



Langley Hall Primary Academy
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Upper School Curriculum newsletter

The Children have had a fun filled term this Summer, with Sports Day, Carrotty Wood, class trips, French Day, World Cup Day, Garter Day and lots of explorative and investigative learning!

Year 3...

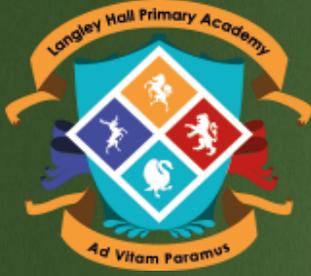
In Literacy this term we have reading *The Hobbit* and have used it to look at language play, riddles, wordplay and jokes. We also used the World Cup as a writing stimulus to improve our comprehension and grammar skills. In Numeracy this term we have been looking at symmetry, partitioning, repeated patterns and money. In IPC we have been learning all about the Rain Forest and deforestation in our topic of 'Saving the World' we had great fun with this topic and even turned our classrooms into Rainforests! We are now learning all about plants around the world through our new topic of 'Plant It!' recently we had great fun making floating gardens after leaning about how they farm and grow vegetables in Bangladesh.

Year 4...

In Literacy this term Year 4 have looked at the features of news reports and written their own newspaper articles. We have also studied different types of poetry including Kennings, Limericks, Conversation poems and written our own poems using interesting similes and metaphors. In Numeracy this term we have revised multiplication and division facts. Then using these skills we have investigated statements and solved word problems. We have also learnt about the 8 compass points, classified 2D shapes, identified different types of angles and studied equivalent fractions. In IPC the children learnt all about sound in the topic of 'Turn It Up!' we looked closely at the workings of the ear and how sound travels. We really enjoyed conducting a sound investigation to demonstrate how sound vibrations can travel through a solid object to reach our ears.

French...

Year 3 have been growing and consolidating their understanding of French phonics with their 'Phonics Friends' work. Year 4 have become 'Touristes du Monde', packing their suitcases – leurs valises - with suitable items of clothing, learning the time to make sure they catch their flight and spotting significant landmarks along their route to Brésil. In Year 5 'Healthy Eating – Bon Appétit, Bonne Santé!' has been the theme as we have explored how to express likes and dislikes. In Year 6 we have become French newshounds, hot on the trail of news from La Coupe du Monde.



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Year 5...

In literacy Year 5 have been reading 'Oranges in No Man's Land' which ties into our IPC topic 'Going Global' because it is set in Lebanon. The children have really enjoyed this novel and have participated in many activities, which are preparing them to write their own version of the book. In Numeracy we have been learning to use sorting diagrams thinking about probability, written methods for calculations and developing our ability to solve word problems. In IPC we have been learning all about trade and tourism through our topic of 'Going Global'. We investigated trade around the world and the children took part in an exciting trade game. We then looked into the advantages and disadvantages of this system. We then began to focus on the World Cup and how it can be related to our topic. We are now researching different tourist attractions in England and designing our own websites to attract different types of tourists to their attractions.

Year 6...

Year 6 have had a hugely challenging term absolutely jam packed with hard work and fun! The children set to preparing themselves for their SATS. It wasn't all silent intense work though; we managed to do some learning through games and practical activities. The preparation and testing weeks were very intense but the children didn't become overwhelmed and I was extremely proud of all of their efforts. The extended business project came to a climax last week! The business had been built from scratch and all ideas and designs were child led. I am delighted to say that all groups saw a profit and all 'bank' debts have been repaid. I feel confident that there are some real business men and women of the future in year 6. After such a busy year all of the children have earned the celebration day they will take part in on Friday 18th July. LHPA would like to take this opportunity to wish year 6 good luck in their future.

P.E...

Years 3 and 4 started the term learning new skills for Rounders, Cricket and Tennis. Years 5 and 6 worked hard to implement these skills into a 'match' situation. Year 6 girls played their first rounders match against Holy Family. They played brilliantly and the final score was a win for Lhpa 23 – 18. Well done!! The second half of the term was spent practising for Open Day and Sports Day. A variation of skills were covered from sprinting, relays, shotput, long jump and the 400m. Well done to all children for working so hard and racing so well on Sports Day



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Music...

Musical highlights this term have included a showcase of talent at Open Day; where choirs from all year groups, plus groups of African drums, violins, cellos, clarinets, cornets and recorders, and selected piano and woodwind soloists, showed the results of some of their work during the year. A number of other musical clubs, music workshop groups and soloists have also performed in assemblies. Two special evening concerts were held, one for guitar students of Mr O'Brien and one for singing students of Miss Sculpher and Miss McGoldrick. Year 5 & 6 are working up to their 'BIG' end-of-year concert in which many different parts of the music curriculum will be highlighted, including violin, cello, flute, clarinet, cornet, guitar, piano, the Hippopotamus song, two items in Brazilian Portuguese in honour of the World Cup.

Drama...

Throughout this term in drama the children have been studying various elements of Elizabethan theatre and Shakespearian plays. Year 3 have been using extracts from plays such as 'A Midsummer's Nights Dream' and 'Macbeth' to bring a variety of well-known Shakespearian characters to life. Year 4 have been enjoyed using improvisation to learn about what it was like to live in Elizabethan England. We have learnt interesting facts and created our own documentaries based on Elizabethan life. Year 5 have developed an understanding of Shakespearian language using complex Shakespearian speeches from plays such as 'Macbeth', 'Twelfth Night' and 'Romeo and Juliet'. Year 6 have been looking at Shakespearian themes to devise their own Shakespeare inspired performances. A group of year 5 and 6 also went to see Twelfth Night at Regents Park Open Air Theatre to see the Shakespeare come to life.

Dance...

Year 3 have been discovering the rainforest. They have created their own journey through the rainforest and have used movements inspired by what they might find there. Year 4 have focused on the different elements of a volcano and the movements they create when erupting. This half term they have been discovering Elizabethan dance, in conjunction with the Shakespeare focus in drama. Year 5 have been working on their own street dances. After looking at various styles of street dance (popping and locking, waacking etc) the children have worked together in small groups, using their inspiration from these styles. Year 6 have focused on some of the Brazilian dance styles, Linking with their World Cup IPC topic. We have discussed and tried out steps from the samba, capoeira, and Cirandas. We have also focused on a set warm up to counts of eight to build on Stamina.



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