



Langley Hall Primary Academy
Ad Vitam Paramus

Upper 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!!

Year 3...

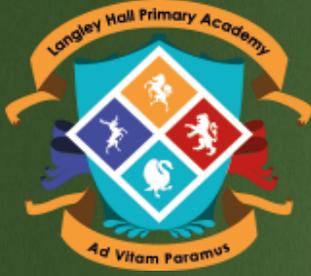
Year three started their Literacy this term looking at the story of 'Stig of the Dump'. We explored the text in a variety of ways, looking at inference, character descriptions, imagery and language used. This linked with our IPC topic of Scavengers and Setters. We started our topic with a shelter making competition. We learnt all about the stone age and looked at pictures of fossils of early man. Our second IPC topic was 'Material world' we have written newspaper reports we have also created investigations making sure they are 'fair tests' to test a variety of things including whether a material is magnetic. In maths we started looking at place value and number order, we then learnt how to do column addition and subtraction. We learnt about measuring using cm and m and 2d and 3d shapes.

Year 4...

In Literacy this term Year 4 have been looking at a variety of texts including playscripts, poetry, persuasive texts and leaflets. The children have completed comprehension work related to examples of these texts, and created their own work both in their creative writing books and for display. During maths the children have worked hard to develop their skills and use of times tables, practised column addition and subtraction, looked at 2D and 3D shapes, considered data collection and presentation through the use of Venn and Carroll diagrams. Our IPC topic this term has been Ancient Egypt, the children have learned about life in Ancient Egypt, hieroglyphics and the work of scribes, pyramids and Pharaohs, mummification and the afterlife, they have even created their own book of the dead! Each class will be developing their own museum to be visited by the other Year 4 classes, on the day of our Egyptian party

French...

Year 3 have been building on the knowledge of Greetings and Numbers 1 to 12. In Year 4 we have been continuing the theme of our IPC lessons, following as we have follow the travels of "Sophie en Egypte" (Sophie in Egypt). Years 5&6's familiarity with Mary Poppins has helped them in their French lessons where they have been listening to the song "Le Beau Cerf Volant" (Let's Go fly a Kite), working out the meaning of key phrases and using phonics and contextual clues to complete the gaps in a text.



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Year 5...

In Literacy Year 5 have been learning about features of play scripts, limericks, information leaflets and information booklets. The children have really enjoyed writing their own information leaflets based on their trip to see the Lion King earlier this term. In Numeracy we have been learning to identify number sequences; recognising and explaining patterns, place value of digits within numbers, written methods for calculation including grid method multiplication and column addition/subtraction. In IPC we have been learning about 'The Good, The Bold and The Brave.' We began by researching the Ancient Greeks. The children investigated different buildings and their architecture in terms of their different column structures. We then designed and made our own Greek buildings which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We are now learning about the Romans and the different types of houses they had depending on their role in society.

Year 6...

The Autumn Term has been very successful for year 6; all children have worked hard and have a lot to be proud of. The Holiday Show has been a wonderful topic and I know that your children's recounts of their own holiday experiences have been so vivid that class teachers have extended their 'must visit' list. Mary Poppins has proved to be a huge success and children taking on responsibilities behind the scenes such as our runners did a super job. The year 5 and 6 choir performed beautifully at Jesus' College Chapel, Cambridge. The environment was so special and Mrs. Fallows described the singing as a 'goose bump moment'. All children represented Langley Hall wonderfully, they did the uniform proud!

P.E...

Year 3 and 4 children have enjoyed a variety of sports including Netball, Rugby, Football and Gym. There has been a good improvement with listening skills as well. Some of the year 4 boys took part in their very first Football matches v Holy Family and Parlaunt Park. Our children played well and rose to the occasion. Year 4 girls are training really hard for their first netball match in the New Year also. Year 5 and 6 have played some amazing games in both Netball and Football. Their skills are second to none for their age group! Well done for all your hard work and determination, it seems to be paying-off. Don't forget to check the school notice board for results! .



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Music...

Musical highlights this term have included; the year 4 choirs have taken part in 'Joyful songs', a primary schools singing festival arranged by Slough Music Service, they sang 'Infant holy, infant lowly' with a Year 4 violin group. Other carols were sung together with all the other schools. Year 3 Choir sang at the switching on of the Langley Christmas Lights opposite Upper School. Years 5 and 6 have continued with Music Workshop activities alongside intensive preparations for Mary Poppins. Assemblies and Choir practices have also focused on preparing for Christmas assemblies at St Mary's Church. The school has established a Year 5 and 6 String Orchestra this term. Both schools also had a very exciting visit from the schools music patron violinist Chris Watkins.

Drama...

Year 3 had a brilliant start to drama in the Upper School. They have used their IPC topics to improvise, create performances and develop confidence. They loved pretending to build a time machine and travel back to visit the cavemen! Our year 4's loved our trip to see the Lion King, we used this as a stimulus for our learning for the term. We have looked at a variety of characterisation methods including hot-seating to help us become the characters. Years 5 and 6 have had an exciting term, busily preparing for their school production of Mary Poppins, everyone has developed their understanding of how to use a script. We have used dramatic devices and introduced subtext to make our scenes more interesting.

Dance...

Year 3 started off looking at a day in the life of a caveman and creating freeze frames based on these events. They then brought their freeze frames to life using linking steps to get to the next frame. This half term year 3 are being influenced by the show STOMP. Year 4 looked at animals and their movements, in a build up to the Lion King theatre trip. The children could relate their movements and performance skill to that seen at the theatre. This half term we are focusing on timing in dance and creating 1 bar of movement in pairs which will be developed into a whole class dance. Year 5 and 6 have been working together on their performance skills and technical steps for the school production, Mary Poppins. The children have had to learn set choreography, keeping in sync with one another as well as knowing their cues and staging.



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