



CURRICULUM NEWS

2021 Summer Term 1

*Inspire Excellence
Challenge Potential
Empower Learning*

Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to the summer term 1 of the curriculum news.

This term we have been focusing on our foundation subject offer and conducting a detailed audit, outcomes of this will inform our action planning for next year.

Congratulations to Mr Proctor who led the PE audit with our School Improvement Partner. PE has been recognised as a strength of the school with a broad range of activities and learning for all age ranges which incorporates experiences provided from external partners too.

As we get ready to head into the final half term of the academic year we will be saying goodbye to our year 14 pupils who will be moving on. We will be planning leavers assemblies for both our year 14 and year 11 groups and will keep you informed of the dates.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading about the work pupils have been doing in class and how they are continuing to make really great progress towards their targets and EHCP outcomes.

Have a great Half term everyone,

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Curriculum Lead



It has been a very successful, productive and purposeful start to the summer term.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils engaging and working 'outdoors' with an array of different providers, such as Rugby Works and Organiclea. Many of our pupils have also immersed themselves into designing and very soon creating our Forest School area.

Forest School is an outdoor education process that is holistic. It ties in with many areas of the National Curriculum. For example, being outdoors all year-round helps pupils learn about weather and the seasons, which are part of the programme of study in geography, studying mini beasts and plant life related to the science curriculum, and working on tasks like den building and woodwork links with design and technology. Research has shown pupils also benefit from the simple act of being outdoors.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades,
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
31st May - 4th June	Half Term
7th June	INSET - No Pupils
7th - 11th June	World & Ocean Environment Day
8th June	Pupils back to school
15th - 20th June	World Refugee Week
21st - 25th June	Diversity Week
24th June	RSE Day
9th July	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
18th July	Nelson Mandela Day
23rd July	End of Term



Pastoral & PSHE News-Miss Huseyin

What a busy half term it has been! I have spoken with so many of you and had the opportunity to support many individual families this term. Next term will see a return of some parent workshops, initially online and hopefully towards the end of term some face to face sessions.

Over the next half term, we will be continuing with the introduction of the Relationship, Sex and Health Education programme. We have incorporated this into the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum. Every class follows a different plan although we all work under a similar topic, but planning is created to be individual for each class. We have had some real successes with this programme and I have had the absolute pleasure of spending time in each class for their PSHE lessons this half term. Our class staff teams are incredibly creative and really engaging our pupils in some fantastic learning. I have had a fantastic term teaching Post 16 on Wednesday mornings and they even engaged in their first full lesson via zoom as I was at home!

As always if you have any questions please email me:

nadine.huseyin@thegroveschool.co.uk

Next term we will be celebrating Diversity Week, having our own Pride Celebration, recognising Relationship and Sex Education Day through our PSHE programme and finally celebrating Children's Arts Week.

We will also be continuing our work in recognising, understanding and celebrating mental health. As always I wish you a restful break and look forward to the final summer half term.

Best wishes,

Nadine Huseyin, Family Support, Pastoral & Safeguarding Lead

Career News

The summer term has seen the exciting work that Rugby Works has been doing across the school with all of the departments. The Employment workshops were a huge success and now they are delivering sports sessions and sports leadership qualification.

With Covid restrictions easing we have now begun work experience for Post 16 within school and will soon be taking them off site for external work experience opportunities which is very exciting. We have also been working hard to make employer links and hopefully we will soon have partnerships with HSBC and Morrisons which will create work related opportunities for all of our pupils in year 9 and above. I will update you with any more information about his next term.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions around careers or options for post 16 and beyond:

bronja.elton@thegroveschool.co.uk or on 020 3876 6555

Bronja Elton Careers lead/Head of Post 16

CLASSROOM NEWS

PRIMARY NEWS

HEAD OF PRIMARY: MR MILLS

After another fragmented and stop start year due to lockdowns it feels as if this term has really allowed us to get our pupils settled and back into our usual routine and structure. The pupils have done brilliantly this term and seem really settled, and in a good place to learn and make progress. We still have seven weeks of the term left after the half-term break to continue working on our water theme throughout the primary department.

This term the pupils have really enjoyed our theme of water and have had fun taking parts in all of the sensory elements that can be explored. I have seen more outdoor learning activities taking place which the pupils have really seemed to enjoy.

In Literacy Primary classes have looked at a range of books including The Fish that could Wish, The Little Raindrop, Barnaby Bear - Going to the Seaside, Peppa Pig - The Great Barrier Reef and A Hole at the Bottom of the Sea. In Maths areas of learning have included addition and subtraction, prepositional language, measurement and money.

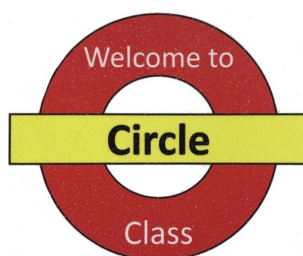
A massive positive for this term has been the visits to the local park which all classes have started to partake in. Because of Covid restrictions we had not previously been able to leave the school site apart from on minibus drives. The pupils have really enjoyed our trips to Belmont

Recreation Park just across the road from school. We have been working on road safety skills, adventurous play skills and transitioning to and from a fun and motivating activity which can be a big challenge for some pupils.

Next term we will continue with our theme of Water and as the weather improves into the summer term we will continue with outdoor learning and offsite visits and hopefully some end of year trips further afield.

Thank you for your continued support and hard work at home with pupils. We all really appreciate your support and hard work at home. I look forward to a really positive half term in the build up to the summer holidays.

Lee Mills
Primary Head of Department.



