		10.03.2023	
Treehouse						
Rabbits	Joshua	Evelyn	Destiny Rose	Summer	Araia	Antes
Hedgehogs	Shivaansh	Sophie	Henrik	Rebecca	Ciaran	Harlow
Squirrels	Frankie	Nova	Willow	Jesse	Grace	Joshua
1W	Chester	Xueping	Alyssa	Ava	Marc	Ellia
1C	Anaysh	Isabella	Christos	Eila	Henry	Layla
1S	Teddy	Brooke	Rian	Skylar	Nathan	Vivienne
2F	Noah A	Arabella	Myles	Scarlett	Layla	Rosie
2K	Aleeza	George	Heidi	Luke	Arthur	Archie
2L	Honey	Oscar	Mariam	Daniel	Chloe	Blake
3B	Avianna	Edward	Noah	Annabel	Ashar	Joshua
3C	Ariyan	Charlie	Oliver	Arianna	Hela	Elliot
3D	Quincey	Isabella	Ted	Isabella	Frankie	Tanvi
4G	Julia	Theo T	Josh	Max	Callum W	Theo T
4H	Elsie	Ella	Niall	Kaleb	Niall	Kaleb
4S	George	Harley	Lauren	Kaeden	Lauren	Aeryn
5C	Eleanor	Sofia	Amaya	Luke	Freddie	Zohra
5J	Florence	Caleb	Ellie	Mary	Finley	Aleksander
5O	Delila	Ophra	Shivani	Harrison	Tyler	Summer
6H	Eliza	Tyrone	Max	Dharmik	Ethan	Clara
6M	Harry	Iris	Cam'ron	Lola	Liam	Ella
6S	Solly	Macie			Yuvi	Bobby

Class	17.03.2023		24.03.2023		
Treehouse					
Rabbits	Iliya	Sophie	Jacob	Linaya	
Hedgehogs	Archie	Sylvie	Yuri	Annabelle	
Squirrels	Aria	Finlay	Yukthi	Oscar	
1W	Charlotte	Izzy	Jack	Asmara	
1C	Florence	Arman	Daria	Florence	
1S	Oscar	Hendrix	Yasmin	Ronak	
2F	Jessica	Noah T	Whole Class		
2K	Lily	Florence	Whole Class		
2L	Knox	Ruby	Whole Class		
3B	Cora	Neve	George	Amber	
3C	Amelia	Jenson	Sean	Holly	
3D	George	Jamil	Talia	Henry	
4G	Zion	Hendrix	Arianna	Caitlyn	
4H	Alice	Jude	Eleanor	Zaviyar	
4S	Lottie	Zoe	Masood	Mikey	Mariam
5C	Ava	Dylan	Isabella	Isla	
5J	Sofia	Olivia	Sanaa	Tommy	
5O	Henry	Hayley	Caitlin	Shaye	
6H	Oviya	Reuben	PGL		
6M					
6S					





End of Term Awards Spring 2023



Award	Name	Class	Award	Name	Class
Morality	Sophia	Nursery	Enquiry	Alfred	Nursery
	Connie	Hedgehogs		Alfred	Rabbits
	Layla	1C		Henry	1W
	Daniel	2L		Michael	2K
	Beth	3B		Jenson	3D
	Kaleb	4H		George	4S
	Aleksander	5J		Dylan	5C
Respect	Luca	Nursery	Resilience	Jacob	Nursery
	Lyla	Squirrels		Shivaansh	Hedgehogs
	Abigail	1C		Hanna	1S
	Scarlett	2F		Chloe	2K
	Cora	3B		Charlie	3C
	Archie	4G		Lauren	4S
	Stanley	5C		Caitlin	5O
Communication	Everlyn	Nursery	Thoughtfulness	Reggie	Nursery
	Isabella	Rabbits		Frankie	Squirrels
	Yasmin	1S		Vivienne	1S
	Oscar	2F		George	2K
	Elsie	3D		Amelia	3C
	Sophie	4G		Katie	4H
	Arjan	5J		Emily	5O
Cooperation	Faith	Nursery	Adaptability	Chloe	Nursery
	Darcie	Rabbits		Joshua	Squirrels
	Alyssa	1W		Abrish	1W
	Sofia	2L		Noah	2L
	Isabella	3D		Anson	3C
	Toby	4G		Oscar	4S
	Maria	5J		Kaeleb	5O

