



# COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

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## Hello Coopers Lane Family & Friends!

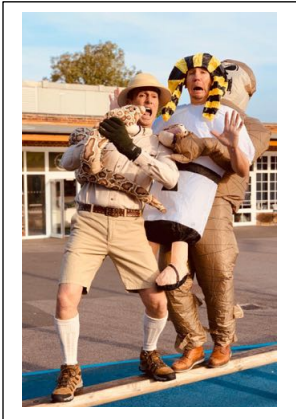
It's hard to believe that we've come to the end of the first half term of the school year; what a remarkable few weeks it's been! We are all so proud of the children for the way they have adapted to the changes in school and for the positive attitude they have had since September.

A huge thank you to all of the school staff for making Coopers Lane such a lovely place in which to learn.

Enjoy the half term break.



## WE Scare Hunger



Don't forget, we will be collecting donations for the local foodbanks all through the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November for our WE Scare Hunger campaign. There will be containers on the school gates where you can donate tins or packets of food all through the week. All donations will be taken to our local foodbanks and used to help families in our community.

We're very much looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes too. Remember, the children are invited to wear something that scares away hunger on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, so this could be a superhero costume, a Halloween costume or even a magical costume! Why not spend some time over the half term

break making a costume at home. Please make sure your child's costume is appropriate for school, so no scary masks and make sure it is something they can wear comfortably all day.



## Black History Month

Black History Month is a nationwide celebration of African and Caribbean culture, arts and history. Throughout the month of October, we have been celebrating the achievements and recognising the significance of the role that key figures have played in shaping British society. As part of our celebrations, the children have been creating portraits of these incredible individuals and we are currently putting together a virtual art gallery of this work. We hope to have this ready for you shortly after the half term break. Here are a few examples to give you a taste of what's to come!



## Parent/Carer and Teacher Meetings

We will be using an online system ([schoolcloud.co.uk](https://schoolcloud.co.uk)) for the parent/carer meetings with class teachers in November. We will provide all the information you need and instructions on how to book and how to attend the meetings at the start of the next half term. The meetings will be as follows:



Nursery  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
3:00pm-6:30pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
3:30pm-6:30pm



Years 3-6  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
(Charing Cross Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November)  
3:30pm-6:30pm

## Starting Reception in September 2021

If you have a child starting school in September 2021, remember to book a slot on one of our virtual meetings in November. We will provide you with information about the school, followed by a question & answer session with the leadership team and our Reception phase leader. The virtual meetings are as follows:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November @ 4:30pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 4:30pm

To book a place,  
please contact us [office@cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:office@cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk)



In addition to this, we have created a wonderful film that explains how and what the children learn in Reception at Coopers Lane. You can access the film and other information via the school website:

<https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/admission-to-reception-for-2021/>

## Autumn 2 Curriculum Overviews

Download the curriculum overviews for the next half term and find out what exciting things the children will be learning. The overviews give you a brief summary of the topics we will be studying in each year group. All of the overviews are available on our website:

<https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/topic-maps/>



## Other Dates for the Diary

### Book Collection

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Collection of unwanted reading books for schools in need around the world

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Dinner

EYFS, Year 1 and 2: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Years 3-6: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December



## NURSERY



This week the children observed the seasonal changes. We noticed that the days are getting colder and the leaves have changed colour and are falling off the trees. We went to the Forest School for the first time EVER and it was really exciting. We went on a leaf hunt and counted the number of leaves we collected. We also made our own Autumn leaves to stick on our classroom window.

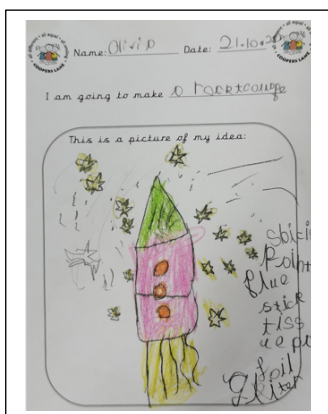
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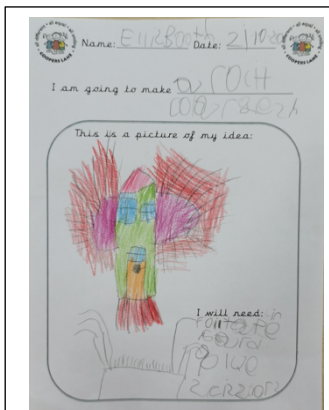
We really enjoyed painting our portraits in Reception. Can you guess who we are?



## YEAR 1



In Year 1, we have been designing and making a spaceship for Beegu using mixed media. We drew our designs and then wrote down a list of resources we would need to make them. Finally, we made our spaceships.



## YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been very busy in our Geography lessons. We made islands from Modroc adding features including the ocean, volcanoes and caves.

We have also continued making herbal remedies using ginger, lemongrass, aloe vera and okra in the same way as Mary Seacole.





## YEAR 3



In Year 3 we have been learning about Sikhism. Following the Sikh belief in the selfless act of serving others (sewa), we made bread to give to our families. We had to make sure we kneaded the bread well to help the dough rise.



## YEAR 4



This week year 4 have been putting their coding skills to the test! We used Scratch to code our own educational games.

## YEAR 5



In the final week of our topic 'River Deep, Mountain High', we looked at how people use rivers and made posters about the different uses e.g. for leisure, for transport, for energy, for food, for survival. Finally, we found out what causes flooding and then we all had great fun building our own rafts to survive a flood!

## YEAR 6



We have been investigating how white light is made up of the 7 colours of the spectrum. This was first discovered by Isaac Newton.

We used our homemade spectroscopes to investigate how complex colours are produced from the 3 primary colours of light; red, green and blue.



# COVID REMINDERS

## SENSIBLE QUEUING



Please remember not to arrive at school too early in the morning and start queuing on the street before it is necessary. The gate opens at 8:30am and most mornings the bulk of the queue is through the gate by 8:35am. It really is not necessary to arrive at school until 8:30am, so please don't come to school before this.

Some children are currently queuing for half an hour every morning and this just isn't necessary.



## DROPPING CHILDREN OFF SAFELY

Please do not drop the children off outside the school gates and leave them to walk into school on their own. This is not safe. All children must be walked to their classroom by their parent/carer. If you drive to school, you must park and walk with your child. Only Year 6 children with permission from the Head Teacher may walk on their own.



## FACE COVERINGS



ALL adults must wear a face covering at drop off and pick up (unless medically exempt). Wearing a face covering protects other people you come into contact with. Please help prevent the spread of Covid-19:

- Wear a face covering when queuing outside the school gate and when walking through the playground.
- Keep 2m apart from other families at all times



## PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL

There are a number of people who arrive at school and think it's acceptable to walk right to the front of the queue and push in! This is incredibly disrespectful to the other adults who wait patiently to come into school. If you are doing this, please stop. Have respect for others!



# Have a wonderful half term break