CLASS NEWS

This term, our topic has been The world around me-water. In English,

pupils learnt about a story called 'The fish who could wish' written by John Bush. The children have written their own underwater story, they have made a list of their own wishes and have loved looking at this book and the amazing adventures that our fish goes on. Our pupils have continued to revise and practise their phonics, reading and writing skills in various activities, such as using adjectives and similes to describe the fish and the sea, writing letters to their friends, and

writing a book review expressing their opinions about the story. In phonics, we have been working on phase 4 phonics and the children have learnt the tricky words so, do, out, like, have, when, some, come, what, said, were.

In Maths, we have been focusing on prepositions and measuring this term. The children have explored different positions in maths and have been able to give and follow a set of prepositional instructions. As well as, use a ruler to measure length in centimetres (cm) and measure volume in millilitres (ml) and litres (l). In Science, they learnt about sea animals and life cycles, we have also been looking after and growing our own sea monkeys. Our Topic activities have varied from making paper mache fish, making fruit lollies and learning about our emotions and helping others.

Our theme will continue after half term and our core book will be Winnie and Wilbur under the sea, by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul. Circle Class will be working on comprehension, descriptions, predicting actions and events, and sequencing the story. In Maths, they will be continuing to learn about measure using different measuring instruments, and they will also be looking at collecting and analysing data. Within our theme work, the pupils will look at states of matter. Floating and sinking in Science, and looking at and creating artwork based around the sea.

HOME LEARNING

- English - listen to the story [here](#) and ask questions based on the story, in class we use ['wh'](#)

[questions](#). Phonics - [Phase 4](#) and [Phase 5](#) - practise the sounds for these two phases.

- Maths - allow the children to follow the [instructions](#) to make under the sea themed shortbread, allowing them to measure all the ingredients using scales. Your child can weigh different food items in the kitchen, ask them to predict what they think it might weigh and then test its actual weight. Look at these [pictures](#) or this [video](#) and tally how many different sea animals they can see and count the total. Number - practise counting down from 50 or a higher number if your child can already do it.
- Science - [video](#) on states of matter.
- PSHE - Staying safe online [video](#).

Circle Class team



CLASS NEWS

This term our theme has been 'The World Around Me'. We have been

learning all about water, animals that live under the sea and animals that live on land. We have loved reading stories about water, especially 'The Little Raindrop'. In Literacy we have practised our letter formation, writing words from the story and ordering sentences. We have also loved making collages of fish and making playdough sea animals like starfish, crabs and sharks.

In maths we have been learning about quantities and measuring. We have enjoyed exploring the concept of '1 and lots' by matching pictures of our favourite

food and requesting different amounts of ingredients to make croissants that look like crabs, blue raindrop biscuits and rainbow fruit salad. We have also looked at comparing items to see if they are longer or shorter and measuring them with cubes.

City Class have also loved dancing in their music lessons this term. We love to have parties, and enjoyed learning all about and celebrating Eid, dancing and sharing food.

HOME LEARNING

Next Term we will continue with our theme of 'The World Around Me'. We will be looking at a new book called 'Hooray for Fish' written by Lucy Cousins, which you can buy on Amazon or watch on YouTube to help get us started after the half term [Hooray for fish](#). The book has lots of different coloured and patterned fish in it, so maybe you could have a go at painting some different coloured fish or drawing patterns at home.

In Maths we will be learning all about money. There are lots of songs on YouTube about money like [The Money Song](#) and [Five Currant Buns song](#). It might also be fun to shop at home and pretend to buy different toys around the house, or even make coins with playdough to help us to start thinking about money.

Have a lovely half term

City Class Team



CLASS NEWS

This half term the pupils have

learnt many new skills and concepts.

In Maths the pupils have been learning about Money and recognising different coins and the value they represent. The pupils were able to match identical coins as well as identify and hand over correct coins and 'pay' for ingredients needed during their cooking lessons. In addition, pupils also learnt how to work out the number 1 more and 1 less to 10. In our English Lessons we have been working hard in formulating our letters correctly and starting our sentences with capital letters and ending with full stops. The pupils have focused on making predictions about what they believe the stories will be about as well as comprehension and answering questions based on the different stories.

In PSHE we have been learning about people who keep us safe in the community and self care. All pupils had fun dressing up and role playing.

All the pupils have worked incredibly hard this half term and we are incredibly proud of all their achievements.

HOME LEARNING

After the half term holiday, we will still be focusing on our theme 'The World About Me- Water'. The book we will be reading is called 'The Rainbow Fish'. We will carry on working on embedding the concept of capital letters and full stops. In Maths we will be learning about pictograms and collecting data. In Science we will be learning about the importance of water for plants and observing the growth of our tomato plants.

Some activities to help pupils at home include:

Read the books assigned on Bug club [here](#)

1. Watch the story 'The Rainbow Fish' [here](#)
2. What do plants need to grow: [Here](#)
3. For Maths- count how many red, green and blue objects you can find in your house and write it down!



CLASS NEWS

The theme this half term has been 'Sand & water' and we have focused our

learning around the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. The children have been learning the names of the colours and of different sea creatures. We have read stories about different sea creatures and they have traced and written letters and words. The pupils have learnt to match symbols to photos and to use colourful semantics to make sentences. In maths the pupils have matched numbers and quantities, they have learned about odd and even and about number bonds to 10.

In science we have been melting ice and exploring which objects float and sink. We have continued to use the 4 zones of regulation to label how we are feeling and started recognising different facial expressions. The children have been practising their fine motor skills such as cutting, using hole punchers, using tweezers and handwriting. The pupils have also had outdoor PE sessions twice a week and have been going on trips to the local park. During 'Nature week' the children planted bulbs and sunflower seeds and cut up fruits and vegetables to look for seeds. They also used props to act out the song 'A tiny seed was sleeping'.

