



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello Coopers Lane Family & Friends!

After so much time apart, we were positively glowing at school last week as we welcomed back more children from our Key Worker families. We know that you have been feeling anxious as many of us have too, but seeing you skipping out of school each day has made all the planning and preparation worthwhile. The echo of your voices around school and in our playgrounds has been music to our ears! We look forward to welcoming more of you over the coming weeks, starting with some of our Y1 and Y6 pupils this week.

Please don't worry – for those of you that cannot be with us yet, we will be continuing with the provision of home learning, and we absolutely love receiving your photos and updates. Now, more than ever, as our classrooms begin to fill again, it is essential that we stay in touch and pull together as a community both in school and out of school, keeping our Coopers Lane family connected.

We hope that you enjoy reading this newsletter and interacting with the links shared. ☺

Black Lives Matter

As the events of the past week have unfolded in the news, we feel that our motto at Coopers Lane has never been more poignant. We would like to take this opportunity to share our feelings at this pivotal moment in time.

As a Rights Respecting school, we pride ourselves on our commitment to educating our children on their Rights and Responsibilities, and we strive to ensure that we always embody the belief that we are all indeed, "All Different, All Equal, All Smiling."

In response to the unlawful murder of George Floyd, an innocent black man, in Minneapolis, we stand together in condemnation.

As Lewisham Leaders, we stand united in our commitment to tackle and challenge racism, address inequality and call out discrimination.

Black people are 40 times more likely to be stopped and searched in the UK. Young black people are nine times more likely to be locked up in England and Wales than their white counterparts, while BAME offenders are far more likely than others to be jailed for drug offences. Please see school website for links to these documents/articles.

As educators of a wonderfully diverse and multi-cultural school population we cannot remain silent.

The murder of George Floyd must prompt careful reflection about racism in Britain today, and the extent to which it shapes our values, politics and economic life. As a staff, we have already begun the process of reflection and re-education for ourselves to ensure that we are all aware of how deep-rooted and institutionalised racism really is in our society, both in the UK and across the world.

For many of our children, the recent events – from George Floyd's death to the protests happening on our streets – will bring another layer of anxiety and questions about the world they live in. We ask that you all take some time to discuss this as families, as we will also be doing so in school; it is essential that we teach and internalise Black Lives Matter. Here is a link to an extremely useful video that we will be using in school and we would ask you to watch together at home too:

<https://live.firstnews.co.uk/i-dont-get-it/bfi/racism-why-is-it-still-a-big-issue/>

The Mirror Challenge

As part of the above, we will be supporting children in school to build on their self-belief and self-love. One way in which you can help with this at home would be to help your child complete *The Mirror Challenge* every day throughout June. This is a daily exercise of self-appreciation, which the children should do in front of a mirror or looking at themselves on a screen (smart tablet/phone).

It is essential that they can see their own face as they:

1. Stand in front of a mirror and say their name: "I am ..."
2. List the things that they love about themselves or are proud of: "I love that I am kind", "I love my curly hair", "I love that I tried to do my writing today even though it was difficult" or "I love that I am a fantastic big brother."
3. Finish by saying "I love you!" to yourself.
4. Take it all in by taking a deep breath, and smile as you breathe out.