Year 6 Awards

Award	Name	Class
Charlotte Wicker Award	Oviya	6H
Charlotte Wicker Award Runner Up	Noah	6S
Charlotte Wicker Award Runner Up	Lola	6M
Writing	Rosie-Mae	6M
Mathematics	Alani	6S
Science	Kian	6H
Music	Logan	6M
Sport	Flora	6M
Reading	Aiden	6S
Friendship	Macie	6S
Art	Zara	6H



EYFS Update

Nursery

We started the second half of the term by looking at a variety of 'Fairy Tale' stories. We discussed the different characters and the structure of well-loved classics and had a go at making up our own versions and acting these out.

We investigated a Goldilocks crime scene; made giant beanstalks with cubes; built houses from bricks, sticks and straw; collaged gingerbread houses and also designed our own magic mirrors to engage us in the topic.



We enjoyed visiting the ducking eggs in the incubator, watching them slowly crack and then visiting the ducklings once they hatched. We loved watching them waddle around the hall and some of us even got to stroke their fluffy feathers.

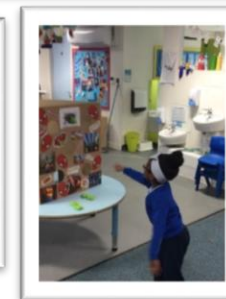
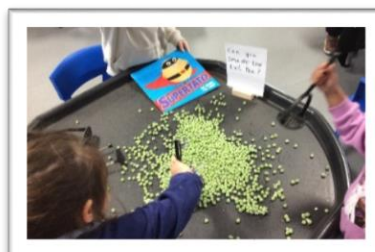


We marked Shrove Tuesday by experiencing a sensory tray with lemons, flour and water. We used our hands to mix and squeeze to make our own special pancakes.

Next, we looked at 'Superheroes' and enjoyed a range of activities related to 'Supertato' stories such as smashing the evil peas and creating our own Superhero veggies, which was great fun. We also displayed our superhero powers for a beanbag throwing activity. We learnt about onomatopoeia words and while we threw the beanbags, said words such as 'pow' 'whizz' 'crash' to reinforce our learning.



We made Mother's Day cards for our Mums and talked about why they were so special to us.



Reception

This half term has been an exciting term for Reception. Our topic began as Transport. Within our learning journey, we read the story 'The Naughty Bus' where we made our own stories about where the naughty bus went and painted our own road signs and number plates. After we explored a range of transport and enjoyed describing their features. We also compared old and new transport and discussed how they have developed. We concluded Transport by reading the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' where the children got to design their own bike and add additional features to make their bike unique.

A while after, we blasted off to Space! The children loved going to the Digiverse to watch a rocket launch into space and explore the moon. We read a range of books within our Space topic, such as, 'On the Moon', 'How to Catch a Star' and 'Whatever Next'. They have all learnt so many facts about the different planets and have enjoyed using different materials and resources to create the different planets. We also learnt about famous astronauts, for example, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison, and wrote fact files on them.

In Maths this half term, we began by consolidating number bonds to 10. The children began by using Numicon and tens frames to represent these number bonds. It is amazing how many they can recall now! We then thought about our routines at school and home and put these events in order. We have also been learning about repeating patterns and how they can be created with objects, pictures, numbers, colours and many other items! The children have been consolidating one more and one less of a number too. We really are becoming confident with our mathematics skills.

