



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Coopers Lane Family & Friends!

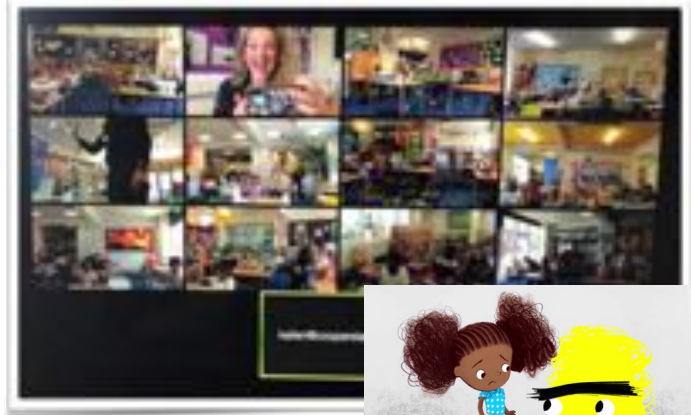
This week started with Mrs Bonner delivering an assembly on Zoom, which combined a celebration of Windrush Day, and a reading of Ruby's Worrry, which is a wonderful story about a little girl who realises that the best way to deal with her worry is to talk about it. The children were fantastic at understanding that the longer she held onto her worry, the more she was going to worry about her worry, and the bigger it was going to become.

We know that many of our families have been celebrating Gay Pride this month, as have we. Every year, during the month of June, the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognising the influence LGBT people have had around the world. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969.

Gay Pride is a movement that promotes LGBT dignity, equal rights, self-affirmation and is a way of increasing society's awareness of the issues they face as a community, as well as protesting against discrimination and violence. Love is love.

At times like these, our school motto couldn't be more relevant:

ALL DIFFERENT, ALL EQUAL, ALL SMILING



Black Lives Matter

Our staff will be busy over these next few weeks, getting ready for the end of this year, but also preparing for next year. Sam Pepper and the Curriculum Leadership Team have been working hard to pull together an even broader curriculum, incorporating some new and fascinating topics. We will be working as a staff to review what we currently teach to ensure that we are representative for all of our families. We are reviewing our book corners, looking at the content and authors of our books, and will be investing to fill any gaps. Please have a look at some of the titles below, which we would encourage you to stock on your own bookshelves at home, or borrow from your local library.



Competition Time!

Virgin Radio are hosting their 500 words competition over this week, with the focus being on the themes and issues emerging from the Black Lives Matter movement.

It is a story-telling competition aimed at children between the ages of 5 and 13, and we would LOVE for as many of you as possible to get involved.

Here is the link:

<https://500words.me>

The competition is now **open**. The finalists will be invited to attend an exciting day of events with special guests, starting out at the Virgin Radio Breakfast show with many special surprises to follow (as soon as government guidelines permit this). The words of many stories will be read out on air by special guests throughout the competition. Virgin may also publish 100 stories as a book.

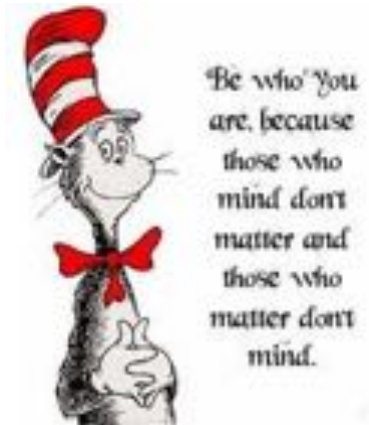
The Mirror Challenge

It has been so wonderful to see *The Mirror Challenge* still being embraced by so many children. Self-**LOVE** means that you accept yourself fully and treat yourself with **KINDNESS** and **RESPECT**. Self-**LOVE** encompasses how you treat yourself and how you speak to yourself too (that inner voice in your head which can be your worst enemy needs to become your best friend).

We hope that you have enjoyed the challenge for June and are feeling good about yourself! ☺

We would **LOVE** you to share your self-**LOVE** statements via twitter [@CopersLaneSch](https://twitter.com/CopersLaneSch) or email into tbonner@cooperslane.org to see your Mirror Challenge photos and statements in the next newsletter. Perhaps you would make your own mirrors too? We can't wait to see them all.

