



# COOPERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR



I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and managed to have some quality time with family and friends over the holidays. The staff and children have bounced back to school this week and it's lovely to see that the break has given everyone the chance to recharge the batteries, ready for the new term.

In assembly on Monday, I talked to the children in KS2 about the New Year and why for many people this time is used as an opportunity to set new goals. The children shared some of the things they want to achieve this year and what they need to do in order to reach their goals. We reflected on our school values and

what we could change to be even better versions of ourselves. We also talked about our 3 schools rules; to be READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE in all we do. Refocusing on these simple rules and what it means to be READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE is going to help us to have a really positive term ahead. I shared my goal with the children too. I'm going to need to have great perseverance this year, as I have signed up to run the London Marathon in April. Although I have run the marathon before, it was 6 years ago and my legs were much younger then, so I'm going to have to train really hard! I explained to the children that, in order to reach my goal, I need to challenge myself and persevere with the training... even when it's cold outside! I've switched on my growth mindset and I know that I can do it,

if I put the effort in. I'm looking forward to seeing the progress we all make towards our goals this term.

Have a lovely weekend.



### JANUARY

### UPCOMING DATES

30th Angel Class Assembly  
31st Green Park Class Assembly

### FEBRUARY

1st Canary Wharf Class Assembly  
6th Safer Internet Day  
7th Embankment & Westminster Horniman Trip  
8th St Paul's Horniman Trip

### MARCH

5th Embankment Class Assembly  
7th World Book Day  
13th & 14th Parent/Carer & Teacher Meetings  
15th Red Nose Day Discos  
18th & 19th Y4 School Journey  
20th Farringdon Class Assembly  
26th Tower Hill Class Assembly  
26th Y6 Horniman trip



### WELLBEING & SAFETY

We would like your feedback on the wellbeing and safety of your children both in and out of school. Please complete this anonymous survey for parents and carers. We will use the information from the survey to help develop our curriculum. We want to think about our school and local area and how we teach the children to be safe.

[WELLBEING SURVEY](#)





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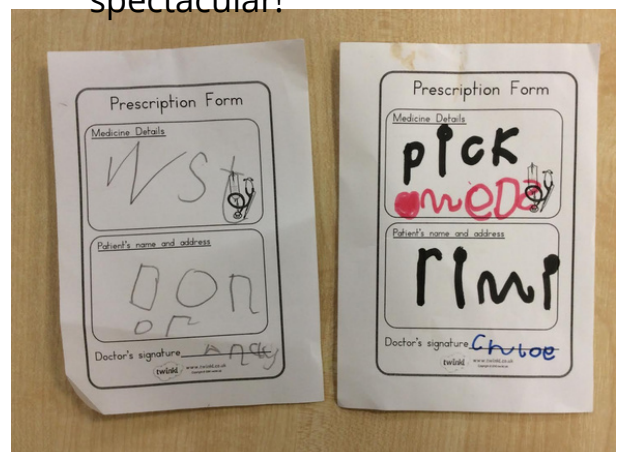
We started the New Year with a bang! It's been busy, busy, busy trying to settle the old and the new children in. The children are enjoying our Christmas presents from Santa. As you can see our presents were Superhero costumes. The Hot chocolate shop has been a great success. Eyva asked "Do you want cream and marshmallows in your hot chocolate?" The weather has been very cold this week and Louie and Ace had a great time playing with the Ice.



## RECEPTION

We are so proud of how the Reception children have settled back after the holidays and it has been lovely to see so many happy smiling faces. This week we have started learning about people who help us. The children have been busy playing Hospitals and using their phonic knowledge to write prescriptions.

Even though it has been cold outside, the Reception children have enjoyed spending time in our outdoor area. The constructions they have created are spectacular!





This week in Year 1 we learnt all about Hinduism. Our focus story for Drawing Club was Rama and Sita: The Story of Diwali, by Malachi Doyle. We really enjoyed listening to the story and learning more about the story of Diwali. In provision, we created Rangoli patterns using lots of colours and sparkly sequins to decorate. We have had such a fun first week back!



**YEAR 1**



As part of our learning around Hinduism we made Diyas using salt dough. Diya Lamps are oil lamps lit during the festival of Diwali to symbolise prosperity in the new year. We measured the ingredients and rolled and pressed the dough to shape. We then decorated them. We had a blast!



Year 2 have had a brilliant first week back! We've started reading a new text, The Highway Rat, by Julia Donaldson. On Thursday, The Highway Rat had us following clues around school and finally we captured him! In PHSE, we have been learning about different jobs within our community. We've started our new topic in Science which is about animals and humans- did you know a baby hedgehog is called a hoglet?!



**YEAR 2**





To kick off the Spring term, we had our Launch Day for Ancient Greece. We started off the day by creating our own Parthenon using books and cups. We then used Digimaps to solve a map quest. Later on, we tasted food from Ancient Greece and then explored the Olympic games. We even played some of the games.



## YEAR 3



What a fabulous first week back! This week we have launched our new Science topic which is all about space. We found out about our solar system, wrote mnemonics to help remember the order of the planets. Then we researched astronauts in space and created our own jam boards using the chrome books - it was great fun. Finally, inspired by the famous artist Peter Thorpe we created our own abstract space art using oil pastels. We thought carefully about how we could create form so that our rockets and planets looked 3D and not flat. Here are some examples of our fabulous work.

## YEAR 3





In Year 4, we had our Roman Launch day for our new history topic. We started our day by designing our very own Roman vases to tell the story of how Rome came to be; we used intricate patterns and bold colours. After this, we had the chance to try some traditional Roman foods including pork tongue, goats cheese, honey, bread, figs and grape juice. We challenged ourselves to try everything and we were surprised at what we enjoyed - especially the pork tongue! To finish our day, we made our own pop-up colosseums. Overall, we had a brilliant launch day and we can't wait to learn all about The Romans this term.

## YEAR 4



Our new topic is all about the Industrial Revolution. We started to learn about the largest social and demographic changes that took place in England during the 1800s by creating pictographs to show how many people began moving to cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield to work in factories. We considered how, 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.

## YEAR 6