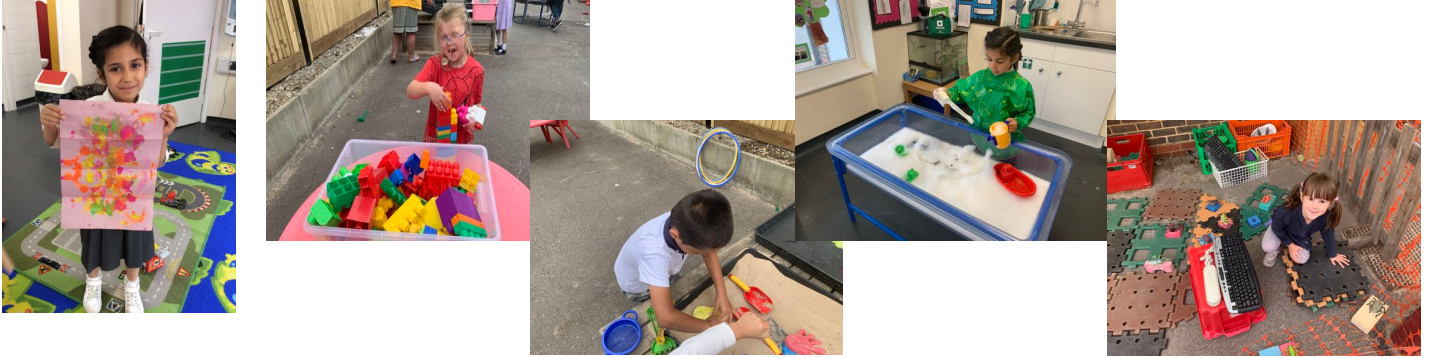
We would love you to share your self-love statements via twitter @CoopersLaneSch or email into tbonner@cooperslane.org to see your Mirror Challenge photos and statements in the next newsletter.

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

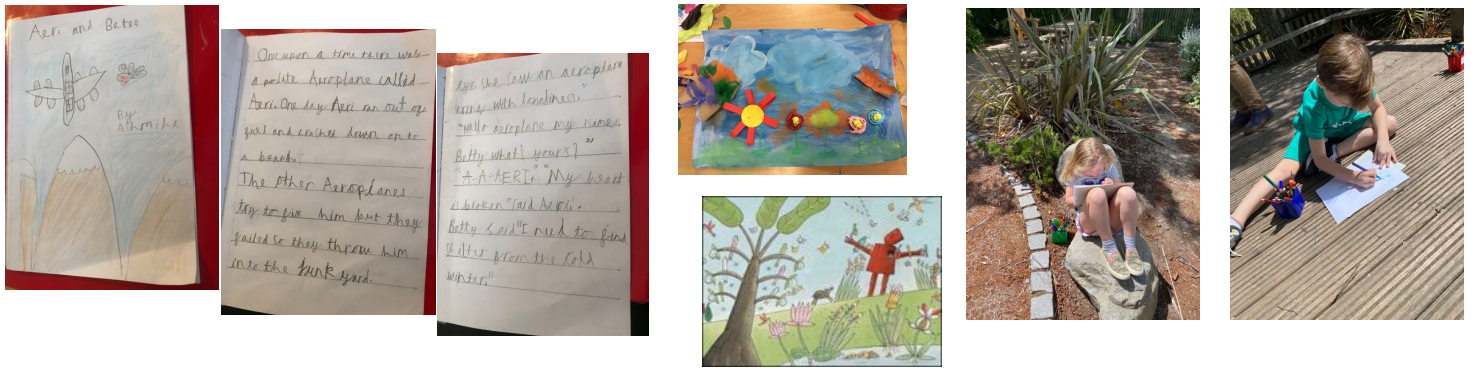
In school at Coopers Lane

This week the children have been learning inside and outside, making use of all the spaces possible at school. In Early Years, the children have enjoyed painting, exploring with foam, building and getting creative with the resources in the outside area.

What a fabulous first week back!



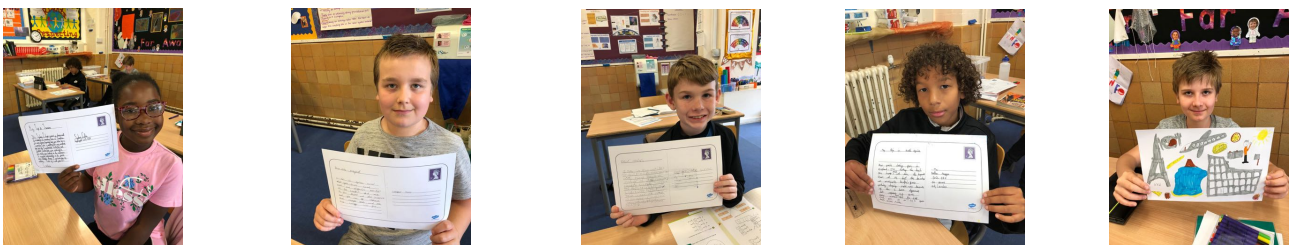
In Year 1, the children have been writing their own stories inspired by 'The Robot and the Bluebird' and enjoying learning outside in our Peace Garden. They also loved creating Spring meadow pictures. Here is Ashmiha's story and Ziyen's art:



