



# Charlton Manor

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## General Notices

### School Timings

Whole school - 8:55am – 3:30pm

Nursery AM – 8:55am – 12pm

Nursery PM – 12:30pm – 3:30pm

### Dates

12.02.24-16.02.24 Half Term

**Children return to school –**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

22.02.24 Year 6 Natural History Museum

23.02.24 Drive by for Mrs Williams

27.02.24 Rosen Class (Provisional Trip)

28.02.24 Year 1 Shivan Temple Trip

01.03.24 Rosen Class Assembly

04.03.24-08.03.24 Year 6 PGL

06.03.24 London Fire Brigade Years 2 and 5

07.03.24 Year 5 Natural History Museum

07.03.24-15.03.24 British Science Week

11.03.24-08.03.24 Individual/sibling Photos

15.03.24 Mandela Class Assembly

21.03.24 Year 1 Maritime Museum

26.03.24 Year 4 Science Museum

27<sup>th</sup> March Rock Steady Assembly

29.03.24-12.04.24 Easter Holidays

**Children return to school –**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## A Note from Mrs Goid

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing what this year brings and watching the children grow and develop through the remainder of the academic year.

We kick started this half term by introducing some new after school clubs; the Recorder, Film and Yoga clubs have been a welcomed addition. We hope this helps broadens your child's opportunities and interests and we are looking forward to see what all our clubs have to bring next half term.

On that note, some children in Glee club have been busy practising for Young Voices and their hard work has certainly paid off. What a fantastic performance they participated in at the O2. To have the opportunity to perform at the O2 with over 9000 children was amazing and they all were incredible. A huge well done to all the children who took part and a thank you to all the staff helped out on the lead up to and the event itself. The school were interviewed as part of the young voices video which I am hoping to share on our website soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Golding, who joined us in January as the new teacher in Ahlberg Class. The children are happy and settled with their new teacher and their recent class assembly demonstrated how well they have adapted and are thriving. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Shaw at Easter. He will be missed by the children and staff. We wish him the best for the future and his return to Hastings.

With all the highs that 2024 have brought so far, we have also suffered the very sudden and sad death of the long serving and much loved Mrs Williams. Whilst both staff and children have been upset and shocked by this, I have also been overwhelmed by the kindness and support shown by staff, children and parents alike. Mrs Williams will be missed by all at Charlton Manor both past and present; in her absence she has brought the school community a little closer together and what a touching parting gift that is.

It has been amazing to see what all the children have been up to in such a short half term and I hope you enjoy reading about it.

Have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you again on 19<sup>th</sup> February.





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## Messages from Mr Turner-Wing

### Attendance

We are now using Studybugs, an app that allows you to report your child's absence easily! If you haven't already, please sign up: <https://studybugs.com/>

We are working towards each pupil having attendance that is 96% and above and appreciate your support.

### Staff updates

A very warm welcome to Ms. Golding who returned to join us as the teacher for Ahlberg Class, it has been a smooth transition and the children have been enjoying their learning. Congratulations to Miss. Harris & Mr. Aikman on the birth of their baby Daughter Mabel who was born 31/12/23 weighing 6lb, 3oz.

Mrs. Contreras is kindly stepping up as our Interim Senior Meals Supervisor following the sad loss of Mrs. Williams. We are also recruiting additional supervisors, interviews were held today.

Mr Shaw will be leaving us at Easter to return to his hometown in Hastings. We wish him the best with his move and for the future.

### Parents' Club

We would love as many people to be involved as possible, in whatever way they can. A little goes a long way, so even if you only have a small amount of time available every now and then, please let them know. You might just like to pop into a coffee morning to see what's coming up, or help out at one of the events. Volunteers are always needed to help with raffle tickets, man a stall for an hour, or you might like to become a class rep, or join the committee? It all goes towards building our school community and supporting your child's learning.

If you would like more information, or would like to join, please contact: Parents' Club  
Charlton Manor: [cmparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:cmparentsclub@gmail.com)

### Parents/Carer Volunteering

A very big thank you to everyone who is helping and supporting us.

We are fortunate to have a number of parent helpers who regularly help us, particularly with school trips. If you are interested in volunteering in school – listening to children read or general support, please do get in touch with Mrs. Friday.

