



YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2024



NURSERY

This term, Nursery visited the local church, where they were warmly welcomed by Reverend Hayley. The children enjoyed listening to a Christmas story read by the Reverend and had a wonderful time singing festive Christmas songs together and spreading festive cheer throughout the church.

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The highlight of the visit was when the church kindly donated presents to our school—such a generous and thoughtful gesture! It was a lovely experience and the children came back full of Christmas cheer.

RECEPTION

Reception enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating all their hard work this term exploring The Three Little Pigs and Humpty Dumpty! The children came to school dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme characters, with some amazing costumes on display. The day began with a lively fashion show, where the children proudly showed off their outfits to their friends and teachers.



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This was followed by a fun-filled dance party! Each class had been busy practicing a special dance, and they confidently performed their routines to the rest of Reception, showing off their moves with big smiles and plenty of energy.

To top off the exciting day, Santa made a surprise visit to the children, bringing Christmas presents for everyone. It was a magical day full of creativity, joy and festivities!

YEAR 1

We learnt all about Frame Structures and made a chair, bench or a dholi for a small toy animal. We had to practice lots of skills to join a card. We used a flange, a tab, a brace and an anchor to make our structures stable. It was challenging but fun!



YEAR 1



As part of our English, we went on an exciting 'Lion Hunt' in the playground and found a big one. We all ran away! We enjoyed writing about going over, under, around and through different settings.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been on a health kick this term. They have learnt all about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. We made scrumptious vegetable wraps and delicious fruit smoothies.



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The children took part in exciting festive activities such as making Christ-tingles with sweets and oranges and visited the local church to listen to the Christmas story as to also see the church decorated in its seasonal glory.

YEAR 3

Year 3 had the most amazing visit to the natural History museum. Last half term in History and English we learnt all about Mary Anning and at the museum we saw all her fabulous findings. Even an enormous Ichthyosaur! We also met an animatronic T-Rex who was already in the Christmas spirit!



YEAR 3

We were visited by Kenneth more Theatre who performed the story of The Christmas Carol. Children loved the singing and dancing and thought the acting was fabulous!





YEAR 4

This term we have been learning about WW2 in our History lessons. We experienced what to do in an air raid and explored the impact of the conflict on our local area through artefacts at Redbridge Museum.

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In P.E. we have been practicing our swimming skills in the mobile pool in our car park!





YEAR 5

What an exciting autumn term Year 5 has had! We kicked things off with a fantastic trip to London Zoo, where the children got up close to incredible animals and learned about conservation efforts. Our adventure continued with a visit to the historic Tower of London, where the pupils immersed themselves in the rich history of our capital city.

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In the classroom, we held thrilling mock trials that allowed our budding legal eagles to step into the roles of judge and jury, gaining a fantastic insight into courtroom proceedings. We also created stunning 3D maps of the USA, showcasing our geography skills in a creative way.

To enhance our understanding of different beliefs, we were fortunate to have a visitor share their experiences of Christianity, providing a deeper perspective on what it means to be a Christian.

As if that wasn't enough, the children enjoyed two weeks of swimming, developing their skills in the pool.

Here's to a vibrant term filled with learning and fun!





YEAR 6

History: Trip to St. Mary's Church in Wanstead Year 6 visited St. Mary's Church in Wanstead for a guided tour by local Historian Chris O'Donnell. As part of our Autumn 1 History topic about the transatlantic slave trade, Chris showed us the inside of St. Mary's and its surrounding grounds, highlighting its links with the slave trade and how the church is now educating locals about its past.

DT Fairground Rides and Art Sculptures: Throughout the Autumn term, the children have been designing and making both fairground rides in DT and sculptures in Art. The DT fairground rides had to include a pulley system which is commonly used in 'drop tower' attractions, whilst their sculptures were based on someone special to them and was created using a wire armature before covering in Modroc.

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Guided Reading: Crater Lake In Autumn 2, the children started reading 'Crater Lake' by Jennifer Killick. This horror story is set in Crater Lake, Suffolk and is about a group of ordinary school children who visit on an overnight residential trip. However, not everything is as it seems... The children have thoroughly enjoyed the story, with many of the children already reading ahead and finding the sequel. To find more excellent titles such as Crater Lake, please visit 'The Reader Teacher website for the top 100 book recommendations for each year group: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

PSHE: BRAVE Workshop On 25th November, Year 6 were treated to an hour-long workshop by the St. Giles Trust called 'BRAVE'. The award-winning workshop involved a session with trained professionals who have a lived experience of the criminal justice system, who now aim to de-glamorise gang involvement and expose the harsh realities of crime and violence.