In Year 2 and 3, children enjoyed creating art from nature in the style of Andy Goldsworthy in the Peace Garden, and designing our own 'World's Worst Children' inspired by the audiobook from David Walliams.



In Year 4 and 5, the children enjoyed writing postcards from all over the world.



In Year 6, the children got creative with their Reflective Rainbow Art and Hama Beads – looked like great fun!

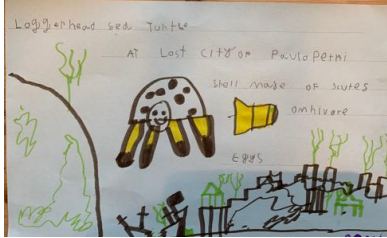


At Home with Coopers Lane Kids!

We love receiving your pictures and videos from home so do keep sending them in. Here are just a couple from last week... We will be sure to flood the next newsletter with more photos and examples of your excellent work. Keep it coming in!

We hope you are enjoying the work we are setting – it certainly looks like it!

Kira (Y3) has been making her spelling lessons more interesting by filling the paddling pool with Scrabble tiles and then finding words from the school spelling list. She got them all correct and had great fun – well done, Kira!



A Y1 child thoroughly enjoyed Miss Carr's lesson and created this beautiful turtle poster, complete with sunken city! So wonderful!

Send your pictures in via tweet or email.

Remember: We would love to see some of the things you have been doing at home. We would also love to share them with others! 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. Obviously, we can't publish all photos sent to us in the newsletter, but we may be able to tweet them for you. So look out for us on Twitter too @CoopersLaneSch!

Thunk of the week

A thunk 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.

**If I took the body off a car, would it still be a car?
What if I took all the wheels off instead? Removed the engine?**

Getting to know...

Who am I?

Tali Bonner

What is my job?

Deputy Head Teacher

(I have been on maternity leave since June last year but I am back! ☺)

What's my favourite food?

Anything that my Nene cooks! Her dolmas are the best.

What do I like doing?

Spending time with my family, reading, running, and taking photographs of people and places that are special to me. I have two crazy little girls called Bella and Mia and they are my world.



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

I ran the London Marathon.



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

Bella and Mia never stop so we have been very busy indeed! It has been lovely to watch them grow closer as we have spent so much time together as a family. They are now at nursery together and love it.



What is your Lockdown Silver Lining?

We planted some beautiful, bee-friendly flowers which we have loved watching grow from tiny seeds to little sprouting seedlings to finally opening up for the bees.

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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| User name: nursery@cooperslane.org Password: paddingtonbear Code: v4igba4 | User name: reception@cooperslane.org Password: outdoorarea Code: cl7oxpv |
| User name: year1@cooperslane.org Password: playtime Code: ljxduqs | User name: year2@cooperslane.org Password: lunchtime Code: 4erzz7k |
| User name: year3@cooperslane.org Password: savagestoneage Code: iksmcuz | User name: year4@cooperslane.org Password: rottenromans Code: 4whdxc6 |
| User name: year5@cooperslane.org Password: spacetravel Code: cfqv7yw | User name: year6@cooperslane.org Password: democracy Code: ex73foj |

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.

Staying Safe at School

We have thought very carefully about how we can keep everyone as safe as possible at school. Here are some pictures of people arriving today, following our new yellow signs and keeping to a 2m distance. Oh, & Mr Hooper rocking his varsity jacket!



Have a great week. Keep safe. Stay Alert!

Love from, All the Staff at Coopers Lane

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