



Langley Hall Primary Academy
Ad Vitam Paramus

Upper 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, the music concert and Alice in Wonderland!

Year 3...

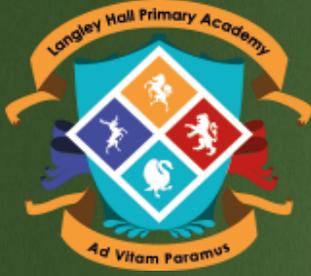
In Literacy we have been exploring the text of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We have explored the genre of adventure stories, what makes a good book and what makes you want to read on. We did drama activities based on the journey of Lila and the dangers she had to face. As well as exploring the language the author Philip Pullman used and why. In maths we have covered a range of topics including time, money, multiplication, division, column addition and subtraction and 2d and 3d shapes. Our IPC topic was 'Active Planet'. We learnt about natural disasters including volcanoes, earth quakes and tsunamis. We designed and created earthquake proof structures, we designed our own earthquake survival kits and looked at essential items you would need to set up a disaster centre and made our own seismographs.

Year 4...

This term in Year 4 we have been studying the human body in IPC where the children have been actively engaged in research, scientific investigations and cross-curricular work linking to comprehension and leaflet designing. In Maths we have looked at area, perimeter, capacity and fractions as well as continuing with the basic mathematical skills, including times tables. In Literacy we have been looking at persuasive writing including letters and advertisements. We have also looked at the key features of newspaper reports and headlines. In Grammar we have reviewed direct speech, the use of speech marks, commas and apostrophes. We are encouraging the children to recheck their work for the correct usage of all of these.

French...

Year 3 have been growing and consolidating their understanding of French Phonics with their "Phonics Friends" work. For example, they are learning how to pronounce ç and j correctly. Year 4 we have learned to listen carefully for the sounds of words in the song Je Suis en Retard from Alice aux Pays des Merveilles, matching them to their written form. Year 5 have been acquiring the vocabulary needed to order a variety of food and drink items in a French Café. They have enjoyed practising dialogues through café role-play. Year 6 have been discovering the climate, geography and fauna of the French-speaking world. They have also been revising and developing our understanding of French number including telephone numbers!



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Year 5...

In Literacy this term we have been learning about a variety of different texts including fictional writing, instructions, balanced and biased arguments and newspaper recount. We have enjoyed learning about features of newspapers and then imagined that aliens had landed in school and made our own newspapers to report this. In Maths we have been learning how to convert decimals into fractions and percentages. We have worked hard to develop our skills and use of times tables, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division written methods. We have learnt to identify parallel and perpendicular lines and investigated these on different flags. We also looked at co-ordinates and read and plotted our own shapes using them. Our IPC topic this term has been 'Space explorers' we thoroughly enjoyed our entry point which was to design and build rockets which had to travel a set distance. We have learnt about the planets (naming, ordering and fact), Pluto and how it is now classified as a dwarf planet!

Year 6...

In Literacy we studied 'The Viewer' by Shaun Tann and Gary Crew as it matched with our IPC topic, 'Out of Africa and Evolution'. This story led us to create a class quilt of life with our own special objects on it. We used some of the illustrations to inspire us to write personification poems. We also wrote newspaper reports on the disappearance of the little boy. In IPC we researched the geological history of Earth using the internet and the non-fiction book, 'Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper. We also found out about Charles Darwin's theories of evolution and natural selection and amazingly, how a chicken is related to a T-Rex! In numeracy we have been looking at long multiplication, division, ratio, proportion, area and perimeter and solving multi-step word problems.

P.E...

Children have delivered some fantastic sports skills this term. They all seem to enjoy their lessons and have all made progress. The girl's netball has gone from strength to strength with year 6 playing some really tough opposition. Year 4s had their first match V Holy Family. The boys have also displayed some incredible football skills. Overall improvement in confidence is quite evident from LHPA children, with most pupils happy to take part in all team games. We have had use of the Mencap Hall in Langley for wet weather Games this past term, which the children have really enjoyed. The Sports Captains have been busy designing, helping to cost and meeting with suppliers for some netball and football match kits. Their enthusiasm and energy is amazing.



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Music...

Year 3 & 4 have had an action-packed musical term, with music concerts and Alice! Many Year 5 & 6 children and some Year 4 cornet players have taken part in a concert at The Centre and in Windsor Parish Church on These concerts feature many pupils from different, we are highlighting LHPA Strings and LHPA Brass. In Windsor, the Year 5&6 Choir, African Drumming Club and a Clarinet group are playing. Assembly performances this term have also highlighted several other soloists and groups including Upper School singing club, eukuleles and cellos. An increasing number of children are being entered for graded public music exams. This term, this includes children being entered for exams in Theory of Music, Piano and Musical Theatre. We look forward to presenting them with their certificates soon.

Drama...

In Year 3 we have begun using a variety of drama skills, we have been improvising independently, in groups and as a whole class. We have used our topic to create tableaux and documentaries about earthquakes. In Year 4 we have been busily rehearsing for Alice, we have understood the importance of an ensemble and team work when creating a production and understood how to use a script. In year 5 we have started looking at The Lion King through the use of creating an ensemble and understanding how to use a mask in performance. Year 6 would like to announce that they have begun rehearsals for one last performance before they leave school in September. We have chosen to raise money for Sebastian's Action Trust, more information regarding how to donate and performance details will be available very soon

Dance...

Year 3: Have been creating active Volcanos. As a whole class every child has been a specific area of a volcano, which they then created movement to cause an eruption. Year 4: The year fours have been working towards the school production of Alice in Wonderland. They have been learning various dances, staging, cues and songs. As well as developing their performance skills and building on their technical step knowledge. Year 5: This term we have focused on technical ability. We have worked on stretching, and how to execute a technical kick. They have also been given a short phrase of movement to learn and then perform. Year 6: Have had great fun learning some basic African dancing. We have looked at some of the steps which are typical of the African style and then created their own choreography in small groups.



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