

Langley Hall Primary Academy  
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## Lower School Curriculum newsletter

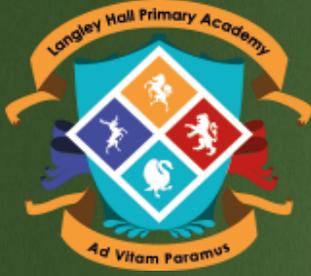
The Children have worked so hard this term and have learnt lots of interesting and exciting things as well as charity days, world book day and the music concert!

### Reception...

In Reception we have had a big emphasis on role play and puppetry. We started the term delving into traditional tales! The children looked at story maps and language so that they can retell stories and make them come alive. We explored many characters and tried porridge like Goldilocks, hunted for the runaway gingerbread man, grew beanstalks and become brave Prince's to save Sleeping Beauty! We were able to make lots of links to other areas of learning, concentrating on time, adding and measure and well as balance and coordination. Later in the term, we were pirates! We had a story hunt, looking for clues and finding the treasure! We practiced pirate voices and describing ourselves and our adventures on the rough seas! They have flown to Neverland, walked the plank and even found some pirate dinosaurs!

### Year 1...

This term Year 1 have been really enjoying their IPC unit of 'Plants and Insects' we have looked at lots of mini beasts, carried out lots of interesting experiments including carrying and transporting nectar, just like bees and watching water transportation through flowers by dying water different colours! We have been on two exciting school trips one to Langley park and one to Iver Environmental Centre and we are now qualified bug detectives! We have read lots of amazing books in literacy all linked to 'Plants and Insects' we have looked carefully at sequential writing, rhyming words, descriptive writing and story telling. In Numeracy we have been exploring lots of different topics across the year group, including time, shape, measure, fractions, which meant we got to share lots of yummy chocolate cake, pizza and sweets! We have been trying really hard with our reading this term and using our phonics to inform our reading and writing.



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### Year 2...

In Year 2 we have really enjoyed learning about famous people in society using different search engines, we had great fun writing our autobiographies. We retold our lives from when we were a toddler up until our time in year 2. We have also been working extremely hard on saying, following and writing instructions. We thoroughly enjoyed using 'bossy' verbs and time connectives to give instructions on things like brushing your teeth and delicious food recipes. In Numeracy we have been learning all about directional language and positions. We also got our hands wet exploring the capacity of different containers as well as other measures. We continued to extend our understanding of how to solve number and word problems, in particular, using the column and partitioning approaches for addition and subtraction. In IPC we have researched different forms of transport from the past, present and future. We enjoyed questioning staff and parents on the different modes of transport which they use, as well as creating our own outstanding road safety posters to be used in our school carpark.

### P.E...

In PE this term reception have been working on their underarm throwing skills trying to knock over or throw into objects that Mr Judd and Mr Moore have set out around the hall. Our throwing skills and hand eye co-ordination skills are really improving! In Year 1 and Year 2 we have been working on our hockey skills, practising dribbling in and out of cones, stopping and controlling a ball, goalkeeping, passing and shooting. All the children made great progress and finished the term playing small 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 of mini beasts and plants 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 modes of transport and famous people. Reception have had lots of fun role playing pirates and fairy tale characters.

### Dance...

Year one have been looking at a basic form of improvisation which was inspired by classical pieces of music. The music has a theme of flowers and insects, which has resulted in the children focusing on the literal movements of insects. Year 2 have been looking at their bodies travelling through space. They have explored using different levels, different body parts to lead the movement and creating floor patterns to reach another area of the room. Both year groups have also worked on their actions for the music concert.

### Music...

Lower School children and staff all worked very hard to put on two concerts on Thursday, 12 March. This involved every child from Reception to Year 2! . The singing was so popular that, since the concert, children have been having impromptu sing-along sessions all over the place! All Year 2s played violin in the concert as well as recorder. Now is the time for Year 1 parents to order their children's violins, ready to start violin lessons after Easter

### French...

Year 1 have been listening to and joining in with the story of La Chenille qui fait les Trous. Inspired by the story of Jacques et le Haricot Magique (Jack and the Beanstalk) Year 2 have been learning to memorise phrases and sentences, singing or saying them at near normal speaking speed. They have also made friends with Norbert, the bear who likes to travel.



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