HOME LEARNING

We will continue with the theme 'Sand & Water' next term and we will be reading the stories 'A hole in the bottom of the sea' and 'Sally's Seaside Adventure'. In maths we will continue learning about length, weight capacity and shapes. In number we will continue with one-to-one correspondence, comparing numbers, and addition. We will continue to use sand and water in outdoor learning sessions and explore water and forces in different ways in science. Here are some ideas for activities that you can do at home:

1. Literacy activities:

Listen to the song 'A hole in the bottom of the sea' [Here](#)

Reading the books on Bug Club together: [Here](#)

Practising letter formation using Letter school: [Here](#)

2. Maths activities:

Counting out coins to pay for toys and snack

Sorting 2D shapes

Comparing the length and size of toys

3. Topic and fine motor activities:

Looking at clothes for different types of weather

Using spoons to scoop and pour sand or water into different containers

Planting seeds in soil

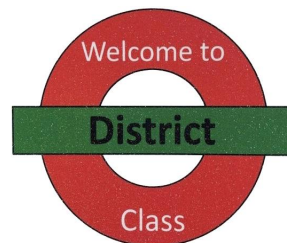
SECONDARY EAST NEWS

It has been a busy half term for the Secondary East department. We have navigated our way from our first day trip offsite through the introduction of Rugbyworks to our soap making enterprise scheme.

The pupils' engagement across all subjects has been fantastic as we move into the last half term of this year, where is the time going?!

Part of our focus in Summer 2 will be on transitions moving into the academic year 2021/2 and looking forward to our new classes and welcoming some new pupils. We will also be completing our summer topic of Treasure Island and pupils in Docklands will have covered the first year of their qualifications.

We hope you have a restful half term in anticipation of the final push to the end of the year!



FORM NEWS

District Class have been exploring the world of Piracy, through the book Treasure Island

by Robert Louis Stevenson.

In English we have been reading, listening to audio books and even accessing the story through an old 1930's movie. It still manages to grip us now as it did then.

This term our Art lessons have been focused on Rendering and representing the world in 3D, still working on the theme of Treasure Island and using charcoal as our main medium.

In Computing, pupils have been using the Microbits (programmable mini-computers). We have used the microbits to create circuits and code games. Pupils coded using a variety of programming languages including: block code, python and javascript.

In Humanities we have focused on our theme and investigated the world of Contemporary piracy and how it is affecting shipping and the people from Sudan.

We have also looked at the Caribbean not just as a setting for Treasure Island, but its physical geography and weather patterns.

This leaves us with Life Skills, where the Caribbean is our inspiration and allowed us to make Bammy using Cassava. We will be making Plantain Crisps in the near future after we have completed a trip to the local shops to buy and find ingredients.

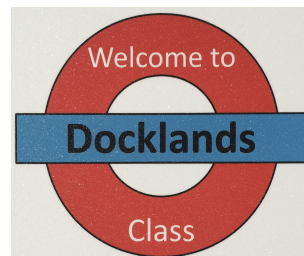
We are blessed in District class with an abundance of skilled footballers, however when we were told that Rugby had become an alternative I was happy to see the popularity with which it was received, and the skills that have been on display

HOME LEARNING

You can listen to Treasure Island as an audiobook [here](#).

You can read handy guides and look at your own lesson to help you with micro bits [here](#).

The National Gallery is not accepting school visits yet but you can go on a virtual tour [here](#).



FORM NEWS

Summer term 1 has been a great term for Docklands pupils. This term has seen pupils

developing stronger bonds with each other, teaching each other new skills and discussing a variety of topics.

Food tech lessons have typically been very fun, pupils giving recipes their own twists to create exciting and yummy foods. We have made mini quiches, mac and cheese, quesadillas and we had another bake off for a pupil's birthday.

Pupils have been refining their knife skills and evaluating their recipes.

As usual, we have had some excellent discussions in SMSC on a range of topics including: consent, mental health week, how reading is good for you, do we need the high street and looking at the local elections, (we had some fun looking at all the different candidates!).

In PSHE we have been looking at what we want out of a friendship, how to be the best friend we can be and how positive thinking can help our moods. We have made friendship bracelets and written positive messages to each other.

In Maths, we have been looking at fractions. Pupils have used bar models to visually display fraction amounts. We have learned how to simplify, add and subtract fractions and how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages.

I look forward to our next topic, shape and measure.

Computing: In Computing, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed using the Microbits (programmable mini-computers). We have used the microbits for a range of projects, including programming them to play rock,

paper, scissors! We also used the microbits to create circuits and code music. One pupil enjoyed coding the whole of “Never Gonna Give You Up” by Rick Astley. I’ve never been “rickrolled” in such a creative way. Another pupil created his own mini countdown complete with visual explosion. We also used bananas and oranges to create circuits that made different sounds depending on which fruit was touched. Pupils coded using a variety of programming languages including: block code, python and javascript.

Art: Docklands have embarked on a project that takes the work of Artists such as Kathy Kolwitz and Henry Moore, as inspiration whilst working with Charcoal. The main focus of attention is Rendering and representing the world in 3D. Many Artists have worked in the monochromatic to explore the effects of light on objects using only Charcoal and pencil, skills needed in order to access qualifications further down the line. Docklands have used shapes and skulls and mixed them with imagery of their own to make some very interesting outcomes.

Humanities: This half term, pupils decided they would like a change of theme and voted to learn about different religions. We have enjoyed learning about Islam, including the 5 pillars, Eid and Islamic art. In the last two weeks we are learning about Buddhism.