### Support & Guidance

Should you find yourself experiencing difficulty during the half term break, you can visit our website or contact a support service, there is always someone there for you:

<https://charltonmanorprimary.co.uk/safeguarding-pastoral-care/mental-health>

Mind: 0208 215 2243

Samaritans: 116 123

Childline: 0800 1111

Royal Greenwich Council: 020 8854 8888

Greenwich Foodbank: 0800 470 4831

Please enjoy a safe and restful half term break.





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### A Message from Mr Lynes

Compared to last term, this one has gone in the blink of an eye! It's been great to see all the children coming back well-rested after the Christmas holidays, ready to push on with their learning and get stuck into their new topics. Children are retaining information from previous learning really well, which is something we've been working hard on as a school this year. Whenever I pop into lessons, I am always impressed by how resilient our children are, showing a real willingness to improve their work and learn from their mistakes. Children frequently show me the work in their books, and the improvement that they've made, particularly in terms of their presentation, is fantastic to see. I hope you and your children have a very enjoyable and restful half-term.

### A Message from Mrs Curtis

As we come to the end of yet another term, I can't help but wonder where the time has gone! We have now reached the middle of the school year and our pupils have come on in leaps and bounds. Some highlights for me this term have been a bright year 1 child reciting the three times table for me, my class' incredible Escher art, talking to children about the exciting trips they've been on and the whole school celebrating numbers day. All this in just five weeks! I look forward to term 4 and all the learning and enrichment experiences that come with it. Have a safe and relaxing break and remember to rock those times tables!

### Numbers Day

Thank you to all that participated and contributed to numbers day. It was a brilliant day and we managed to raise over £200 for Children in Need.

### Swimming

Please note that if your child is in Attenborough class they will be swimming every Thursday from after the half term until Easter.

### Mrs Williams

Thank you to all the staff and parents who have donated to the collection for Mrs Williams. The collection is still open if you would like to contribute. Money raised will be going towards flowers for her funeral. We are also hoping to buy a good quality bench with a plaque on it in her memory.

A reminder that children in Years 1 to 6 will be observing the Hearse drive by Hornfair Road at 10am on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please see the letter on ParentPay for more information.

### Year 6 PGL

A reminder that the Year 6 School Journey should now be paid in full. If you have an outstanding balance please clear this. If you have any questions please contact the main school office on 020 8856 6525.





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## Clubs

A reminder that clubs for next half term start on the first week back. Please remember you are only able to sign up for **1** club initially. If there are clubs still available by the end of the week you are able to join more. All extra-curricular after school clubs finish at 4:30pm. Please be prompt at pick up. Thank you.

## Important dates

Important dates such as class assemblies, trips and celebration days can be found on the home page of the school website, the school calendar and in each newsletter. Reminders are also sent out on ParentPay.

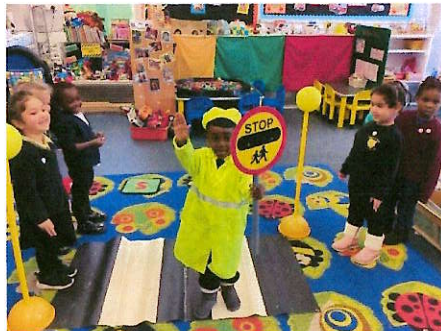
## Nursery

Bright class have had a wonderful first term of 2024, we have made some new friends who have come to learn with us and they are settling in really well and making new friends. We have also thrown ourselves into our new topic 'People who help us', we have made handprint pictures of firefighters and sung a song about five little firefighters using Makaton actions.

We found out that police officers don't just catch robbers they also help us if we are lost or if we lose things. We have looked at what doctors and nurses do and why we have to visit a dentist to look after our teeth. We also found out how bus drivers help us and we got to pretend to drive a bus in Bright class.

We have looked at what a lollypop person does and we even had the chance to dress up and roleplay being a lollypop person with Mrs Riches and Mr Hollywood being cars.

We also spent time cooking with chef Joe in the teaching kitchen practising our measuring, grating, cutting and mixing skills making cheese and chive scones. So after a wonderful Spring 1 term we are looking forward to Spring 2 with lots of fun activities.