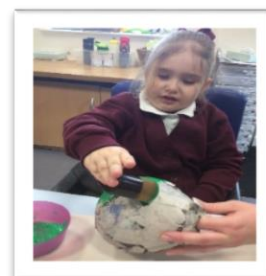
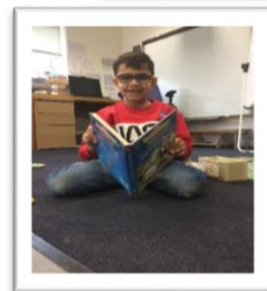
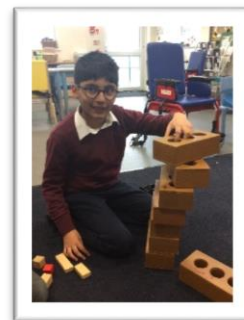
The children have worked so hard and we are all ever so proud of their progress in all areas. We have loved going outdoors to do 'Fresh Air Friday' and have earned our Bronze award already! We look forward to Summer term and all the fun learning we have ahead. Keep working hard Reception!

Treehouse

Treehouse have really enjoyed their 'structures' topic this half term. They have been learning to build different structures including landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and also different bridges. The children have been learning to make wider and taller arrangements, as well as creating different shapes to support their small world play. Some of the children have also been drawing and labelling their models too.

This term the children have really enjoyed the book 'The Smartest Giant in Town' which includes a variety of different buildings as well as lots of animals for us to learn about. The children have been drawing and writing about the different characters and some children have begun to describe the main character. Treehouse also very much enjoyed reading 'The Three Little Pigs' and considering which house structures would be better for living in and why. The children all learnt many Makaton signs to support their descriptions and we enjoyed lots of role play with children taking it in turns to be the wolf or the pigs! Lastly, the class explored many non-fiction books about building and building materials. They enjoyed learning the names of different construction vehicles including cement trucks, diggers and fork lift trucks.

In Science this half term we have been learning about different animals and in particular their habitats. We wonder if the children can tell you what a habitat is when you are at home? The children enjoyed making coral reefs, nests and an ocean. They have also been exploring the outdoor grounds within our school and looking for the animal habitats around us. This included the chicken coop, ducklings, bird nests and we were even treated to seeing two deer!



Key Stage 1 Update

Year 1

It's been another busy half term in year 1. The children have learnt so much and are continuing to blow us away! We have loved our new topic 'Seeds, Soil and Sunshine' which has involved learning about plants and how they grow. We are currently investigating which conditions are best for a seed to grow with the help of Sam. Additionally, we had a fantastic trip to Banstead Woods to discover all of the plants and flowers in our local area.

Linking to English, we have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk as a class. We made a story map and some actions to help us remember. We even changed the main character to ourselves! There were some incredible pieces of writing!

In maths, we have been learning about length and height. We used cubes, and eventually rulers to measure things around the classroom using centimetres as a unit of measurement. We even completed some addition and subtraction word problems using our previous knowledge. Now we are comparing mass and using weighing scales to compare different items. The children have loved it!

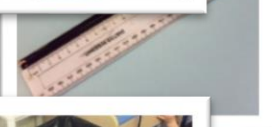
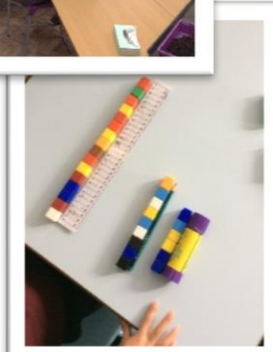
The children loved World Book Day and even had the opportunity to read with the Year 5 children. We are so proud of how far the children have come and we look forward to the final term!

Year 2

This half term, we have been enjoying our new topic 'Marvellous Mammals' where we have had a science focus on different animals and their habitats. We researched different animals and worked collectively to sort them into various groups! We have learnt about animal's offspring, and decided whether animals looked like their adults or not. We have also been enjoying our computing lessons, learning what Information Technology is and where we can find examples around the school. Children liked exploring the school grounds to find and record different IT and how it is used at Chipstead Valley!