Science: This half term in science we have been focusing on changes of state and how we use these scientific principles to make different products. We have been making bath bombs and soaps which we will start selling as an enterprise project to raise money for charity and equipment chosen by the pupils. Next half term our focus will be back on physics and the laws of motion

English: This term we have been studying Shakespeare and Hamlet and it has been really great to see how involved all of the pupils have been with both reading,

performing and writing about the play. All of the pupils have really enjoyed playing Hamlet in various ways and supported each other with different performances. I have been so impressed by their understanding of the character and the purpose behind Shakespeare’s intentions and I have loved seeing their responses to different presentations of the play and the way the actors have presented the characters.

Next term we'll be moving onto studying poetry and writing poetry as well as completing some more formal assessments for the Year 9s and 10s.

Have a lovely half term, we wish you lots of sunshine!

Best wishes, Ms Steventon, Ms Antonella and Ms Hollie

HOME LEARNING

Reading? Why not try some audiobooks?

There are some great ones on BBC Sounds. Classic sherlock holmes, “the sign of four” a great who done it. A locked room, a dead body but how? And so much more! Link [Here](#)

Or the ultimate in Aliens have taken over the World story. All set in the UK and mostly in London. “War of the Worlds”. (when this was released people listening on the radio thought that aliens had really landed! What do you think? Link [Here](#)

Or try Micheal Morpurgo’s classic historic tale of a horse’s life. “War horse”. Link [Here](#)

Create your own book!

This is a great website where you can create your own books. You can easily add photos, videos and text into pages. There is a Docklands Library where I can see all

your work and you can see my books too.
To access it create a login [here](#)
Library Password: SVY2GMX

Touch Typing

Continue learning the life changing skill of touch typing!

Link [Here](#)

Coding

Try your hand at some HTML. On this mini site you can use HTML code to create cakes- Learn HTML and you'll be coding websites before you know it.

Link [Here](#)

Or take this coding personality quiz!

Answer the questions and it will tell you the best programming language you should try. It will suggest career paths and give you tasks to help you get there!

Link: [here](#)



FORM NEWS

It has been a really exciting term for Metropolitan class and it has been fantastic to see all

of the brilliant work that the pupils have been doing.

The theme of this term is 'Treasure Island'. In English we have been reading Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson and all of the pupils have been enjoying looking and learning about descriptions of pirates and treasure. They have been writing using exciting adjectives and developing their sentences. They have also been planning for their own Pirate adventure stories that they will create on

Book Creator; we look forward to sharing them next half term.

In maths we have been collecting data around the school to find out people's favourite chocolate! Even being allowed to sample the winning choice! We have been having maths competitions to see who is fastest at times tables and mental arithmetic problems. All of the pupils have been enjoying receiving merits and awards for the fastest time.

It is really lovely to be able to write about all of our offsite adventures and trips this half term. Pupils have gone to Hawkswood Nursery as part of Organiclea growing project. They LOVED this experience and will be doing it every two weeks until July. We will share pictures with you as the trips continue. Pupils have also been planning meals and going shopping for the ingredients which they have also been really enjoying. Next term we will continue to try new experiences and activities.

Rugby Works has also been a great success and they are feeling fully enthused with Rugby as a sport.

Metropolitan Class has been learning about the history of computer games. So far we have learned about Pong and Asteroids, among the first ever arcade games. We have also learned how to use a text based programming language to make things happen; so far we have created the paddles and ball in pong. We have created asteroid ships and each pupil has "hacked" their code and adapted their ships to look different.

HOME LEARNING

Pupils can now access Bug Club from home and will be practicing it at school. Please support them in logging on to read the books that have been chosen for them. Link [Here](#)

We have been working on one kind act a day. Could you please encourage 'one kind act a day' that pupils can tell us about when they come back to school after half term.

All pupils can continue building their maths skills by logging into Numbots [here](#). Families can also encourage their child to help them pay for items at the shop to put their money skills into real life practice!

Next half term we will also be travelling on a time machine (our theme) so you can start by watching the Awful Egyptians [here](#).

Finally, have a lovely half term. Enjoy the sunshine (hopefully there will be some) and seeing friends and family

Miss Ashley

SECONDARY WEST NEWS

**HEAD OF SECONDARY WEST:
MS COLHOUN**

Dear Families, I hope you are all well? We've had a really active and busy term with lots of fun and engaging activities in the department.

Key Stage 3 began their new topic called "Treasure Island" this term and have been enjoying some pirate themed learning activities as they learn about the seven seas and our coastlines. I've seen some impressive raft building, tried to follow some cleverly devised pirate maps and even took part in a treasure hunt.

Key Stage 4 has also begun a new theme c "My Community" and we are hopeful that they will soon be able to experience local community facilities such as cafes, shops and transport links now that the UK is slowly coming out of lockdown. Our Year 11's have been especially busy this term putting the final touches to their ASDAN portfolios and they will be submitting them soon for accreditation; we are optimistic that they all will achieve a certificate in Personal Progress despite the setbacks caused by COVID.

Outside of the classroom, Jubilee and Bakerloo have been enjoying weekly sessions with Rugby Works and they are making good progress within the sessions. All our classes have enjoyed the benefits of having time with Joe from OrganicLea as we continue to care for our school allotment onsite and also they are thoroughly enjoying weekly dance sessions from a company called Step into Dance. We look forward to continuing these sessions after the holiday and can't wait to see what the pupils produce.