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## Reception

Our topic for this half term has been traditional tales, and we have delved into many of the classics, including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Hansel and Gretel, plus many more. Now, let us share with you our story of this half term...

Once upon a time, nestled within the walls of Charlton Manor Primary School, two Reception classes thrived under the watchful gaze of their magical guardians. Wizard Shaw, with an eye for fun, and Wizard Hollywood, the advocate of knowledge and learning, oversaw the young princes and princesses in Rosen and Donaldson classes.

Under the guidance of Wizard Shaw and Wizard Hollywood, the children embarked on enchanting adventures, crafting gingerbread houses with Chef Joe, venturing to the Unicorn Theatre on whimsical school trips, and immersing themselves in tales spun within the confines of the local library. They also instilled a thirst for knowledge, leading the children through the intricate realms of Level 3 phonics, the mysteries of numbers up to 20, and the art of crafting perfect sentences.

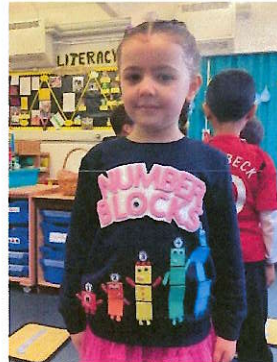
Yet, amidst their idyllic pursuits, a moral quandary emerged when the young ones found themselves tempted by the allure of Queen Goold's golden egg. In a moment that tested their integrity, they grappled with the choice between right and wrong.

In the end, as dusk descended upon the palace of Charlton Manor, the grandeur of a splendid ball unfolded. Adorned in their finest ball gowns and party attire, the princes and princesses danced merrily alongside the fairy godmother and a few mischievous witches, celebrating a tale of magic, learning, and the timeless struggle between light and darkness.

The end (of another fun filled half term)

Princess P - I enjoyed my three little pigs reading book.

Prince E - I liked watching the show because I liked the troll's outfits and I liked the goat's outfits too.







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## Year 1

Wow, what a term it has been! The children have shown fantastic progress and have worked incredibly hard.

In English, we have been reading the story 'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen. We were creating our own play scripts based on the book. The children have been learning all about the main features of a play script and how to read in an expressive voice.

In maths, we have moved on to place value within 20. We were counting forwards and backwards, working out one more and one less, and estimating. Children have been brilliant at working this out using counters, ten frames, and number lines.

Science this term was all about animals! We spent time discovering the different animal groups, their diets, and places they live. We had a trip to the Horniman's Museum. The children had an excellent time exploring the different animals and even saw a giant walrus!

In DT lessons, we looked at food technology. The bear in our English story has been VERY hungry and has been on the lookout for a healthy snack. Therefore, the children have been working hard to design and create some fruit kebabs for him to eat! They started by tasting some fruits and using these to make their own fruit kebabs during a cooking session with Chef Joe.

In our Geography lessons, we were learning about the countries of the UK, continents, and the oceans of the world. Children learned about the landscapes of the UK and located places using the maps.

It has been a great term full of new learning, experiences and lots of excitement. We are really looking forward to seeing what next term brings!

'I really enjoyed the school trip and I love doing PE!' (Z - Jeffers)

'I loved making scones in cooking class with Chef Joe!' (R - Jeffers)

'I saw a giant walrus at the museum!' - (N - Blake)

"We were learning about the UK, I know all the capital cities of the UK. England - London, Scotland - Edinburgh, Wales - Cardiff and Northern Ireland - Belfast." - (D - Blake)







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## Year 2



This term's topic, 'Every Picture tells a story,' has involved 'reading' and interpreting a powerfully illustrated yet wordless text, 'Journey,' by Aaron Becker in our English lessons. Using guided role play, children have been encouraged to imagine one central character's adventures into another, magical world, considering another perspectives and how someone might feel in a given situation. Apart from orally retelling the story as a whole class, using descriptive writing, children have also been developing their skills in planning and writing a narrative, which has involved creating their own dialogue.

