

Langley Hall Primary Academy
Ad Vitam Paramus

Lower School Curriculum newsletter

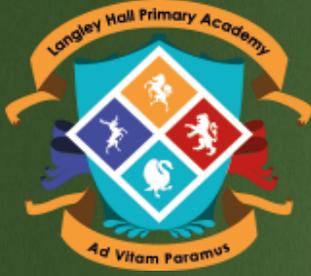
The Children have had a fun filled term this Summer, with Sports Day, Carrotty Wood, class trips, French Day, World Cup Day, Garter Day and lots of explorative and investigative learning!

Reception...

In Literacy the children have been learning about rhyming words, writing postcards and descriptive writing about their favourite vehicles. Children have also been making road safety posters after having a visit from Keith the road safety officer earlier this term. In Numeracy we have covered addition and subtraction, sharing and doubling using various resources. We have introduced the children to data collection in the form of tally charts and pictograms. Children have also been learning how to count in 2's and 5's to prepare them for Year 1. In IPC we have been learning all about transport. We have enjoyed reading the book 'Duck in the truck' which has linked nicely to our IPC topic.

Year 1...

In Literacy we have been looking at stories from different cultures with 'Handa's surprise', 'The Bear in the Cave' and 'Around the World in 80 Days' being some of our favourites. We have written diary entries, recounts and we have tried innovating the stories to make them our own. In Numeracy we have looked at time, comparing the times in different countries and even made cocktails to measure out capacity! We have also worked on number and money, looking at different currencies from around the world. In IPC we have been working through the theme 'Let's go on Holiday!' with a big focus on role play. Rembrandt class have enjoyed booking holidays in their travel agents, visiting the airport, and relaxing on the class beach or caravan park, whilst Goya class have been busy selling ice creams in their very own van! To start our adventure off, each class chose a different country to study (India, Brazil, Jamaica and Italy) and we carried out our very own around the world trip in one afternoon.



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Year 2...

In Literacy we have greatly enjoyed reading extended stories by Jeremy Strong, we have written our own funny stories with chapters. We have done a lot of work on adding dialogue to our stories and have become very good at using speech marks and other more interesting words than said! In Numeracy we have been continuing our investigatory lessons and have developed a lot of our cross curricular scientific enquiry skills through maths lessons. We have worked on measuring capacity (and getting a bit wet in the process!), telling the time, using TV directories and creating function machines! In IPC the children have enjoyed our two topics of 'Our World' and 'Green Fingers'. We have been doing some in-depth research into countries playing in the World Cup in Brazil. Our most recent topic has seen our classrooms become greenhouses as we grew sunflowers, cress and even a cabbage! We even helped Tony our caretaker plant the gorgeous flowers you saw on open day!

P.E....

In reception P.E we have been working hard with the children practising their skills for sports day. During Sports day the children showcased all their dribbling, balancing throwing and catching skills. The morning was very successful and the children not only enjoyed themselves but did us proud showing great sporting technique and enthusiasm.

In Year 1 and 2 the children have been introduced to both Hockey and tennis.

In hockey the children have been introduced to the games rules and have been learning to pass, dribble and shoot as well as practising hitting a target. They were then able to apply these skills in small sided games and tournaments. In Tennis the children learnt to hold the tennis racquet with an appropriate grip as well as bounce serving the ball and hitting the ball between partners. As a whole Lower School we celebrated England's last game in the world Cup by coming to school in England Shirts, playing a football tournament and the winning teams held the FIFA World Cup!!



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Drama...

Year 1 have been looking at different modes of transport using our bodies. We have had fun looking at and exploring mime and creating freeze frames of different types of holidays. We also did a lot of carrot wood themed role play. Year 2 have also been creating mimes we have been looking closely at mime, linking closely to our IPC topic. The children have been exploring the movements of plants and imitating growing.

Dance...

Year 1 have been finding the beat and keeping in time to it. We have looked at soldiers and how they keep in time when marching. Year 1 have then tried to keep to the drum beat through various movement games. Year 2 have been looking at adjectives and verbs and have explored the different ways they can move to represent them. They have then taken these words and selected a structure to perform the movements, creating a short dance using the previous techniques from last term.

Music...

Children from all three year groups demonstrated their singing at Open Day, led by Miss O'Brien, and all have continued weekly singing assemblies with Mr Halsey, learning several new songs including the 'Carrot Wood' song ('Everybody loves Carrot Wood'), 'Swing low, sweet chariot' and 'This little light of mine'. Year 1 have been introduced to their new violins while Year 2 children have continued to make progress on violin focusing on posture and simple plucking and bowing exercises. Both Year 1 and Year 2 have continued with recorder, although a regrettably large number of children have not brought recorders to their Music Workshop lessons, and therefore have not progressed.

French...

Year 1 have been enjoying Boucles d'or, the French version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' learning to role-play the story using key words.

Year 2 have been having fun with the traditional French song "Savez-vous planter les choux" (literally: Do you know how to plant cabbages) continuing the IPC topic 'Green Fingers'



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