



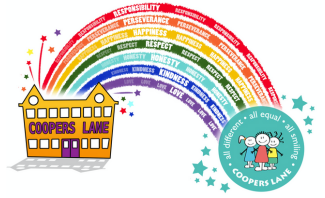
COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week Ending 30th March 2021

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We hope you have all had a lovely week.

School continues to be a hive of activity, with all year groups getting fully immersed in their exciting new topics. We've been making the most of the warmer weather too and spending more time outside, particularly in early years and year 1, who love visiting our forest school.

I think we're all thankful to see things continue to improve across the UK with Covid restrictions slowly being removed. However we must also remember not to be complacent. Keep following the guidance concerning social distancing and hand hygiene, and remember to wear a face covering when on school grounds.



Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

CLIMATE ACTION

Melody and Paris are very active members of the school Green Team and have a brilliant idea to help combat climate change.

Do you want to do your bit to combat climate change but don't know how?

Well, Ecosia is a free search engine which uses the money it makes to plant trees. This makes a real difference in the areas worst effected by climate change. To find out more visit info.ecosia.org.

Download the free ios or android Ecosia app today or just type Ecosia into the search bar to start planting trees whilst searching the web.

And of course tell your friends! The more people using Ecosia the more trees being planted!

On average 45 searches plant one tree.



They use 80% of the money they make from ads to plant trees.

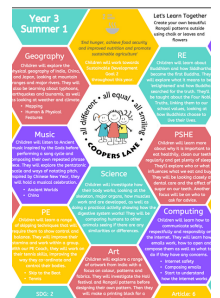
The trees create places for animals to live as well as creating jobs and combating hunger.



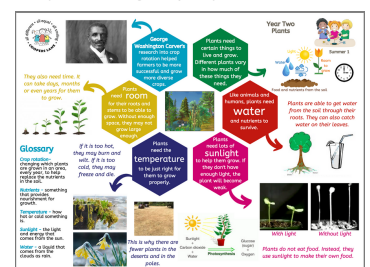
SUMMER TERM

Don't forget, you can find out what the children are learning this term by heading to the curriculum pages of the website: <https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/>

The half termly overviews give a brief outline for each subject.



Knowledge Organisers give the key facts the children will learn in History, Geography and Science



THE BIG PEDAL

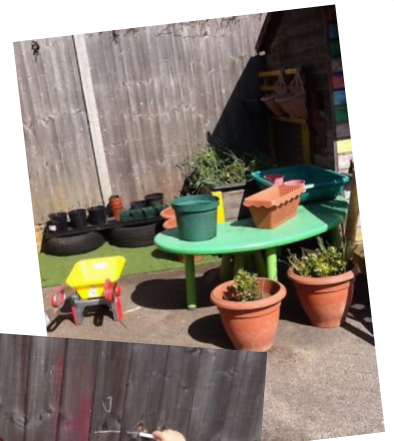
Well done to everyone who has taken part in The Big Pedal over the past two weeks. It's been absolutely amazing to see so many families enjoying the journey in to school without the car. The bike and scooter racks have been bursting at the seams! Cutting down on the journeys we make using cars is an excellent way for us to help combat climate change and improve the air quality in our community. Let's keep it going and continue to walk, cycle, scoot or wheel whenever we can.

Our dress down day was a massive success today with **£550** raised for Sustrans. What a fantastic way to finish the week!



NURSERY

This week the Nursery children continued to focus on planting and growing. We created our own garden outside and have started to plant Sunflower seeds. We also read the book 'Titch' which lead us to want to measure ourselves. We practised using language such as "taller" and "shorter" to compare our own height to our friends. Our Cress has really grown and ready to go home now- we hope our families enjoy eating them!



RECEPTION

We have been exploring our continuous provision to extend our own interests! Nylah and Amber decided to make a parachute and tested it by throwing it off the climbing frame outside. What amazing team work!



YEAR 1

In Tower Hill class at Forest School this week, the children were painting onto a large shower curtain that was hung between the trees. Some children spent their time searching for bugs - they found worms and woodlice!



