



CVPS NEWS

Spring 1 2023

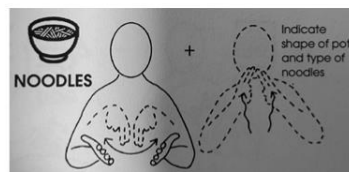
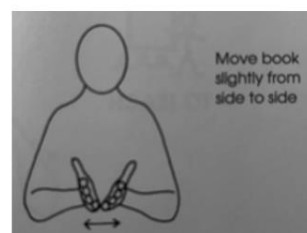
Head's Welcome!

As we reach the end of what has been a productive and positive half term, I find myself once again reflecting on the school values and motto to *'Be the Best You Can Be'*. Twice this week I have been moved by the musical talents of our older children, demonstrating resilience, thoughtfulness, communication and cooperation. Having been invited into the music room on Tuesday, I was met with two year 6 girls who had composed a wonderful song about the power of friendship helping us to overcome our worries and were teaching it to one of our year 1 classes. They subsequently performed the chorus for me whilst one of the girls accompanied on the piano. The pride and joy it brought about was wonderful to be a part of. One lunchtime, a few days later, a group of year 6 boys invited me to hear the beginnings of their musical composition, a project they were inspired to do independently, based on their learning in class. It was themed around World War 2 and they were working on creating a piece to represent the various emotions and parts of the war using piano, drums and rap - they were also pondering on how they might work to incorporate a digeridoo! They have assured me I will be the first to hear the finished piece! It made me once again marvel at the creativity and determination of the children we have in our school. Their ability to think outside the box and take their learning to levels beyond those expected of them made me incredibly proud and confident that they will go off into the world and make a real difference for themselves and others.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break with your families and look forward to seeing you on our return.

Makaton Signs

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



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!

	4/1 – 6/1	9/1 – 13/1	16/1 – 20/1	23/1 – 27/1	30/1 – 3/2	6/2 – 10/2
KS1						
1st	100% 1W & 2L	99.7% RAB	99.3% 3D	98.5% 2K	98% 3D	89.4% 3D
2nd		98.7% HH	98.3% HH	98.3% 3C	97.5% 1C	89.3% 2L
3rd	98.9% 2F	98.6% 2L	97.3% 1W & 1S	98% RAB	97% 2K	89% 3B
KS2						
1st	99.4% 4G	100% 6M	100% 4H	96.9% 4H	98.7% 5O	87.9% 4G
2nd	97.8% 3D	98.7% 3C	99% 6S	96.8% 4G	98.3% 4S	87.7% 6S
3rd	97.7% 4S	98.3% 5C	98.3% 5J	96% 6S	96.3% 5J	87.2% 6M

*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.*

Upcoming PTFA Events

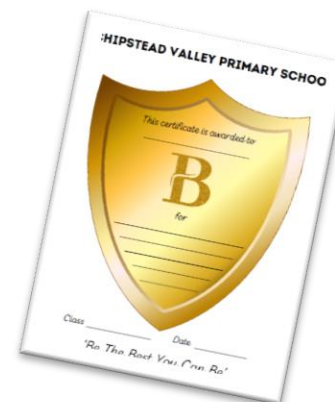
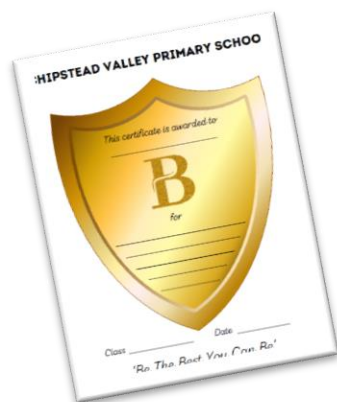