CLASS NEWS

Bakerloo class have had a busy and productive half term. Pupils tried really hard with all

their learning and have been making great progress across all areas. This half term, pupils have been taking part in gardening sessions with Organiclea, as part of our outdoor learning curriculum. They have been digging flower beds, planting seeds and drilling holes in logs for bees. Pupils have continued to work towards their ASDAN Personal Progress Accreditation across a range of areas within English, maths and communication skills.

English:

This half term, we have been reading the book, 'The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles' by Michelle Cuevas. Pupils have really enjoyed reading the story as a class and have shown a really good understanding of it. As part of this unit, pupils have joined in with group reading of the sensory story as well as taking part in individual reading sessions. Pupils have been working on being able to sequence the story and then retell it, using the illustrations for support. We have also been looking at constructing and extending sentences using connectives. Pupils have benefited from continued reading support each week, with either direct phonics teaching or guided reading practice. This has really helped to increase reading progress and comprehension for all pupils.

Throughout the term, Bakerloo class have been continuing to work towards their ASDAN accreditation in reading and writing.

Maths:

This half term we have been looking at number and statistics. Pupils have learned about how to construct different charts, such as tally charts, bar charts and pictograms. We have been working on collecting and collating data about our community, such as how our peers get to school and when their birthdays are. We have also been looking at recognising and using number shapes in different contexts. As part of our daily workstation learning, pupils have also had the opportunity to practise arithmetic skills, such as: addition, subtraction, times tables and division.

PSHE:

In PSHE, we have been learning about medicine. Pupils have been looking at how to identify medicine and why people might take it. They have also learned about how people stay safe if they need to take medicine and what the safety rules are.

Art:

This half term, we have been learning about different artists and having a go at creating pieces inspired by them. We have looked specifically at Kandinsky and Picasso, and the results have been amazing!

HOME LEARNING

Next term, our theme will continue to be 'My Community'. We will be learning about different aspects of our community such as transport, food and leisure activities. We will spend some time looking at maps and how they can help us in our daily lives. It would be really beneficial for pupils to have a look at

different maps/transport timetables and relate it to their lives; such as looking at a tube or bus map.

Pupils could also have a go at making some different foods related to their community, such as foods celebrated at religious events or food from different cultures.

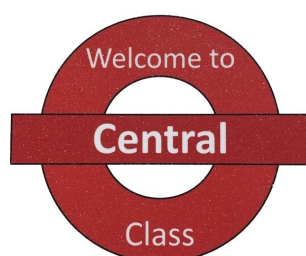
As always, regular reading practice is so important. It would be great if pupils could practice reading every day in order to continue developing their reading skills and comprehension. This could include: familiar or favourite stories, recipe books, encyclopedias or maps. They can also access reading using their Bugclub account link [here](#):

It could also be really beneficial to practice phonics with the pupils at home. The following website link [here](#) has some lovely games aimed at learning different sounds across the phases.

All pupils should also have access to a 'Times Table Rockstars' account and/or a 'Numbots' account and can use these to practice their maths skills.

Link [here](#)

Have a lovely and restful break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for our last half term!



CLASS NEWS

We have had an amazing start to the Summer term. It has been lovely to see all our pupils engaging in activities and participating during lessons. The School is celebrating "compassion" as a SEARCH

value, our pupils have been helping and being good to each other and have accepted and understood when other pupils are in the red zone. Well done Central class.

Our theme is "Treasure Island". In English we have been using a sensory story to learn new vocabulary, learn about pirates, treasures and islands. Pupils have been using colourful semantic boards to describe what is happening in the story and building their own sentences.

In Maths we have been working on gathering information and putting it in a diagram.

For sciences we have been exploring different materials as well as experiments about objects that sink or float.

In PSHE we recapped Zones of Regulation, where we talk about different emotions and how to identify them. We also have been learning about hospitals, doctors and medicines; how to identify them and when we can take them.

This half term we have talked about Africa (for Africa heritage day) and we have been learning about Islam, Ramadan and some important places and objects. During cooking lessons we have made muffins and Rice Pilau. Our pupils love it!

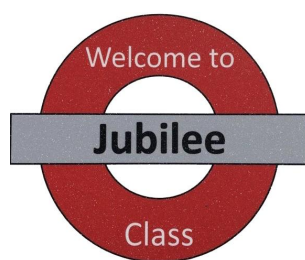
After a long wait, Central class visited the park for the first time, as well as all the other benefits of going out into our community; we are teaching our pupils how to travel safely. We have also participated in Organiclea and it appears that we have many talented gardeners in Central class. It is great to see our pupils taking part in outdoors activities.

HOME LEARNING

For the next half term we will learn about the seaside and we will be using different materials to create seaside animals. We will carry on talking about Treasure island and adding some vocabulary.

During the holidays you could use [BugClub](#) to do some reading, and as always please encourage your child to be as independent as possible. Let them help cook, tidy up after themselves, you may get surprised to see how many things they can do if they have the opportunity. Have a lovely and restful half term!

You could also find useful: [Numbots](#) , [Phonics \(Bitesize\)](#), [A bear named Sue](#)



CLASS NEWS

It has been an exciting and fun term for Jubilee class!

Our topic is 'Treasure Island' and in English we have explored stories such as 'The Mysterious Island' and looked at new vocabulary, wrote predictions, summaries and descriptions while using verbs in the past tense. The pupils also enjoyed learning about pirates and created their own characters and stories.

For Maths, we learnt the names and properties of 3D shapes, copied and created patterns and explored reading different maps by writing coordinates on a grid map or designing our own pirate maps and also going on a treasure hunt.

For Science we carried out experiments about objects that sink or float, looked at the three states of matter: solids, liquids, gases and linked those to the water cycle; evaporation, condensation, precipitation, accumulation in order to understand how the clouds are created and where the rain comes from.