In maths lessons, Year 2 have experienced a wealth of hands-on learning, helping their confidence in areas such as recognising the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, using mathematical terms, such as 'vertices,' 'edges' and 'faces.' Children also had the opportunity to compare and sort shapes using a Venn Diagram, as well as identify and draw horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines, echoed in their art lessons. Pupils have also studied money, identifying different denominations and added different amounts in pounds and pence. In addition, children worked out the change using both pounds and pence and have been taught how to work out 2-step money problems.

Children have been fascinated about learning the history of transport in history lessons. Not only have they discovered that an Englishman, George Stephenson, also known as the 'Father of the Railway,' invented the first steam engine, they have studied key modes of transport invented over the last two hundred years, encouraging them to consider how transport has been designed and adapted over time; even considering transport design of the future!

In our science lessons, children have been learning how to understand scientific observations, using scientific terms such as 'prediction,' 'conclusion' and 'fair test.' Areas of focus have been observing plant growth, then recording the data, as well as revising their knowledge of materials and deciding which ones to choose to design a durable bike shed.







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In art lessons, children have been fascinated to learn about Monet and the Impressionists, learning how to mix primary colours into secondary colours, as well as discovering new sketching and painting techniques. All skills learnt were then put to the test when they were given the opportunity to sketch 'en plein air,' (a French term the Impressionists coined meaning 'outdoors') which produced some carefully-observed work created in our Secret Garden. Children were also treated to making a rainbow drink out of primary colours in Chef Joe's fantastic kitchen, which required much patience and concentration. The end result was a delicious drink, as well as an art and science lesson!

The theme of working collaboratively in a team has been an area of focus in PHSE, P.E. and English lessons. Even though children struggled with this to begin with, children are now working more effectively in a group, listening to each other's ideas and communicating effectively in a team; a key skill for success! This was recently portrayed in Ahlberg's Class Assembly, who worked hard at learning their lines, reminding each other of their cues on stage. Judging from the audience feedback, it was indeed a great success!

Both Blackman and Ahlberg Classes are really looking forward to their imminent trip to the National Maritime in Greenwich, which will not only compliment their learning in history and art lessons, but be incredibly fun!

Miss Golding and Miss Preston

**Children's reflections:**

H: 'My favourite thing this term has been maths because I like to learn about money.'

M: 'My favourite subject has been art because it is nice and calming.'

H: 'I love science because I like to see the plants grow.'

N: 'I enjoyed using role play, then writing, because it's fun.'

D: 'I loved drawing lots of different plants outside.'

D: 'my favourite lessons have been English this term, because I really like the book 'Journey.'





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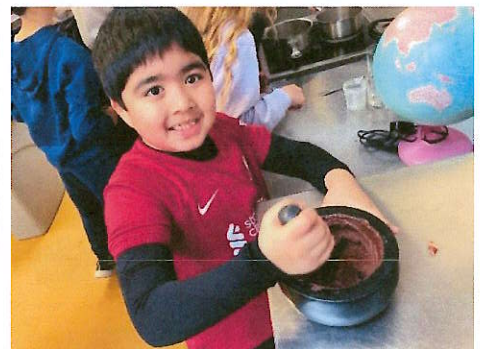
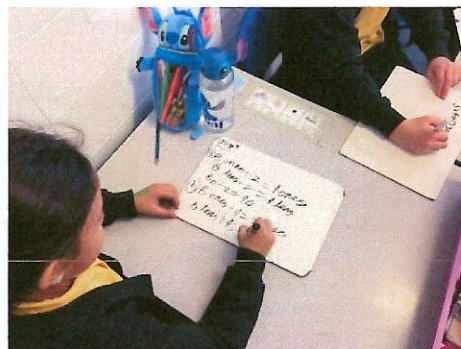
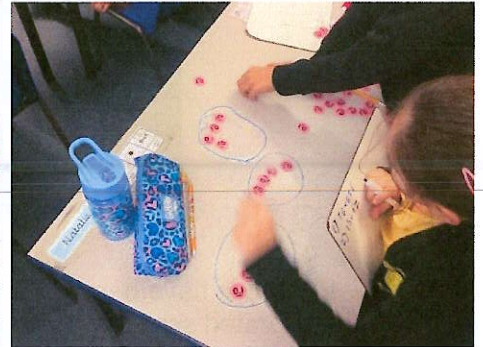
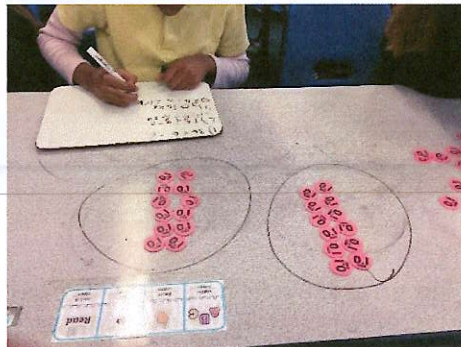
## Year 3