B Badge Awards in Spring 1

Class	13.01.2023		20.01.2023		27.01.2023	
Treehouse						
Rabbits	Momooreoluwa	Rae	Isabella	Henry	BB	Teddie
Hedgehogs	Esmee	Amin	Hallie	Joshua	May	Oliver
Squirrels	Nova	Daisy	Arlo	Nzinga	Aria	Milo
1W	Oscar	Henry	Keya	Maya	Charlie	Kaira
1C	Christos	Isla	Lamisa	Anthony	Penelope	Sebastian
1S	Sade	Vivienne	Sofia	Shirisha	Mason	Thea
2F	Jayden	Ethan	Noah P	Luca	Nicholas	Jessica
2K	Matilda	Milly	Jayden	Ryley	Herbie	Elliot
2L	Florence	Poppy	Noah	Leo	Kiera	Charlotte
3B	Anirudh	Amber	Anehan	Avianna	Darcie	Shaka
3C	Max	Seanna	Willow	Dominic	Holly	Finley
3D	Neve	Oliver	Elsie A	Jenson	Spencer	Emma
4G	Daania	Archie B	Jasmine	Oliver H	Truly	Tito
4H	Emilia-Rose	Oliver	Eleanor	Josh	Florence	Katie
4S	Matteo	Orla	Demi	Oscar	Sophie	Zoe
5C	Nikol	Eleanor	Mia	Austin	Ezekiel	Freddie
5J	Daniel	Gem	Hannah	Maddison	Teegan	Adam
5O	Lainey	Kaeleb	Lenny	Serena	Harvey	Shaye
6H	Alexis	Clara	Jack	Deimante	Emma	O'Rion
6M	Isobel	6M!	TJ	Megan	Rosie-Mae	Faris
6S	Jasmine	Yuvi	Mia	Aiden	Jasmine	Ava (6H)

Class	03.02.2023		10.02.2023	
Treehouse	Gabriel			
Rabbits	Molly	Alfie	Darcie	Lillian
Hedgehogs	Sydney	Zachariah	Olivia	Joni
Squirrels	Millie	Rudy	Astrid	Jace
1W	James	Taliyah	Nyla	Abrish
1C	Noah	Kiara	Scarlett	Henry
1S	Nila	Skylar	Billie	Hanna
2F	Ella	Oliver	Oscar	Sienna
2K	Jack	Alishba	Sienna	Kareem
2L	Harry	Jake	Sara	Daniel
3B	Isla	Cole	Malika	Kiyan
3C	Elliot	Jemima	Benjy	James
3D	Toby	Finley	Zenon	Benjamin
4G	Callum J	Theo P	Zion	Toby
4H	Jason	Darcie	Adam	Heidi
4S	Ben	Jaya	Emily	Dessie
5C	Ethan H	Kaylen	Isabella	Kaylen
5J	Alexis	Dominic	Divisha	Aidan
5O	Ella	Sammy	Emily	Aisha
6H	Zinedine	Isabella	Ava	Kian
6M	Poppy	Millie	Kate	Eva
6S	Maya	Robyn	Morgan	Dylan



EYFS Update

Nursery



Nursery have had a busy half term at school. We started by looking at the topic 'Space' and the children had lots of fun investigating the Digi Verse. We used our imagination to travel to Mars in a space rocket using our special 3D suite. The engagement from all the children was wonderful.



We created our own alien creatures and enjoyed reading the story 'The Smeds and The Smoos' by Julia Donaldson. The children engaged in lots of role playing with the space helmets and creating their own narrative in free play.



Next, we looked at 'Travel and Transport' we enjoyed carrying out a traffic survey on Chipstead Valley road, marking off all the different types vehicles we saw. We also had a visit from a real-life pilot who talked to us about his special job. The children had lots of questions about why planes have wings and wheels.



Our final topic this half term was 'Birds' and we enjoyed bird watching adventures in the school grounds with our own home-made binoculars. We made nests and learnt new language such as migration and murmuration. We made lots of different craft activities with a variety of materials such as creating parrots with colourful feathers and flamingos with pink tissue paper. We filled up our bird feeders and then spent an afternoon watching and patiently waiting for the birds to use it in our garden area.



This term we also celebrated Lunar New Year, The Year of the Rabbit, with dragon dancing with drumming; a rabbit silhouette craft activity and having a go at using chopsticks with coloured rice. We watched a video of a family preparing for the spring festival and enjoyed discussing what we had seen. Some of the nursery children shared with the class how they celebrated at home.