And remember, if you are struggling at home, then please seek help at: www.place2be.org.uk/page/get-urgent-help/



In school at Coopers Lane

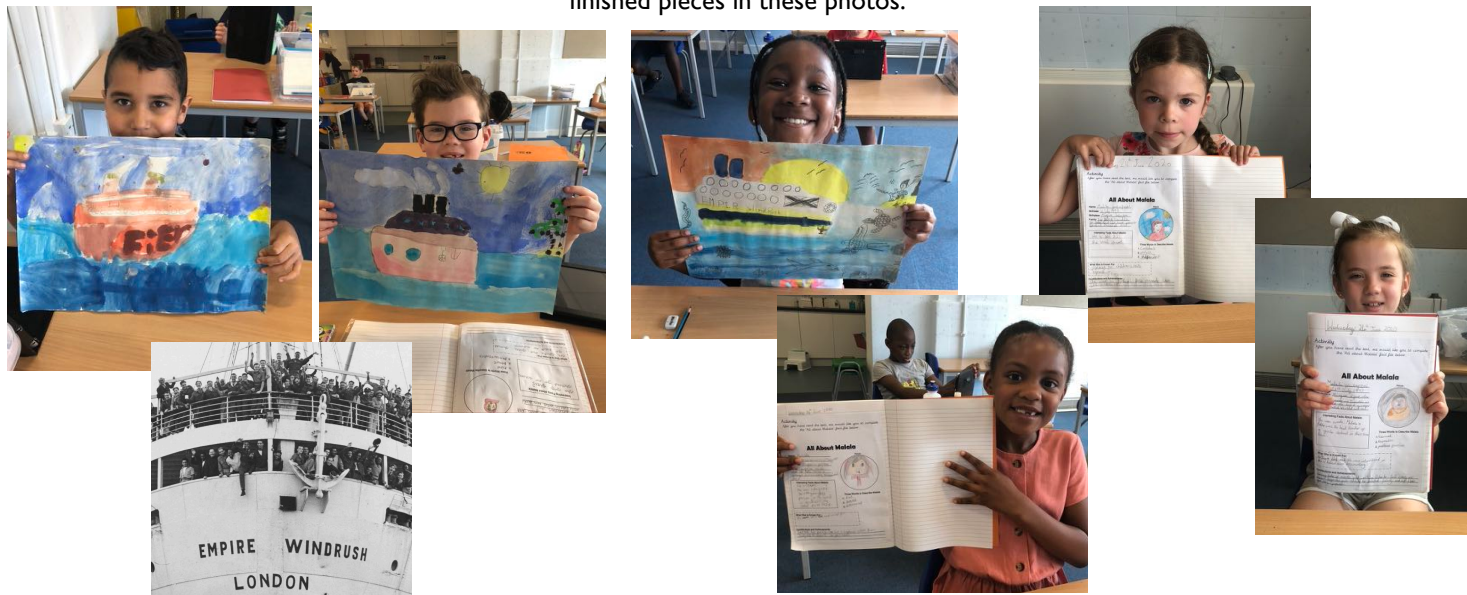
In Early Years, the children have been looking at the wonderful story of Elmer! They sequenced the story using pictures, discussed the main events and put them in order. They have also been experimenting making tall towers, and creating their own milk bottle Elmers. How clever! The children also visited Forest School, where they had a tea party and watered the plants.



Year One have had another very busy week! They started reading their new book, 'One Day on Our Blue Planet - Antarctica', and made wonderful collage penguins and Antarctica paintings inspired by what they had read. They have also been studying minibeasts so painted some rocks to look like bugs and wove their own bumblebees too. So crafty and creative!



