



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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It's the start of the summer term and it has certainly felt that way this week with lots of glorious sunshine and warmer weather. We've had a really lovely week in school, with the start of new exciting topics that the children have been enjoying.

It's been great to see so many families having a healthy start to the day too, with lots of walking, riding, scooting and wheeling to school as part of The Big Pedal.

What a positive start to the summer term.



Well done to everyone who has taken part in the first week of The Big Pedal.

Remember, we're trying to get more people walking, riding, scooting or wheeling to school than any other school in the country!

We're doing really well so far, with over 3000 journeys made in the first 4 days. We are currently 53rd out of 496 primary schools across the country. We're also 11th in London, which is fantastic.

Let's really go for it and see if we can break into the top 10 for London schools next week!



Mr Hooper is loving the challenge and has cycled to school everyday this week!

Ramadan

Ramadan is one of the holiest months of the Islamic lunar calendar and an important time for many Coopers Lane families, as Zakki explains here:



"Last week it was the start of Ramadan which is one month in the year that Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. We don't eat any food or drink. It started in the holidays so we really enjoyed it. I made a poster and my mum made lots of food. In the night we eat! On the first day of Ramadan I didn't eat food or drink and it made me feel proud. This year will be different as we cannot mix with family or friends for Iftar (breaking of fast) because of Covid 19 however we are safe and that's what is important."

NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have started to look at growing plants in Springtime.

Firstly, we needed to make sure we had all the things we needed to start growing. So we used a cup for our plant pot, a paper towel for the soil and watercress seeds to grow. Once we had prepared it all, we then needed to make sure the plants were well watered. Our favourite part was pretending to be a seed at the different stages of it's growth into a plant



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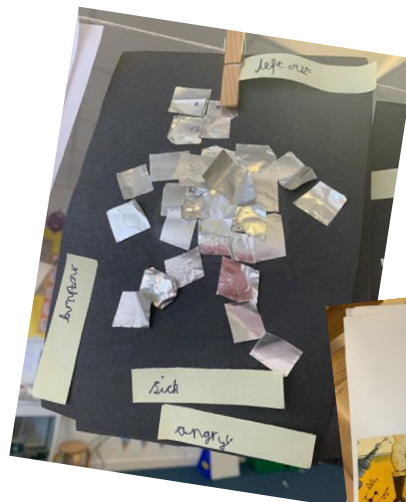
This week the children have been using their sawing and den building skills in Forest school. We have made shelters and cut "cookies" from fallen branches.

We have also been super busy in Maths. Lots of us have taken on the challenge of 100. Some of us collected 100 objects, whilst others investigated how far 100 steps would take us.



YEAR 1

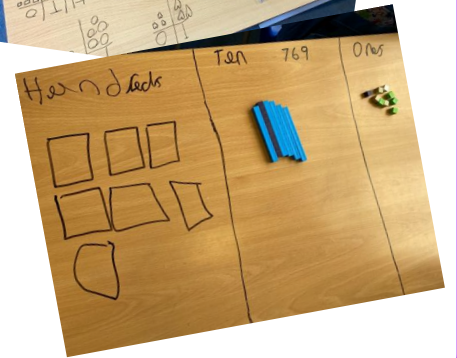
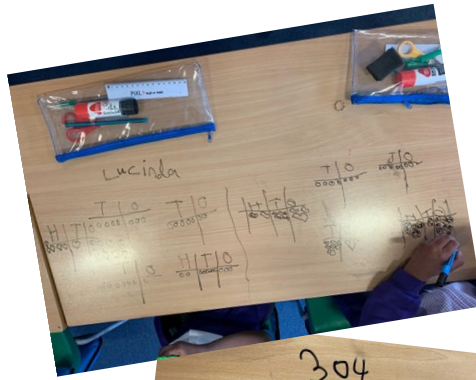
In Year 1 this week we have started to read The Robot and the Bluebird. We made robots out of foil and wrote down how he would be feeling. We also wrote speech bubbles as if we were the robot. Sofia and Shayla in Tower Hill made their own robots with a broken heart, just like in the story.



YEAR 2

In maths this week, we have been recapping the place value of numbers.

We worked with our partners to represent place value using different resources. We even drew some of our own representations on the tables!



YEAR 3

We have so much fun, exciting and interesting learning lined up this term! This week, Year 3 went on a treasure hunt to find out their new class book - How To Train Your Dragon; the clues were hidden all around the school. Our new topic in geography is Asia and we went on a walking tour around the continent to discover various artefacts and souvenirs including different currencies, books and fabrics.



YEAR 4

This week as part of our new topic in Geography, we were looking at spatial sense and the world map. We used atlases and an online world map to identify the seven continents and five major oceans. Year 4 had lots of fun learning about the physical features of our world



YEAR 5

It has been fabulous welcoming Year 5 back this week. We have had great fun learning about Beowulf in English, the 5 pillars of Islam in RE and how to keep healthy in PSHE. Wimbledon class also enjoyed creating an amazing piece of art in their online Zoom session with a local artist.



YEAR 6

This week, year 6 took part in a launch day of their new topic 'North America'. We started off by thinking about the history of the United States of America: we loved creating freeze frames of Native Americans and European settlers fighting and then resolving their conflicts through trade. We then thought about North America as a continent and used maps to identify some of the 23 countries located there! We really enjoyed participating in a treasure hunt to discover human and physical features of North America, and we even got to Zoom some children at a school in North Carolina. We had a fantastic day and cannot wait to learn more about this amazing part of the world!



Other News

The council have put up helpful banners and signs about the school street on Pragnell Road, to make it really clear that the road is closed at certain times in the day. Our lovely new trees are thriving on Pragnell Road. Just look at how they're starting to blossom!