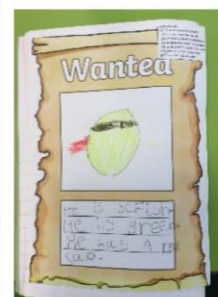


Reception

This half term, the children started having swimming lessons at school. They have enjoyed being in their new groups as either a 'Dolphin' or 'Shark' and have listened to instructions from their teachers whilst in the pool. They have also been learning to get themselves dressed into and out of their swimming costumes with a little help from our parent volunteers. It has been lovely to watch their confidence grow and this is something they really look forward to each week!

Our new topic this half term was 'Turrets and Tiaras' where we have been reading lots of traditional tales, superhero stories and learning about people who help us. We started off by reading some traditional tales. We read Jack and the Beanstalk, the Three Little Pigs and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children loved retelling the stories in the role play corner and in our small world trays. We also made some fantastic bridges for the Billy Goats to walk across. Next, we had a surprise visit from.... THE EVIL PEA!!! He is a mischievous character from the story Supertato. We awoke one morning to our classrooms destroyed and a cheeky note from the Evil Pea who had kidnapped Supertato. The children then used their incredible writing skills to create a wanted poster to help find him. We are so impressed by the progress the children have all made in their phonics and writing.

Finally, we finished the half term by looking at 'People Who Help Us' and the important jobs they do within our communities. We have been lucky enough to have visits from some parents who are in these roles, such as pilots, optometrists, paramedics, doctors, roadside assistants and many more! The children have showed good listening and attention skills while the adults have visited, proven by their great questions afterwards! We have really enjoyed these visits and are grateful for the parents who have taken time to come in, so thank you!



Treehouse

In Treehouse Class this month we have begun our topic 'The Things Above My Head'. We have been thinking about the different transport that we might see above our heads and this has included us beginning to learn about Space. Some of us already had some knowledge about space and so we have been teaching our peers about the planets and even some famous astronauts! We also learnt about hot air balloons and used Papier Mache to make our own hot air balloons for our classroom. We have been engaging in role play about airplanes and airports, as well as making small world runways!

In science we have been learning about different animals that we may see above our heads. We were very interested in learning about birds and have learnt lots about the different features of birds and how these are different to other animals. We also explored the different environmental features above our heads – this included us exploring different weathers and continuing to learn about and explore the tall trees found within our wonderful school grounds!



Key Stage 1 Update

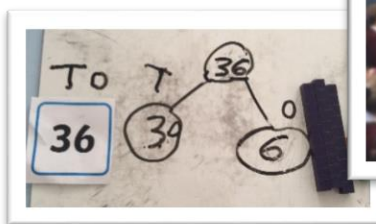
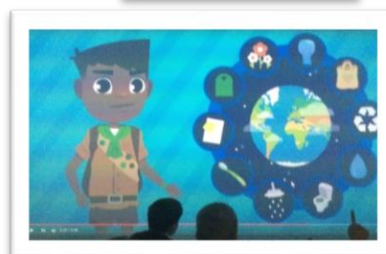
Year 1

It's 2023 and Year 1 have been busier than ever! We've loved our Brilliant Britain geography lessons about cities, countries, continents, seas and oceans. We did some research in our computing lesson where we gathered information about the UK. We then created a fact file about each country in the UK and the children included lots of new information that they had learned.

In our English lessons this term we looked at letter writing. To help us we visited the Digiverse to find out easy ways we can help the environment at home. We used this information to write a letter to our family, outlining the ways that we can help whilst including features of a letter. We also retold the story of the Litter Red Hen by acting it out, creating actions and practicing as a class.

In maths, we have been understanding place value by using a part-part-whole model to understand how many tens and ones are in a number. In addition to this, we have been adding and subtracting numbers to 30.

We are very proud of the children and all of their hard work this half term!