Term 3 has been and gone in a flash! We were able to fit a lot of learning into 5 weeks. The children have loved it and been intrigued by all of the different topics this term. In English, we have been learning to write a newspaper report based upon Humpty Dumpty (the infamous egg) and thinking about how he fell off the Great wall. Was he pushed or did he fall?

In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication and division looking at the link between the 2, 4 and 8 times table and the formal methods of solving multiplication and division questions. We have recently started looking at length and perimeter.

We have had a lot of fun in our science lessons conducting a number of experiments in a pitch-black room. We were looking at how light travels through objects, and how light reflects off objects. We have learnt about different light sources. Did you know the moon is not a light source? This is because the moon reflects the sun's light back down to Earth. Both class were astonished when they learnt this little fact. We have also been looking at transparent, translucent and opaque materials and discussing which ones allow light to pass through and which don't.

The children have been able to express their artistic side not just in art but also in music as well. In Art, we have been learning about the sculpture, Damien Ortega and how he uses different shapes and materials to create 3D art. In music, we have been looking at different types of pentatonic scales. A pentatonic scale is any 5 notes played together. We have also loved learning different songs from the Chinese culture.







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## Year 4

This term has been fantastic for the children with so much going on! From Young Voices, our science workshop to our Geography class trip!

In mathematics, we have been learning how to multiply multi-digit numbers by a 1-digit number, divide by 10 and 100 and recently, multiply using the formal column method of multiplication. In addition, we have been using the bus stop method for dividing a 2-digit and or 3-digit numbers with remainders. Although challenging, the children have risen up to the task and their progress has been great to see.

In English, our class book was called *The Varmints*. We wrote many different types of texts that required the children to use a range of new and previously learnt skills.

*"It's not as hard as I thought; I know what alliteration is now!"*

In the kitchen, the children have been busy bees, learning to cook Hindu food that would impress a Hindu god. The children enjoyed the combination of flavours and freshness to the dishes.

*"I love cooking; I wish we could do it every week."*



In Art, we have been emulating an artist called Barbara Hepworth is one of Britain's most celebrated sculptists! Instead of making art that looked like people or things, Hepworth began to *make sculptures and drawings using abstract shapes*. Having been inspired by nature and family, we used a range of tools to carve different sculptures out of soap, just as Mrs. Hepworth did







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## Year 5

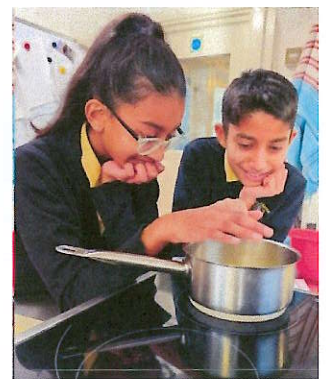
We have had a fantastic start to the Spring term, learning lots of new and exciting things!

In English, we have been writing balanced arguments, based on the book 'How To Live Forever'. We have been using Year 5 punctuation and grammar techniques to help us, including formal language of debate, rhetorical questions, modal verbs and using a variety of conjunctions/adverbials to compare and contrast our arguments. In maths, we have been doing multiplication and division, working on using column method and short division (bus stop method) to multiply and divide 3 or 4-digit numbers by a 1 or 2-digit number.

In science, we have been consolidating our learning on different properties and their materials. In the kitchen, we investigated irreversible changes and learnt that this often involves a chemical change where a new material (often gas) is made. We experimented using sodium bicarbonate and vinegar!