In English, we started the half term by reading the story 'The Bear and the Piano'. We learnt all about newspapers and became journalists ourselves! We had to write our own newspaper reports about the bear's wonderful, musical performance, remembering to include lots of journalistic writing features! In recent weeks, we have been writing our own fantasy stories, based on the book, 'Lost and Found'. The children have really enjoyed acting out the main parts of the story as well as making up their own characters, transportation and problems!

We have continued to do lots of wonderful reading in Year 2 and we loved all of our World Book Day celebrations! The children particularly enjoyed going on a 'book hunt' and describing their favourite book characters.



Some animals, such as most amphibians, look completely different to their adult when they are born and go through a big change to become an adult, called **metamorphosis**.



In maths lessons, we continued our division learning before moving on to fractions! The children have learnt how to find a half, a quarter, a third and three quarters of both objects and numbers. We have been carrying out lots of practical lessons to support our understanding of fractions. In recent lessons, we have moved on to money; children have been recognising coins and adding up different amounts.



Well done Year 2 – what an excellent few weeks!

Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

What a busy term we have had in Year 3! From Stones and Bones to life in Pompeii, everyday has been jam-packed with fun and learning!

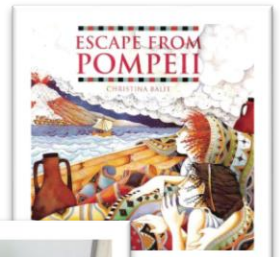
The children have recently carried out a soil investigation, where the children were testing the permeability of different types of soil. We were so impressed with the accurate results of the experiment and close observations the children were making.

In English, we have been studying the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children have really enjoyed learning about the formation of volcanoes and the powerful impact they can have. In English, we have been re-writing the story in the first person and we have been so impressed by the children's ability to empathise with the characters during the role play tasks.

In Maths, we have been continuing to work on the calculations (\times , $-$, $+$ and \div) and have been applying this knowledge to measurement and money. We have been impressed by the children's confidence in attempting challenges and their resilience in working their way through some tricky investigations- keep it up Year 3!

We were lucky enough to have an incredible Diwali assembly this half- term about the 'festival of colour' called Holi.

We are really looking forward to the summer term!



Year 4

To kick start Spring 2, the children participated in 'Feel Good February', which was a wellbeing week, where the entire year group took part in a variety of enjoyable activities. The highlight of this week had to be the 'Teacher and Pupil Swap', we were amazed by what the children managed to teach us. Well done, everyone, you could all be fantastic teachers one day! To end a busy week of making board games and learning without a pen or pencil, it was great to have a day in our pyjamas on that Friday.

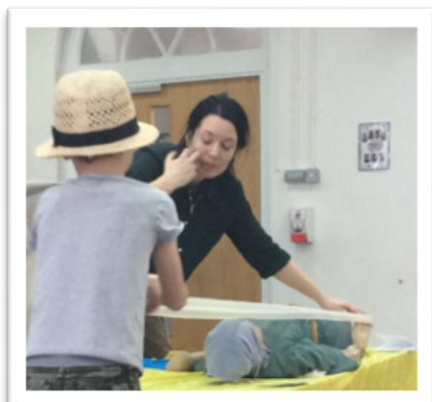
To celebrate Spring, we had the opportunity to see five beautiful ducklings and we also helped to name them. The children really enjoyed seeing the ducklings splashing around in the water!

On the second week of this term, we celebrated World Book Day, where we completed a variety of activities, read together and took part in a parade to showcase our outfits.

In English, the children have created two amazing poems, where they learnt how to use rhyme, repetition and onomatopoeia effectively. They had the opportunity to publish one of these poems using illustrations and they even performed their chosen poem to the class. We were wowed by their varied voices and use of expression! More recently, the children have been completing a unit of work on Newspaper reports. They will be investigating how a mysterious Ancient Egyptian necklace ended up on our school field!