YEAR 2

In English we are looking at how to improve our writing. A skill we focused on was place prepositions. We used our quiet critters to follow our partner's instructions... 'on top of' 'below' 'next to' 'between'. We are also investigating what a plant needs to grow successfully. Have a look in our classroom windows!



St Pauls had a challenge afternoon! Who could make the longest paper chain only using one piece of A4 paper? Give it a go at home!



YEAR 3

Year 3 celebrated the launch of their new geography topic by immersing themselves in lots of practical activities linked to India, China and Japan. We created volcanoes, built the Great Wall of China (out of cocktail sticks and marshmallows!) and created mandala artwork using chalk on the playground. It was a lot of fun! In Science, we looked at x-rays and created our own x-ray of our hands using chalk and flour. We're also going to walk the length of the Great Wall of China - see below for more information



YEAR 3 CHALLENGE

As part of Year 3's geography topic, we are going to attempt to walk the length of the Great Wall of China! Year 3 Parents: Make sure you log in to the link that has been emailed out so that your Year 3 child can add their steps/miles. Let's see how quickly we can meet our goal! We've completed 4% already!

Progress

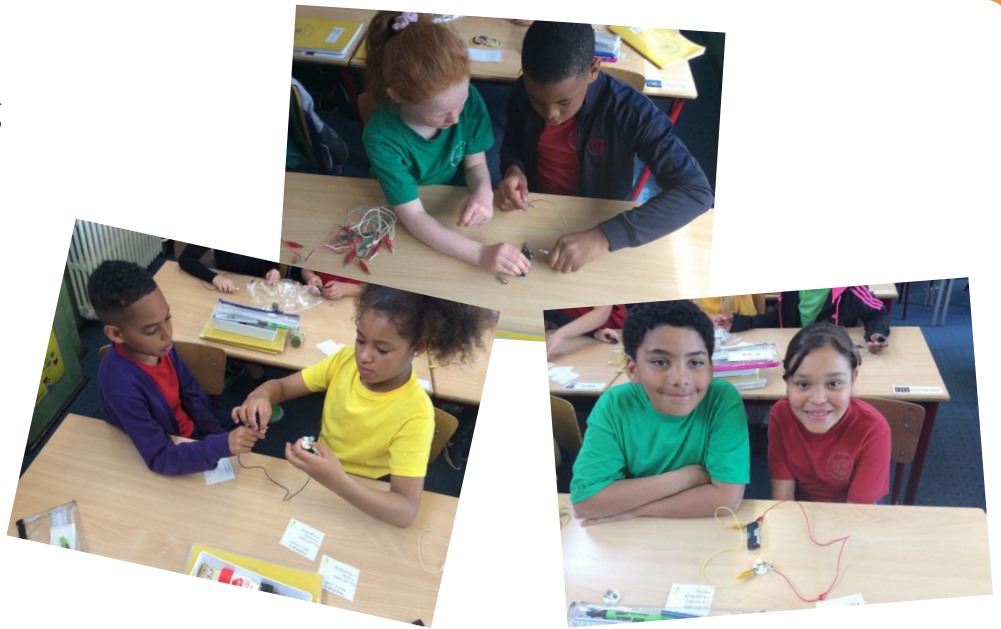


Great Wall of China



YEAR 4

Year 4 have had an exciting week learning about their new Science focus 'Electricity'. The children were challenged by Adrian the electrician to build circuits using different components. He then awarded them their junior electrician circuit building certificate! Well done Year 4.



YEAR 5

In year 5, we are delighted to welcome our two student teachers from the University of Greenwich, Miss Newell and Mr Gaudencio, who are working in South Kensington and Farringdon classes. They will be such a valuable addition to our year 5 team, not only in teaching whole class lessons but also in supporting specific groups of children.



In RE, we are learning about how Muslim people observe Ramadan. We learnt that they fast during daylight hours and that many break their fast by eating dates. We sampled some dates and some of us weren't very sure that we liked them!

YEAR 6

This week year 6 have been thinking about the journey of life and death in our RE lesson. We thought about our own life journeys and the significant events that have happened to us already and where our journey will take us. We reflected on how life can have difficult times when we can lose loved ones. We then we wrote our own metaphors and similes about life. Here are a few of our ideas.

