

Langley Hall Primary Academy
Ad Vitam Paramus

Lower School Curriculum newsletter

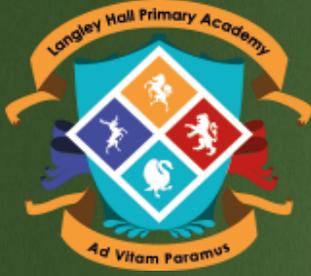
The Children have had a fun filled start to the school year this term, with lots of charity days, visitors, school shows and of course CHRISTMAS!!

Reception...

Reception's IPC unit topic this term has been shopping, the children have had a lovely time buying things and exploring the general stores, vegetable shops, post offices and toy shop role play areas in the classrooms. In literacy they've been reading lots of books about shopping as well as writing lists, letters to Santa and labelling pictures. Shopping stories led to lots of talk about food and what you can do with it, so they made and shared food and drink. In numeracy we have been learning to recognise numbers 1-20, counting on from a number as well as learning what money is and how to use it. We used our food theme to make and share food and drink. Recently we have been using Christmas presents as a good excuse to investigate 3D shapes!

Year 1...

This term year 1 have been working really hard on their sentence structure, sentence composition, simple punctuation and handwriting! We had a great time looking at lots of different time travelling books which linked to our IPC topic 'Time travellers' and more recently we have been looking at traditional tales and doing lots of story telling and sequencing. In Numeracy we have been concentrating on number. We have worked hard on number formation, number order, number sequencing as well as starting to look at measure and shape. We have really enjoyed our two IPC units this term our first one was 'Time Travellers' where we explored all different periods of history including WW2, First moon landing and the dinosaurs we also had a lady come to talk to us about being evacuated during the war. Our second topic was 'Say Cheese' we had a fantastic time for our entry point where all the children dressed up and had their photos taken as celebrities! We have been having lots of fun editing photos and a photographer came to talk to us too!



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Year 2...

In Literacy we have greatly enjoyed traditional tales. We have looked at Cinderella in great depth and even created our own stories. We have been working hard on punctuation, looking at speech marks, questions marks and exclamation marks and learnt to use full stops correctly. In Numeracy we have been continuing our investigatory lessons and have developed a lot of our cross curricular scientific enquiry skills! We have worked on learning to use the column and partition method when adding and subtracting, measuring capacity, weight and length and telling the time! In IPC the children have enjoyed our two topics of 'Significant People' and 'The Magic Toy Maker'. The children loved researching all the famous people we learnt about and made amazing home projects about their favourite artist, Lowry, or musician, Mozart. We even held our own Oscars where the children voted for their favourite person from the past during our Philosophy lesson.

P.E...

In reception P.E our first term was spent working on our balancing skills using our new balance bikes. Mr Judd laid out a course of cones which we had to weave in and out of trying our best not to touch them. This term we have been working on our throwing and catching skills and hand eye co-ordination. In Year 1 and Year 2 we started the term off practising our rugby skills which involved throwing, catching and spatial awareness. This term we have taken the skills we have learnt previously and put them into a game situation. We have been warming up with the runaway train, hot potato game and Piggy In The Middle. We have then started playing matches which have involved hand ball, bench ball and end ball and basic tag rugby matches.



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Drama...

Year 1 have been looking at different characters in the stories that we have been looking at. We have also done some brilliant role play using our IPC topics as a stimulus. Year 2 have also been using their IPC topics to feed into their drama work they have been role playing toys and pretending to be some of the famous people that they have been studying!

Dance...

Year 1 have been looking at sporting celebrations moving onto dances of celebrations, such as cheerleading, we then moved onto using these levels in a freeze frame linking with their IPC topic "Say Cheese". In Year 2 we have looked at a dance from the past-Tudor dancing. It has helped them work as a team and use the beats to keep in time as well as create their own ending position. The second half of term has had a focus on toy machines.

Music...

The year 2 choir took part in a lovely event called the primary schools singing festival arranged by Slough Music Service. The children sang 'Zither Carol' beautifully as well as lots of other carols alongside others schools. Year 1 and reception have been working hard in their music workshop sessions looking at rhythm and rhyme as well as using their recorders in year 1. All the children have been enjoying their singing assemblies and some of the songs they have been learning have even featured in their Christmas productions!

French...

Year 1 have been learning simple French greetings and have been playing a variety of Number games, including Cocorico, Cache-cache and Loto, as well as singing French songs e.g. "Dix dans le lit"! Year 2 have been singing the French version of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", whilst developing their understanding of the French words for parts of the body. They have enjoyed a French story "Va t'en, grand monstre vert"



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