Within maths, the children have continued to make huge progress with their times tables and we could not be prouder of them. Keep it up Year 4! We have also been working on fractions, looking at tenths, counting in fractions, equivalence as well as adding and subtracting fractions. The children have also had the opportunity to apply their knowledge on fractions to solve a variety of problems.

Towards the end of this term, we took part in an amazing Egyptian workshop. It was lovely to see all the effort that went into the outfits the children wore, as they fully immersed themselves into the day. Well done Year 4! As well as playing a range of games and taking part in a quiz, the children had the opportunity to engage in the process of mummification, which I am sure they'll all agree was an unforgettable experience. What a way to end the term!



Year 5

Year 5 have completed lots of brilliant learning this half term and we are all happy to welcome some Spring sunshine!

At the start of the half term, we concluded our Space and Earth topic with a visit from the Planetarium. Each class were able to experience what it would be like to be in space and were able to get a closer look at each of the planets in our solar system. Year 5 were very fortunate to have a Q&A session, with Dave the planet expert, the children had the chance to ask lots of exciting questions such as: What does it take to become an Astronaut? And when will the next rocket take people to space?

We have been studying the Victorians and comparing our lives to the lives of Victorian children. We have realised how lucky we are when learning about child labour and the workhouses. In English, we have also studied Oliver Twist and have adored using drama to develop empathy with characters and further understanding of key events. We enjoyed tea staining our letters to the Health Secretary about the Victorian 'Great Stink' and writing vivid descriptions of Fagin's den!

In maths, we have continued our hard work with fractions! Children completed a chocolate challenge investigation which we enjoyed. We have moved on to decimals, linking back to our knowledge of place value.

For World Book Day we made lots of effort with our fantastic costumes! We got to complete some brilliant activities to promote a love of reading! We also enjoyed sharing a picture book with year one children, focusing on making our reading expressive and engaging for younger ears!

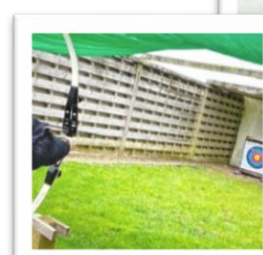
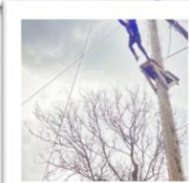
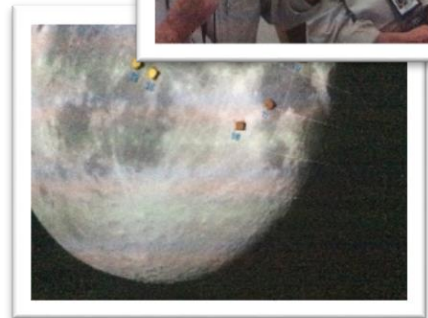
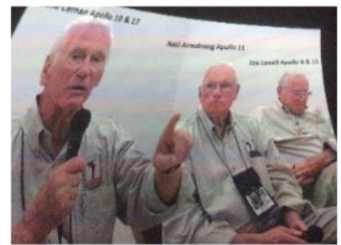
Year 6

As part of 'Feel good February' week, the children got a chance to become teachers for the day. We had some very interesting lessons: we learnt about rocks; parts of a boat; what is our planet made out of; how to ski; different eras of music and so much more! The week was finished with coming to school in their pyjamas and watching a film in the afternoon.

In English, we have been learning how to write narratives that include fast pace action and a flashback. We have explored how to infer character through action and dialogue as well.

We have started our new topic 'Sub Zero' where we will be studying The Titanic and Mount Everest. So far, the children have learnt some of the history of The Titanic and its sinking along with writing a letter in a bottle as a distressed passenger.

We finished off the term with a wonderful trip to PGL. The children enjoyed a huge range of activities, including climbing, abseiling, buggy building, fencing, raft building and much, much more! The wind and rain didn't dampen our spirits and the children (and teachers!) loved every minute!



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](#).

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.](#)

Makaton Signs