In PSHE we talked about Healthy Living and how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle. We learnt about the food pyramid; groups of food, balanced diet, but also how we can protect ourselves from harmful substances; drugs and alcohol.

It has been a very busy term since we also did Rugby, Dance, Gardening with Organiclea and went to the park to practise road safety but all pupils were enthusiastic and eager to join all these activities and spend time with their peers.

Finally, my pupils made me extremely proud as they have all been showing compassion to each other, resilience and acceptance with changes, empathy to their peers and teachers and have been supportive to each other. Well done to everyone and enjoy your half term holiday!

Next term for English we will be focusing on writing our own stories, planning our holidays and revising our phonics and grammar: punctuation, parts of speech, sentence structure, tenses. For Maths we will be revising everything we've learnt this past year: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, telling the time, 2D and 3D shapes, positional and directional language. In Geography we will explore the ocean, coasts and sea life and in ICT we will start learning how to

do coding and write algorithms (using directional language).

HOME LEARNING

1. Watch Newsround every day and ask your child to tell you one thing they found interesting.

[BBC Newsround](#)

2. Play [Grammar games](#) and [Phonics \(Bitesize\)](#)

3. Practise sentence structure in [Present tense](#) and [Past tense](#)

4. Use [BugClub](#) to do some reading.

5. Use [TTR](#) and [Numbots](#)

6. Revise [Fractions](#) and [telling the time](#)

7. Revise shapes: [Shape patterns](#), [3D shapes game](#)



CLASS NEWS

Another half term that flies by with loads of learning and

good shared times in Northern class. This half term we have seen all the pupils finally settled back into the school normality and their normal routine.

In Northern class we have been incredibly busy, we have begun to explore our community through small trips around the school. The pupils have been learning about road safety and how to enjoy being out and about safely every Friday morning.

We have had the privilege of having OrganicLea back, this time in school, where the pupils have enjoyed and

learned so much about weeding, looking after plants and even how to use some equipment such as a drill safely.

In English, we have explored our topic "Our Community" through a fiction book "The Uncorker of Ocean bottles" which all the pupils have really enjoyed through a sensory story. We have also been learning about how to write a letter and practiced this skill by writing a simple letter to a peer in Secondary West. All the pupils have also been practicing their reading and comprehension skills with the support of colourful semantics.

In Maths, we have been learning about past and present, first looking at understanding Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow and relating time to personal events. We have been learning to identify events that have happened and will happen using a simple calendar and a weekly diary. We have also been learning to read digital and analogue time, starting with o'clock and half past. This is a very complicated area, but all pupils have done really well and we will come back to it later on.

In PSHE, we have been learning about personal care, understanding how to look after ourselves, as well as healthy lifestyles, learning about medicines and when to seek help, as well as allow health professionals to help us when we need it.

In Topic, Northern class has been learning about the Art of some famous artists such as Kandinsky and recreating some of his work through the use of colour and shapes. All pupils created beautiful pieces of art and really enjoyed the process.

HOME LEARNING

Next half term, our topic will continue to be “My Community”, with this topic the pupils will continue to learn about the communities in which they belong and to access different facilities around the local area. We will focus our topic on Geography, where we will explore maps and learn about directional instructions.

Some activities you can do at home:

To support their maths learning, you can use language such as “walk forwards, backwards, left, right” when walking around the community or at home.

In English, you can continue to support your child reading or looking at pictures at home, pointing and commenting pictures together.

You can access our reading app Active Lean [HERE](#). If you have any problems logging in, you can email Alicia and she will help you access the app.

When walking around the community you can point out different buildings, people and places relevant, such as fire station, police station, lolly pop man, shop, etc. Bringing awareness to important places in the community where they live.

When possible, let your children help with some grocery shopping. They could push the trolley or hold the bags when walking back home or to the car.

If you are moving around the community using public transport, you can let them hold their Oyster card, or show them how to tap it, or use it in the tube.

Continue to support your child making healthy simple meals or snacks: e.g. a sandwich, fruit bowl, carrots and hummus (peeling the carrots is a good skill to practice).

- Helping at home when cooking a meal. Helping to peel, chop, wash vegetables, etc.
- Creating a simple movement break exercise: e.g. First running on the spot or star jumps, then walking on a line, finally wall push-ups.



CLASS NEWS

Maths:

Our main focus this half term has been based on ‘data’. Pupils

have been engaged in creative, hands-on lessons to complete interpreting and recording data in a tally, bar graph and pictograms. Once each of the three had been taught, pupils would practice in a carousel style approach; moving from one table to the next to complete their tasks. The pupils particularly enjoyed collecting photographs of themselves and peers to then count and record in a bar graph. When we return from half term we will continue with practical tasks such as counting cars in the playground and recording our findings.

Theme:

Our overall curriculum theme for Summer 1 and 2 is ‘Treasure Island’ and Piccadilly’s most favourite lesson so far would have to have been the ‘Pirate Treasure/Scavenger Hunt’ outside on the playground. It was a collection of activities such as ‘walk the plank’ or ‘Captain Hook’s ring toss’ with a treasure chest at the end, containing a treat or two. In science, our pupils have been learning about materials, separating materials by their names (glass, plastic etc.) as well as their attributes (soft, hard

etc.) We will continue with this theme and pupils will be like real scientists, investigating and testing which material is best to build a boat before testing it out on water with weights affixed. In humanities we will be learning about the seaside and coastlines as well as how to read a map and in RE we are learning about Islam.