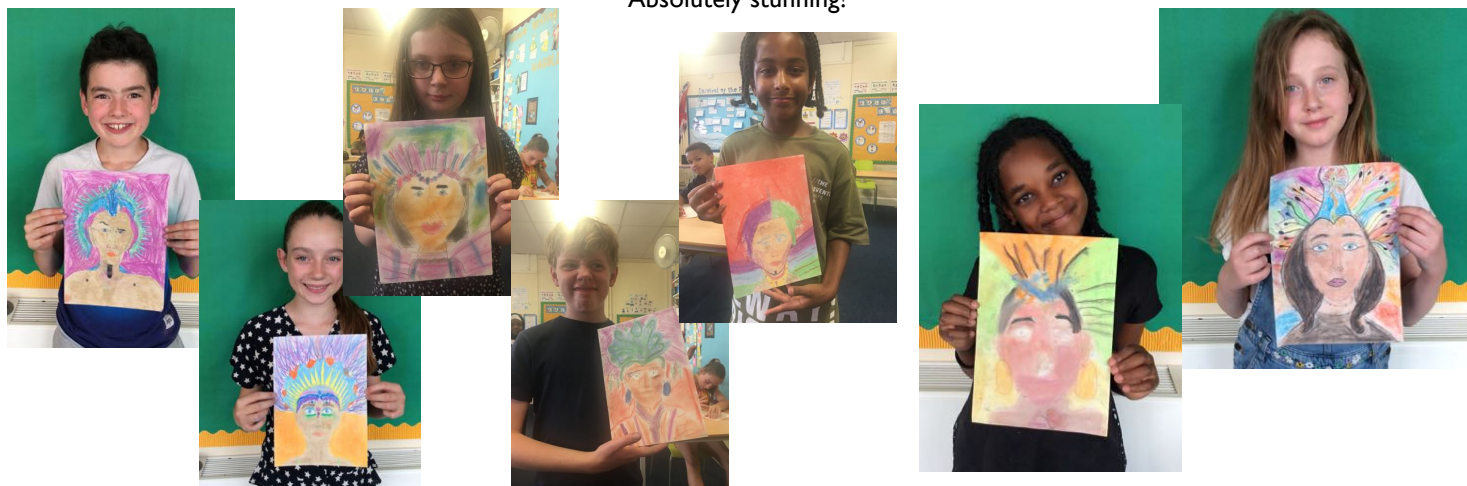
In Year 2 and 3, the children have been learning about and painting the Empire Windrush with Miss Walker, and they also created factfiles about Malala Yousafzai and why she is an inspirational figure. It is so heart warming to see how proud the children are of their finished pieces in these photos.



In Years 4 and 5, some children created some fantastic Windrush posters and wrote postcards home from people who travelled to England, thinking about how excited they were to be on board the Windrush, and how their feelings may have changed once they arrived in England. Some children also had fun learning about the inventor of fidget spinners; she invented them because she was ill but caring for her daughter and needed something to entertain her. The children were saddened to learn that she didn't have enough money to renew her patent so had actually made no money from them! The children also made their own, which was great fun.



In Year 6, the children have been studying the Notting Hill Carnival. They had an online Zoom call with a police officer who has had years of experience supporting at the carnival, and they also created their own carnival inspired portraits. Here are just a few. Absolutely stunning!

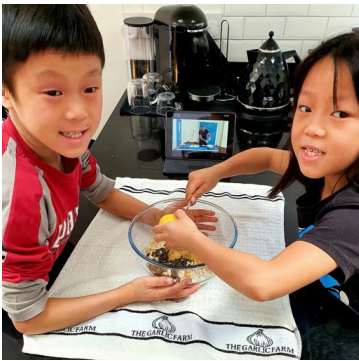


At Home with Coopers Lane Kids!

We love receiving your pictures and videos from home so do keep sending them in.
We know how tough it can be learning at home for everyone – big and small! – and we miss you all terribly.
Here are some highlights sent in from this week...

Year 3 have been busy creating posters about people that inspire them. Adil created a poster of his Mummy and listed all the reasons why she inspires him so much. Adeeva also created a stunning poster and rocket for Katherine Johnson.

Christopher and Emily have loved having Mr Hooper in the kitchen with them (virtually), baking his famous flapjacks! They looked yummy!



Here is Jo with her fantastic Lion Fact File!



Remember: We would love to see some of the things you have been doing at home. If you would like to show off what you have been doing throughout the week in next week's newsletter, then please email any photos to tbonner@cooperslane.org or tweet them directly to our school Twitter account. So look out for us on Twitter too @CoopersLaneSch!