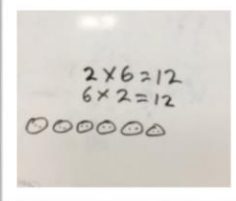
Year 2

This half term, we started our new topic 'Location, Location, Location' where we have been learning about human and physical features both in school and our local area. We used I-pads to take pictures of different features that we could find around school. We then annotated a map of Coulsdon, highlighting areas such as the church, school and fields. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we completed an art activity linked to the Year of the Rabbit.

In English, we began looking at the story 'The Snail and the Whale.' We created a new underwater sea creature and used this in our own adventure stories. We were really impressed with the children's creative ideas and high-level adjectives. We then moved onto the book 'Winter's Sleep: A hibernation story' where we learnt all about different animals that hibernate during winter. We then used chrome books to research how hedgehogs hibernate and used this to create an explanation leaflet.

In math, we consolidated our subtraction topic before moving onto multiplication. We completed lots of practical activities where we practised our times tables. We were proud of the children's resilience with this. We have just started our division topic where the children are learning to share objects equally into different groups.

Well done Year 2 - keep up the hard work!



Key Stage 2 Update

Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been learning about the topic of 'Stones and Bones'. During our History lessons, the children have been learning about the three eras of the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic).

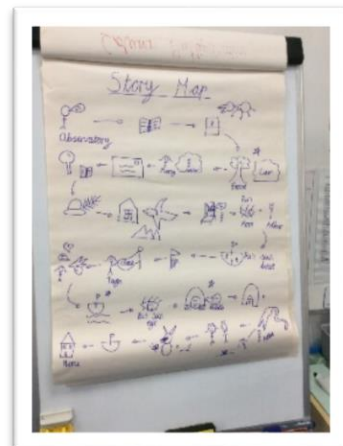
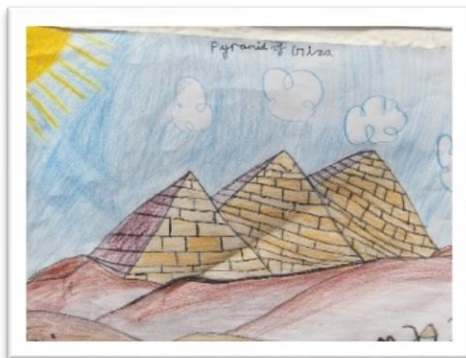
Within our Science learning, we have been learning about the human body, looking at the naming the bones that make up our skeleton as well as conducting a science experiment linked how our muscles work. In Maths, we have been learning how to use formal written methods to solve both Multiplication and Division questions. In our English lessons, we have written a variety of texts from a Newspaper Report about a woolly mammoth coming to visit the school to a Non-Chronological Report about the 3 eras of the Stone Age.

In Our final week of this half term, we have been taking part in activities linked to Children's Mental Health week. With this year's theme being 'Let's Connect' the children have been making connections with other children in year 3, learning a dance to the song 'We're all in this together' and looking at how we can stay safe online. Finally, in Year 3, we have started a scheme called 'Linking London' where the children will be completing activities and sharing what they produce with other schools throughout London.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing start to 2023 and the Spring term! We have enjoyed the start of our new topic 'Walk like an Egyptian' and have already seen some outstanding pieces of homework from Tutankhamun Mask to beautiful illustrations of the pyramids. The children have even been learning to dance like an Egyptian in our PE lessons and enjoyed performing their routines to their peers.

In English, the children continued to explore the topic of Egypt and carried out research on the Chromebook to find information to complete an autobiography as Cleopatra. They have also written play scripts, using colons and stage directions, based on the story Marcy and the riddle of the Sphinx, fully immersing themselves within our Egyptian topic. The children particularly enjoyed performing different parts of the story to the class. Following on from this, the children ended the term by writing their very own versions of the Egyptian Cinderella. Their stories were great and the children really showed off all of their English skills. Well done!



Year 5

Year 5 have had lots of fun in Spring 1! A lot of our learning was based around our discovery topic 'Earth and Space'

Within English, we've linked a lot of our writing to Earth and Space. We began the term by planning and writing Non-Chronological report on one of the planets in the solar system. Researching on the chrome books helped us find out lots of information which made our reports very informative! We also wrote diary entries from the perspective of Katherine Johnson, who was one of the 4 black women to assist with the Apollo 11 launch. In this we included all of the events that took place at the Apollo 11 launch and how she was feeling during that time.