English:

Our topic book this term has been 'The Treasure of Pirate Frank' and pupils have been learning about the key locations in the text and some of their attributes such as the 'hot volcano' or 'snowy mountains'. Pupils sustained so much engagement in a week-long activity of introducing these places in a sensory way. Pupils watched as lava erupted from a volcano or by putting their hands into the slimy swamp. It was most pleasing to see how much of the story they retained when looking at their exercise books.

Next term we'll continue with fiction texts linked to treasures and adventures and pupils will participate in creative writing such as messages in a bottle or writing WANTED posters.

As part of **independence and life skills**, the Food Technology room is still a popular Thursday treat and Pupil's have had the opportunity to practice and develop their skills in food preparation. We have followed closely recipes linked with Islamic culture and have followed step-by-step instructions to cook:

- Pea and potato pakoras
- Cauliflower and potato chapati

HOME LEARNING

Please read daily with/to your child - Can also be done digitally via our 'BugClub' -

Link [Here](#)

Practice number bonds, addition and subtraction with access to our fun, friendly 'Numbots'

Link [Here](#)

- (Please email Mr Mike if you do not have your login details for either of these).

Some other home learning may include:

- Embed fluidity with number recognition by letting your child first count quantities of objects such as socks, cutlery, pasta etc. and then write the total in both numerals (1, 2, 3) as well as in words (one, two, three).
- Show care and concern for living things and the environment - Watering the plants, showing affection to a pet or attempting to recycle.

POST 16 NEWS

This summer term has seen a return to a sense of normality and routine and it has been a pleasure to see how well all of the pupils in Post 16 are doing in their lessons, enrichment and extracurricular activities. It has been great to see how many of them have tried new experiences this term. With the introduction of enrichment into the time table I have seen them trying Boxercise, walking for exercise in the local area and doing some fantastic art activities. I am also pleased to say that pupils are involved in enterprise projects too and will be raising money for local community projects - we will let you know the details next term.

All of the pupils continue to impress me with their hard work and dedication in their core qualification subjects. Year 14s will be taking their final exams next term and I wish them all luck with that.

It is hard to believe that we are coming into the last term of this academic year and will sadly be saying goodbye to our year 14s who will be leaving us for exciting adventures. Please look out for the details of our leaving celebrations and assemblies as they are shared next term.

Have a lovely half term. Hopefully we will have some sunshine and be able to see more friends and family.

Bronja
Head of Post 16

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

This half term in Maths pupils have been learning about shape & measure. They have shown great progress whilst participating in Kahoot! quizzes answering multiple choice questions. Some pupils used trundles to measure the perimeter of the MUGA which allowed us to work out how many laps would need to be completed for the Daily Mile. They really enjoy this and complete it every Tuesday and Friday morning.

Next half term pupils will be covering odd and even numbers, rounding to their nearest 10 or 100, decimals as well as covering further work on charts and graphs.

In English pupils have been exploring the theme of Countries and Cultures. They have been learning about capital cities and how to find out information about different countries. They have also been researching their countries of heritage and writing about themselves.

In ICT pupils have been doing exam prep once a week where they follow written instructions in order to complete a short task, they have shown great progress where some are moving onto higher level work. In their second lesson of the week they have been creating a PowerPoint presentation on a chosen country which fits into this term's topic of countries and cultures. Pupils have learnt how to change font styles, format images and add animation to their presentations - they are looking fabulous, well done post 16!

In summer 2 pupils will cover different forms of communication using ICT.

Pupils have weekly Votes 4 Schools lessons where this term the topics have been: Do we need boundaries? Local elections, should under 13 year olds have Instagram? Do we take the benefits of nature for granted?

This term, pupils have been continuing to gather evidence towards their OCR Life and Living qualification. They have been developing their communication skills by exploring, questioning and making requests in a variety of situations. We have been able to incorporate this into most lessons, especially food technology, where the pupils have been encouraged to ask for specific pieces of equipment or ingredients for the recipes. The pupils have also been thinking about questioning and making requests in relation to going to the cafe. We have role-played different scenarios and are looking forward to going to a local cafe soon to make these requests in real life situations.

During the next half term, we are planning to explore questioning and request making in relation to sport and leisure scenarios and when things go wrong and we need to get help from the emergency services.

Pupils now have one hour of Enrichment per week; they have been enjoying activities such as: Boxercise, nature walks and art & design lessons.

HOME LEARNING

Maths: Go out for a walk and identify as many odd and even numbers in and

around your local area e.g. house numbers, bus numbers, and speed limits. Practise division on [SumDog](#) and multiplication on [Time Table Rockstars](#).

English: Talk to your family about a favourite holiday destination or country that they have visited. Interview someone from your family and write down three of their favourite things about that country.

Life skills: Pupils could undertake cooking tasks at home and be encouraged to ask for specific pieces of equipment or ingredients or help with a new technique or method. pupils could also be encouraged to place their own orders in cafes, restaurants or takeaways.

PE News with Mr Proctor



This half term has seen pupils get back to school and fully enjoying PE lessons. Pupils have flourished since Easter due to getting back into their normal PE routines and

with the good weather starting to arrive, many pupils across the school are taking part in lunch sports clubs.

Primary pupils are showing high levels of engagement in PE lessons and are always willing to try new activities. Pupils are enjoying taking part in obstacle courses which include activities that are working on their gross motor skills. Pupils are understanding that it is important to take turns and to be able to watch their peers and appreciate other pupil's success.

Secondary West have had the exciting opportunity of taking part in weekly dance lessons which have become a weekly

highlight for all Secondary West pupils. These sessions are run by a dance instructor from 'Step Into Dance' which is a programme run by the Royal Academy of Dance. The sessions are designed to build pupil's confidence through movement and dance routines. These sessions will continue next half term.