In Geography we have been learning about the cities and counties of the UK, focusing on economic industries in specific counties and comparing Miss Key's home village in Shropshire (a rural area) to Charlton (an urban area). We have also been using our map skills to understand 4-figure grid references and using these to locate places on a map. In addition to this, we have been to the kitchen with Chef Joe to look at different regional foods. We made Cornish pasties, which were delicious!



We can't wait for more learning adventures in the second half of the Spring term! We hope you have a relaxing break!





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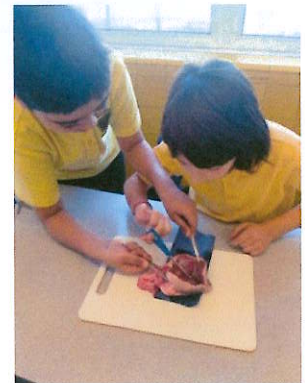
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## Year 6

This term, our topic has been 'Every Picture Tells a Story'. Children have been learning about migration and what life is like for refugees. After studying the book "The Island", the children went on to write a persuasive speech from the perspective of one of the characters in the book.

In Science, children have been learning about animals including humans: different features of the heart, the role of blood as a transporter, the importance of exercise and a healthy diet and how different substances affect the heart in different ways.

To support their learning, the children took part in a workshop where they observed the dissection of an ox heart and then went on to dissect lambs' hearts. They revisited prior learning in the afternoon session on evolution and inheritance.



Children have enjoyed several kitchen lessons this term, including cooking a traditional Sikh meal, Dhal, roasted vegetables and paratha flatbread as part of our RE topic. The children visited the Gurdwara Sahib Woolwich to learn more about the Sikh faith, the 5Ks symbolism and the importance of being part of the community.



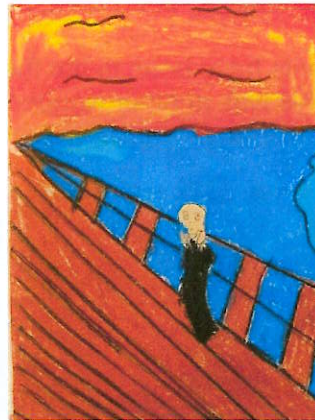
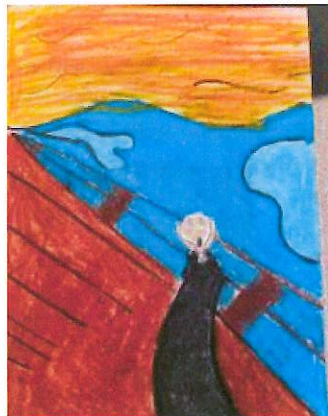




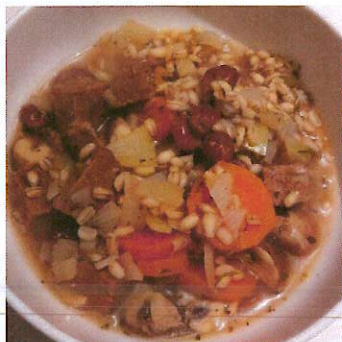
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In Art, children have studied the artist Edvard Munch and created their own replica of "The Scream". They learnt about expressionism being the personal representation of Munch's perspective on life, with an emphasis on emotions, and often depicted with expressive lines and simple representational images.



In our Geography topic this half term, we have been learning about Greenland, exploring the patterns of human settlement on islands and the cultural diversity of island communities. The children made Kalaallit (Greenlandic raisin bread) and Suaasat (deer stew).



**"This term, I have enjoyed our persuasive writing because it opens my mind and helps me to create different stories." A, Turing Class**

**"This term I enjoyed learning about the heart. My dad is a nurse so I find learning about the body extremely interesting. It was great to be able to dissect the heart and I learnt lots in the workshop." R, Turing Class**

**"This half term I have particularly enjoyed Art because I created a piece of work in the style of an artist. I have also enjoyed Gymnastics because I get to share different sequences and routines with my class" F, Mandela Class**

**"This half term has been really fun but my favourite subject has been Science and dissecting a lamb's heart." E, Mandela Class**