Within our Global Scholars unit, we have looked closely at water security issues in the local and wider area. As part of our digital project we produced a news broadcast which discussed the 3 main issues regarding water security; Droughts, Water wastage and water pollution. We found this unit of global scholars particularly eye opening and have come away with a number of ideas on how we can conserve water making it more accessible for everyone.



During our science lessons this half term, we have been learning about the investigative process. We have planned and conducted our own experiments linked to air resistance. We were asked by the Skydiving Company to help them find out what size parachute would cause the greatest air resistance and therefore be the safest. As part of this mission, we made replica parachutes and dropped them from a set height. Due to this investigation we were able to find out that the greater the surface area the greater the air resistance!

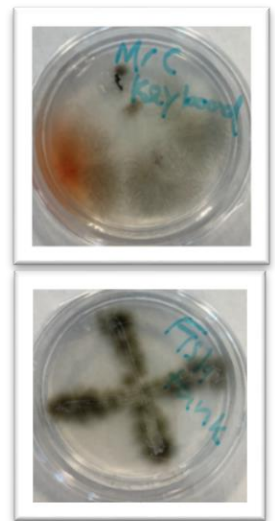
In Maths, we have got off to a fantastic start working on our new topic Fractions. We have learnt lots about finding equivalent fractions which supported us when comparing fractions. Using everything we have learned we conducted our own chocolate investigation where we were trying to find out what child would get most of the chocolate depending on what table they sat at. We found this really interesting applying maths to real life situations! Well done Year 5! 😊



Year 6

This month as part of our science learning, the children conducted an investigation into bacteria and fungus. We identified objects that we wanted to test for bacteria and then swabbed them. Once we had done this, we placed the swab in a petri dish containing Agar gel and waited to see what would happen. We were very curious to see what Mr Cheeseman's trainers would grow.

As part of our Bombs Away topic, we study the artist Henry Moore and looked at how he used colour, tone and human form to depict life in the Blitz. This was really interesting as we explored what life would have been like for the thousands of people who took refuge in the London Underground system.



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](#).

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
10.02.23	End of Spring 1	
20.02.23	School Reopens	
20.02.23	Duck Eggs Arrive	
21.02.23	Reception – Year 3 Phonics Workshop	KS2 Hall at 6pm
22.02.23	World Thinking Day	Details in letter sent 6 th February 2023
22.02.23	Year 5 Planetarium Workshop	Details in letter sent 10 th February 2023
24.02.23	Feel Good February – Pajama Day	Details in letter sent 10 th February 2023
28.02.23	Year 4 – 6 CSMA Choir Rehearsals	Fairfield Halls – 10am
03.03.23	World Book Day	Details in letter sent 26 th January 2023
06.03.23 – 09.03.23	Book Fair	Details coming soon
09.03.2023	Year 4 – 6 CSMA Choir Rehearsals	Fairfield Halls – 10am
09.03.2023	Year 4 – 6 CSMA Choir Performance	Fairfield Halls – 7pm
10.03.2023	PTFA School Disco	Tickets available on SCOPAY
18.03.2023	Cross Country League	Years 3 – Year 6
20.03.2023 – 24.03.2023	Year 6 PGL Trip	Windmill Hill, East Sussex
21.03.2023	Nursery – Y5 Parent Consultation Meetings	Details in letter sent 10 th February 2023
22.03.2023	Year 4 Egyptian Workshop	Details sent out 12 th January 2023
22.03.2023	Nursery – Y5 Parent Consultation Meetings	Details in letter sent 10 th February 2023
23.03.2023	Nursery – Y5 Parent Consultation Meetings	Details in letter sent 10 th February 2023
24.03.2023	Year 2 Trip to Chessington	Further details TBC
25.03.2023	PTFA Quiz Night	Further details TBC
31.03.2023	Last Day of Term	School closes at 1.15pm
17.04.2023	School Reopens	