Since Easter we have also had Dallaglio Rugby Works come into our school every Thursday to work with pupils across the whole school. Three rugby coaches visit our school every week to lead sessions designed to improve confidence, self-esteem, social skills and communication whilst learning rugby. Dallaglio Rugby Works are also delivering the Sports Leaders Award to a number of our Post 16 and Secondary East pupils. Post 16 and Secondary East have also been focusing on basketball and handball since Easter. All pupils have really enjoyed the sessions and are engaging really well.

After the half term break there will be a focus on rugby, tennis and athletics across the whole school.

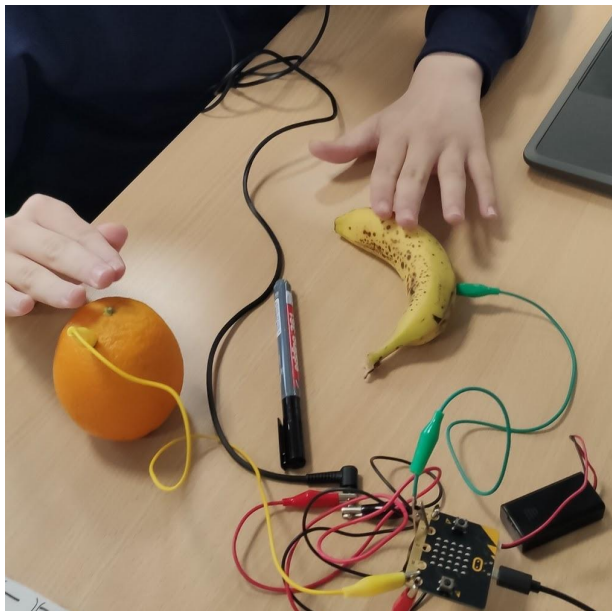
Curriculum Gallery



A selection of artwork from Bakerloo class's Kandinsky pictures



Some primary pupils having fun in the park!



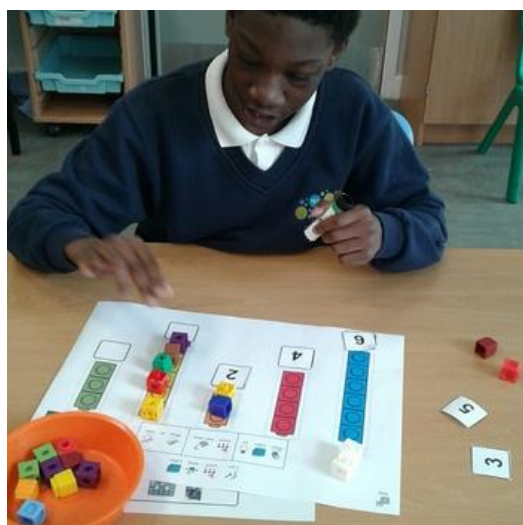
Programming Microbits to play rock, paper, scissors in Docklands class



A little bit of fishing in City class



Practising writing skills in City class



Jubilee class's first trip to the park.



Practising cooking skills in Jubilee class.



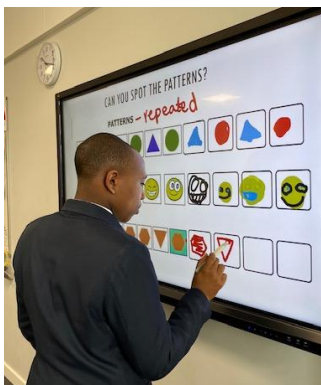
Drilling a hole in the tree trunk.



Exploring a grid map.



Designing a very creative treasure map.



Exploring some repetitive patterns.



Drawing ocean creatures at the playground.

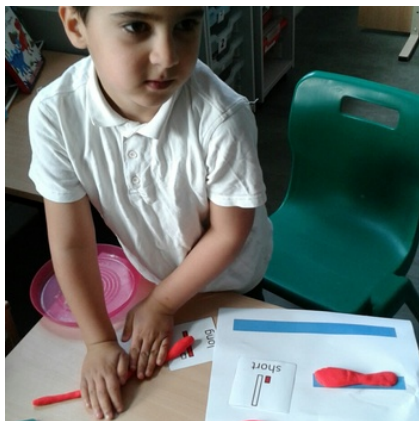


Jubilee students are working together to find the healthiest menu.



Describing a pirate from a story.

Some of Victoria class developing their fine-motor skills by planting seeds.



Some photos of Metropolitan class having fun during their Organiclea project!



Engrossed in Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island!



Piccadilly enjoying some Eid food!

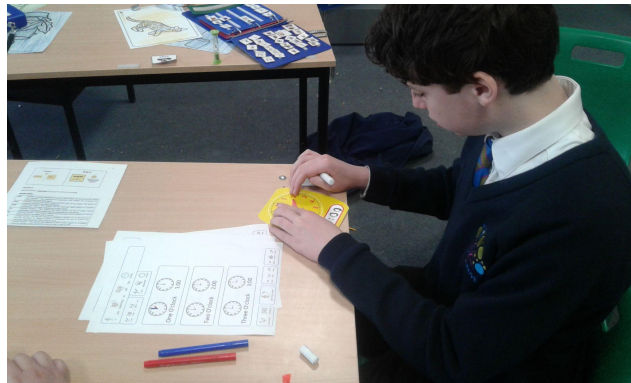


Recording data using tally charts



Having fun with some sorting activities!





Learning to tell the time in Northern class!



Piccadilly's Treasure Island themed scavenger hunt





Post-16 using trundles to measure the MUGA as part of learning shapes and measure



Enjoying some art and design and print making as part of enrichment



Some of Post-16 enjoying a boxercise session!