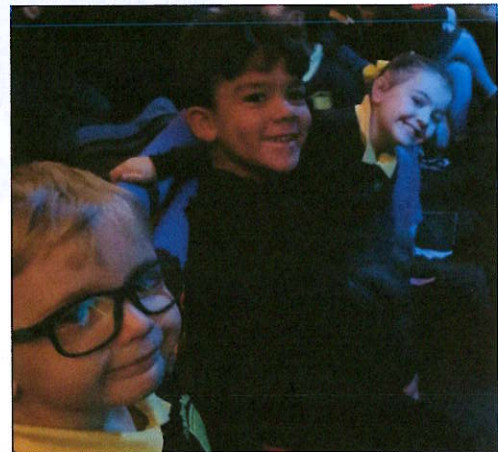
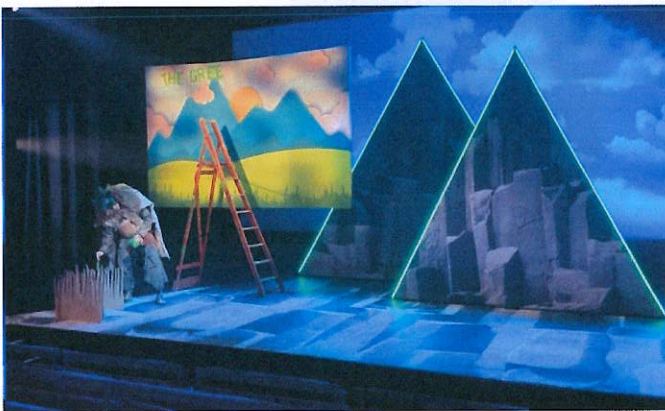
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## Cultural Capital Trips and Experiences

Despite this being a relatively short term, there have still been lots of trips and experiences going on.

Our youngest students have been to the theatre again, this time in London, to see the Three Billy Goats gruff. This was another wonderful, enriching experience for the pupils. They also visited Charlton Library for a special story-telling session with a guest reader.



In Key Stage 1, children have visited the Horniman Museum to support learning about animals in science. Children have also visited the Maritime Museum to learn about the history of transportation, which is linked to their key text *Journey*, by Aaron Becker.







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In Key Stage 2, children have visited the Royal Observatory when learning about light, the Gurdwara to support learning about Sikhism and we have welcomed an engineer into the school who ran some science workshops for years 4 and 6.







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Miss Coller has taken children to take part in a Boccia competition, giving the children the experience of a new sport, accessible to all. A special shout out to Emily from Miss Coller for improvement in confidence and ability.







