



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year

I hope that you all had a wonderful break and that you managed to spend quality time with your friends and family. The children have bounced back to school, full of positive energy and ready for the new school term. It's lovely to be back with the children and I'm very pleased with how they have settled back into school after the holiday.

Covid is still with us and I am sure will continue to provide some challenges this term. We are already seeing an increase in covid related absence with the children and staff, but this is to be expected. We have plans in place for any significant increase in staff absence, with the main priority being to keep school fully open. This may mean that at times the children have different adults in class for a short time, but we will continue to do everything possible to avoid any disruption to their learning. Only as a very last resort will I ask any class to be at home and have remote learning.

I am still hopeful that we can continue with class assemblies this term, but we will make a risk assessment closer to the time of each planned event. As long as covid cases are low, we will be able to continue with these events by implementing simple safety measures (all visitors wearing a face covering and taking a lateral flow test before coming into school).

By working together, we can ensure that the term ahead is full of memorable experiences for the children. I'm excited already!

Have a lovely weekend.



EXCITING PLANS

We are very excited to update you on plans for our new school library. The plans have now been finalised, so we hope that work will start very soon. You can see a computer generated image here, which gives an idea of how it will look. Now we need your help!

Please look out for upcoming PTA events and support where you can.

Our **target** is to raise **£20,000** over the year!



The library will be a magical space for ALL children to enjoy for years to come. Helping children to discover a love of reading is one of the best gifts we can give them!



ONLINE SAFETY



This week's online safety tip is about screen time vs screen quality. It's a great idea to set up an agreed set of rules about screen time with your child. But do remember, hours of online gaming isn't the same as making a film, a digital story, or video-calling a loved one. Use the Children's Commissioner's **'Digital Five A Day'** to plan different ways to get the most out of your devices:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

FOODBANK

We know that many families in our community need a little bit of extra help at times and the local foodbanks are an important part of this support. To help with this, we have set up a **donation box** in the school reception area as a permanent fixture. If you can spare a packet of pasta, a tin of beans or anything useful for the food bank from time to time, please drop it in. We will make sure that the donations get delivered to the local foodbank, where they will be used to help families in need.



If you need support yourself at anytime, please let us know. We can put you in touch with the foodbank, so that you get the support you need. Life can be tough sometimes, so please talk to us if you need some help.

NURSERY

We have really enjoyed welcoming our new children to nursery. They have settled in really well and have made lots of new friends.

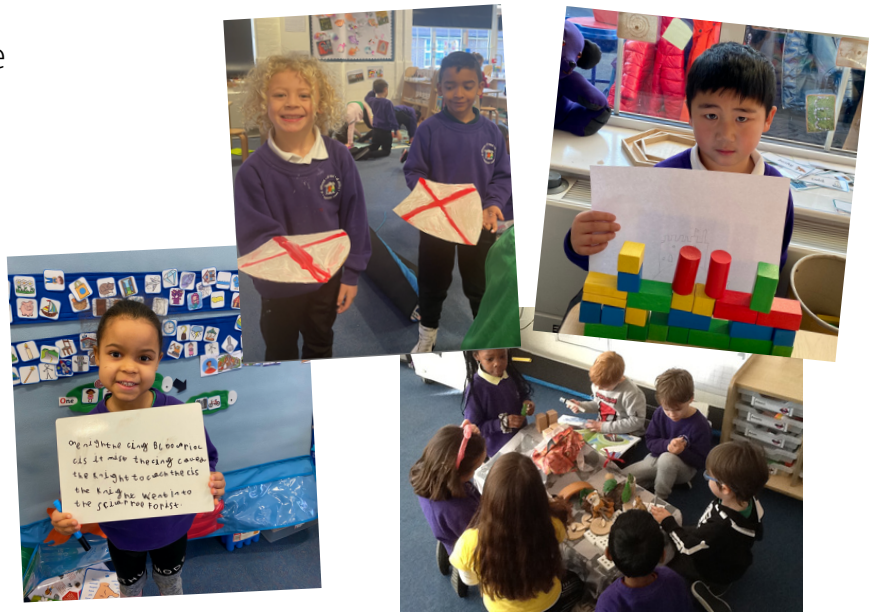


Our new topic is **'Winter'** and the children have been busy making homes for the polar bears and Penguins. The water was very popular because it was warm and bubbly.



