



COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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LOVE



LOVE: A Coopers Lane Learner develops a curiosity and wonder of the world around them. On Monday I talked to the children in assembly about the value of Love. We thought about how we could show this value in school by being curious and asking questions. I set the children the task of being more curious this week by seeking out the answers to any big questions they

have about their current topics. On Tuesday, Covent Garden class performed an amazing class assembly to their parents and carers. The children have only been back at school for a few weeks but already had lots to share. They taught us all about King James I and how he believed in the 'Divine Right of Kings' which angered many people and led to the gunpowder plot. They also sung their hearts out, sharing a lovely song that helped us to remember Roman Numerals. It was a magical assembly that left us all smiling. Then on Thursday, it was Wimbledon's turn, as they put on their fantastic class assembly. It was incredible to see how much the children have learnt already this year! They taught us about how mountains are formed and about key mountain ranges across the world. The children then performed an amazing song and dance to help explain the water cycle, and I've been singing this ever since!

Both classes really demonstrated what it is to be curious and to show a LOVE of learning. If their curiosity continues in this way, both classes are in for a bumper year!

So my task for you all this week is to be more curious.



Have a lovely weekend.



LET'S TALK

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week to meet with your child's class teacher and have a catch up. Teacher's will let you know how your child has settled into the new school year and what progress they have made, along with tips for how you can support them at home too.



Tue/Wed: Reception
Wed/Thu: Nursery & Year1-6

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British and Global society. This year, we are holding our Black History Month exhibition to coincide with our parent's evenings. Please drop into the KS2 hall either before or after your meeting to view the children's amazing work on display.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Today a group of Y6 girls and boys attended Crystal Palace for a mixed football tournament. The children demonstrated our school values and made Coopers Lane really proud.



ONLINE SAFETY TIP

Among Us: fairly safe, or pretty suspicious? This scenario of spaceship crew members cooperating to complete tasks and uncover murderous alien imposters has garnered a sizeable and committed following with younger gamers. Though Among Us is presented in a (mainly) sanitised visual style, any children's game which essentially foregrounds the concepts of deceit, betrayal and killing is always likely to cause some concerns.

Click [HERE](#) to read the Parentzone guide on Among Us and find out more about how to keep your child safe whilst playing the game.



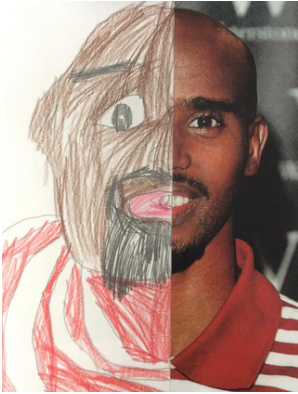
NURSERY

This week Nursery have been celebrating Black History month. We have been learning about 'Bessie Coleman' who was the first African American woman to hold a pilot licence. The children were inspired by her and made their own Bi planes and practiced wing walking just like Bessie.



RECEPTION

This week has been all about Mo! We have been learning all about Mo Farah and his achievements in sports, as well as his charity work over the years. We designed our own race t-shirts for Mo, drew portraits, made medals and even learned his celebration, the mobot!

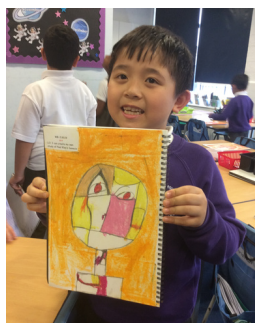


This week we learnt about the Asian artist Yayoi Kusama, who is known for her ability to create repetitive patterns, often using shapes such as circles, dots and lines. We created a group piece of Art by each placing a few dots on a blank background to create a collective piece. We also had our very first school outing going to Grove Park Nature Reserve. We had the chance to look at the different trees and leaves. We collected natural material such as a range of leaves, bark and stones, and made bracelets.

YEAR 1



YEAR 2



We've been learning about Mary Seacole this week, as part of our English work during Black History Month. We've had lots of interesting discussions and the children have learnt so much about Mary Seacole who was a very inspirational woman. We re-created her herbal remedies using lemons, okra, aloe vera and lemongrass. We've been inspired by Paul Klee's portrait called 'Senecio' in art and used pastels to create our own version.

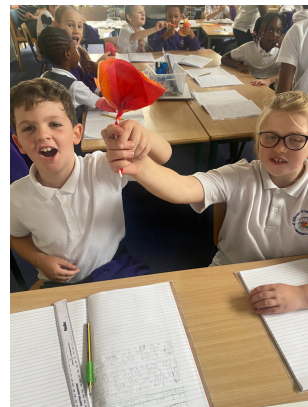
YEAR 3

As part of our Science topic all about rocks, we visited the Natural History Museum. We travelled by train up to London, seeing lots of sights on the way. At the museum, we watched the Dino Show to learn about fossils, time scales and how environments change. We travelled to different time periods learning about footprints, teeth and poo, before heading back to the present day. We then walked around the museum and found a real T-Rex!



YEAR 4

This week Year 4 had a great time learning all about the Jewish celebration Havdalah. These candles are lit on a Saturday evening to mark the end of Shabbat. As well as this, we have started work on the incredible new book 'Kevin' and created our own imaginary friend. We went on a sound walk around the school in Science, and listened carefully to all our surroundings!



YEAR 5

This week we have been learning all about Claudia Jones (known as the mother of Carnival) for Black History Month. We kick-started our Monday by designing and creating our own carnival masks and then we went into the KS2 hall and held our own Year 5 Carnival. We had great fun dancing and singing and it helped us understand how carnival is a fabulous way to bring people together and celebrate.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning all about refraction in Science. We completed a carousel of experiments to help us understand how light can appear to bend when it goes from air to water. Our favourites were the 'bendy pencil' experiment in which the pencil appeared to have been cut in half by the water and the 'pouring light' experiment in which we saw the light beam travel downwards in the direction of the pouring water.