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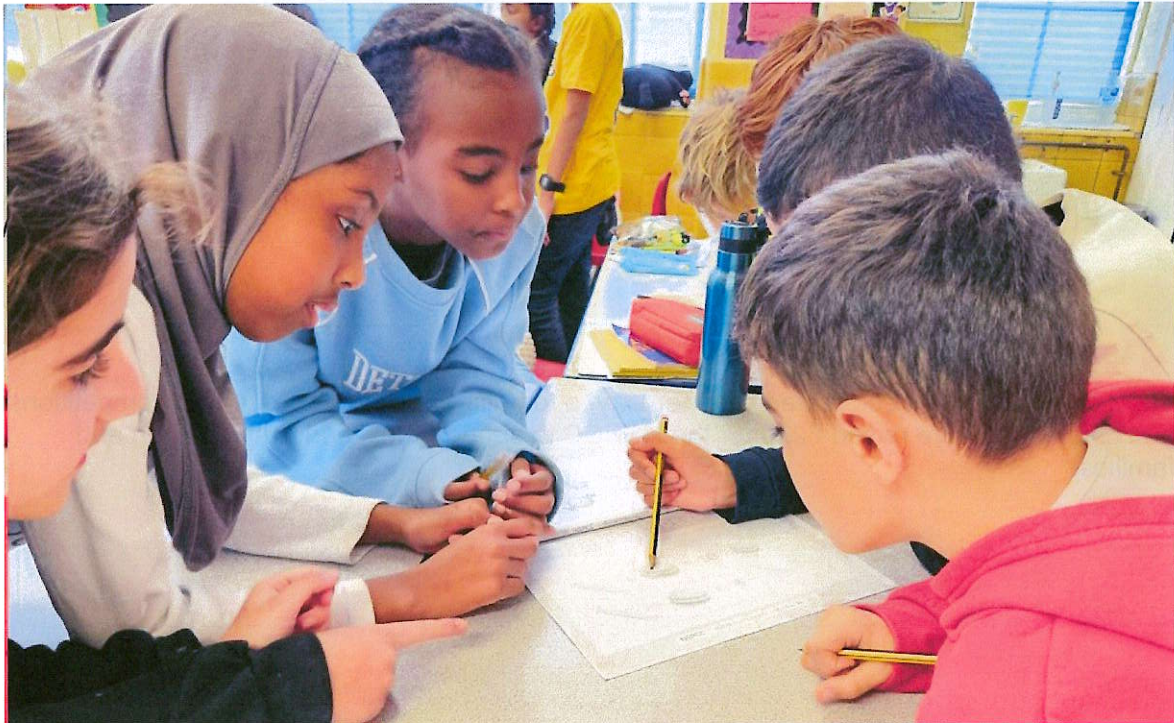
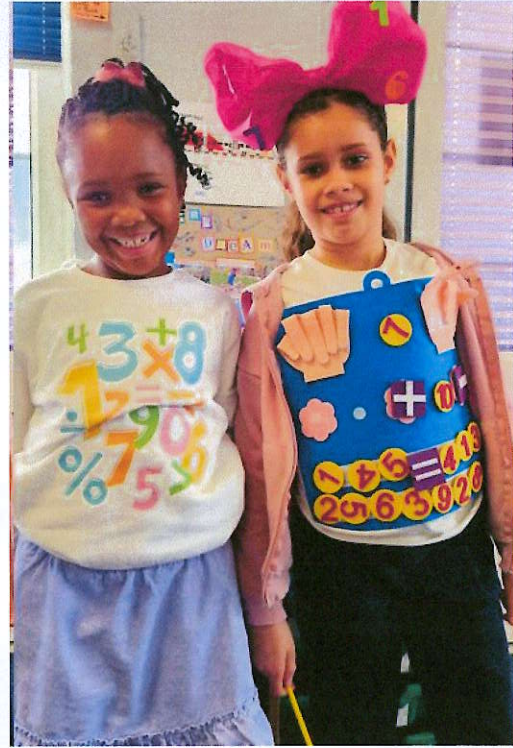
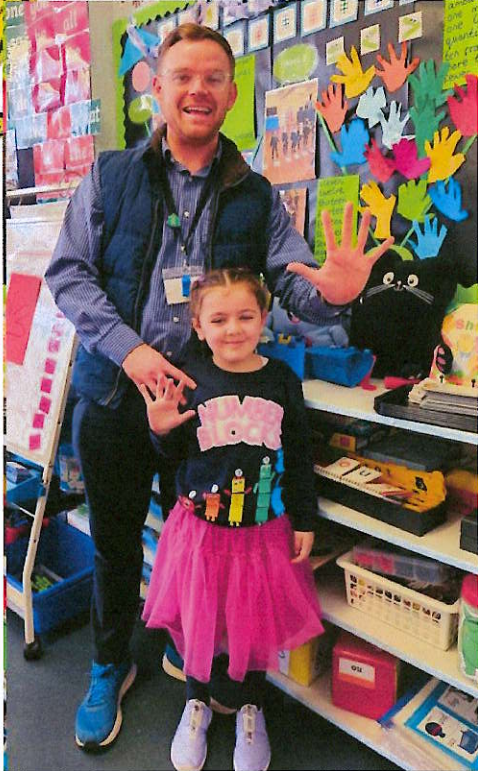
The school have also celebrated Number Day, a fun-filled maths focus day with competitions and challenges. We raised £220 for the NSPCC to support their work with children and families.





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Our Glee club (led by Mrs Goold) took part in the nation's largest choir event at the O2 with Young Voices.



Here's what some of the children had to say about their trips:

"It made me feel happy." E – Rosen Class

"We got a bus and a train. We saw a Lego Horniman museum and I stroked a turtle shell." K – Jeffers class

"He told us how some stories originated, which was really interesting. Also, we had Langar." E – Turing class

"We actually got to cut the heart open. Like...wow! But I actually preferred the second part where we had to scan for the camouflaged animals –the patterns on the butterfly look like an eye to scare away predators." E – Turing class