YEAR 1

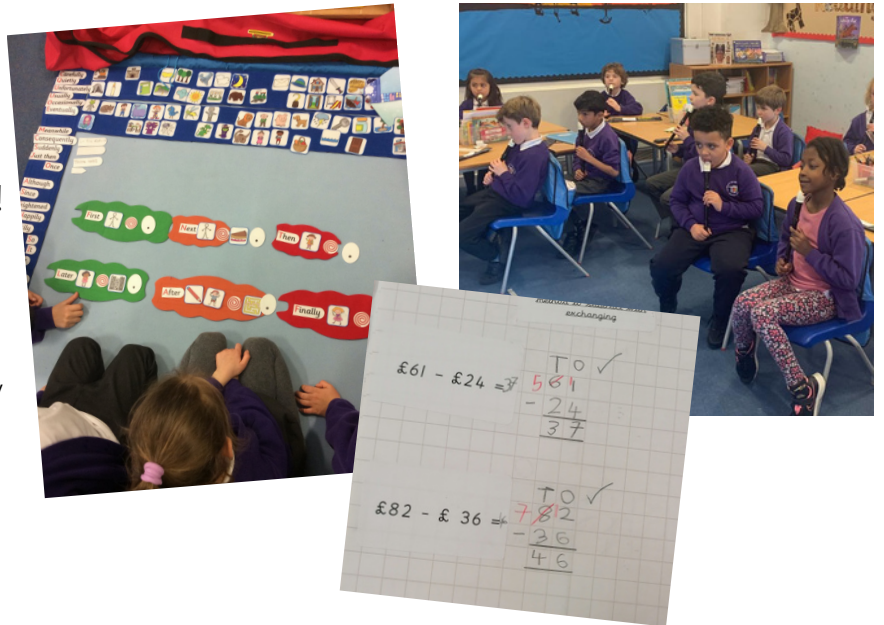
This week we have been reading the story of The Kiss That Missed. Here we see a group of children retelling the story. Ellie has been using Mighty Writer to independently write the start of her own story. We have also been learning about the countries in the UK. Chen'an designed and built his own castle. Sacha and Chayton made shields, decorated with St George's cross.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have returned from their Christmas break refreshed and raring to learn; we are so proud of the fantastic attitude they've shown!

In English, we have been using 'Mighty Writer' to help us write incredible sentences. In maths, we have been learning all about money and used the column method for subtraction. We are also enjoying our music lessons with Layla who teaches us recorder.



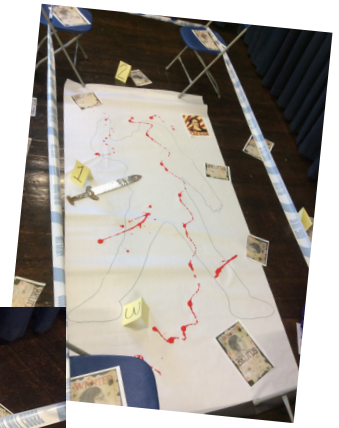
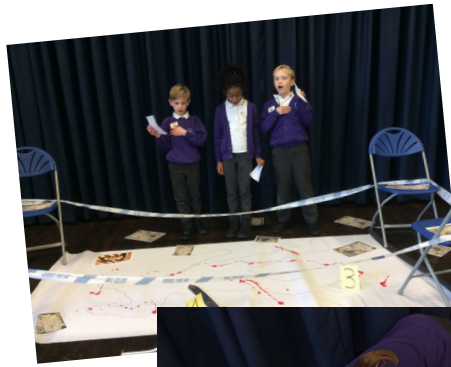
YEAR 3

On Monday we had the launch day for our new topic all about Ancient Greece. We created our own Parthenon buildings, tasted food from Ancient Greece and ordered the key events from the Ancient Greece period! We're really looking forward to learning more about this incredible period of history.



YEAR 4

Year 4 are learning about the Roman Empire and this half term they are focusing on the life and death of Julius Caesar. We were hired by the Roman detective agency to investigate what happened to Caesar. After visiting the crime scene, we used our detective skills to piece together the evidence. We loved being detectives!



YEAR 5

We thoroughly enjoyed our launch day on Monday, linked to our new topic of Space. We learnt about non-Newtonian fluids, which act like both liquids and solids. Did you know that slime is a non-Newtonian fluid.....we made our own! We loved seeing the different ways it behaved, depending on whether we stretched it slowly or quickly.



YEAR 6

Our new topic is all about the Industrial Revolution. We have started to learn about the largest social and demographic changes that took place in England during the 1800s. People began moving to cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield to work in factories. As the cities expanded the landscape changed and many factories, canals, bridges and aqueducts were constructed to meet the demands of making and transporting goods. This inspired us to complete some art work of scenes of an industrialised town during this time. We used a pencil to lightly sketch the pictures, then completed the detail using charcoal to create light and shade. We are very proud of our finished results which we have displayed in our classrooms.