Think of the week

A think is a simple looking question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start looking at the world in a whole new light.

Does lined paper weigh more than plain paper?

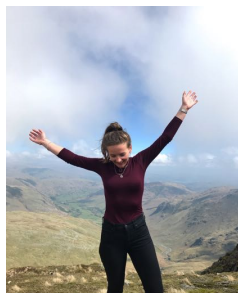
Getting to know...

Who am I?

Alice Potter

What is my job?

Y5 Teacher of Fabulous Farringdon Class



What's my favourite food?

I love, love, love Italian food – especially on holiday!



What do I like doing?

I enjoy socialising with my friends and family, visiting art galleries, long walks in the countryside or by the sea and travelling. I would love to see even more of the world in the future!

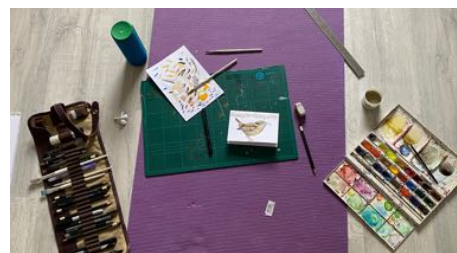


Something people don't know about me is...

I studied Performance Design at university. This is the costume I designed, made and wore strutting round East London!

What have I been doing at home to stay busy during lockdown?

I have been catching up with friends on Zoom, lots of lockdown quizzing! I have also been enjoying running and playing tennis again and getting creative making cards for friends with my watercolours.



What is your Lockdown Silver Lining?

I have loved that the sky is much quieter so we can hear the birds! I moved house during lockdown, so a silver lining has been being able to go on long walks to discover even more amazing South East London gems.

Home Learning

You will see that Google Classroom is still being updated with a variety of work in each of the Year Group's Classrooms, some changing to topic themes and all having a mixture of subjects. The teachers are enjoying making videos for you so you can see what they have been doing at home or at school, or just to read you a story. There may not be quite as many as you have been used to as all teachers are now back in school as well, but we will – of course – continue to share as much as possible to keep you busy!

Communication is key between home and school, and it is something we have been thought very carefully about. You should have your child's class teacher email. Primarily these emails are for you to contact them about work set on the Google Classroom that your child may struggle with or you have a query about, but they are also for you to send photographs of school work, or anything else your child might have done that they would like to share with their teacher. Please share anything your child is doing with them – the teachers love receiving photographs from you!

We would love to share photos of work or activities your children are doing with others!

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Google Classroom

If for any reason when you log in to Google Classroom and the screen is blank, please do not worry. Follow these simple steps:

1. Click on the + symbol on the top left (it says join your first class)
2. Enter the class code (now shown below with the login details) and click join

You will now be back in the Year Group Classroom. Please ensure you monitor your children when using Google Classroom, making sure they do not change any settings.

If you have been struggling to open documents in the Google Classroom app, we advise you to access it instead through your internet browser (Chrome, Safari, Firefox etc.).

Here's a reminder of login details:

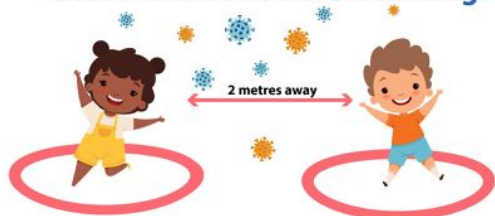
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If you are having any issues with the Google Classroom service, please log a call via email to googlehelp@cooperslane.org

Please include your child's year group, a brief description of your issue and a contact telephone number.

Wherever possible we will try and contact you to help resolve your issue.

Let's Practice Social Distancing!



We would like to take a moment to explain to you all that although the social distancing measures have changed from 1m to 2m, we have had no updated guidance on how this looks in schools as yet. Therefore, we will be maintaining the 2m rule.

LIFE AT COOPERS LANE

Mr Hooper has uploaded a new video of him baking at the weekend. This time it was a delicious Victoria Sandwich. Check it out at: <https://vimeo.com/432923667>

Our garden is blooming! Tomatoes and courgettes making an appearance this week.



Have a great week. Keep safe. Stay Alert!

Love from, All the Staff at Coopers Lane xxx

