

## Curriculum News

The first half of the Summer Term has flown by with exciting experiences and learning opportunities across the curriculum. Here are a few highlights from the last few weeks;

### Poetry Fortnight

Poetry Fortnight was a wonderful opportunity for the children to listen to and engage with a range of poetry. The children became poets themselves, creating different types of poem including shape poems, acrostic poems and emotive poetry. Please see our display in the classroom to read some of their amazing work. Through exploring Poetry the children have been developing an awareness of rhyme & alliteration.



### Maths Week

Maths week has been all about shape. The children have been developing their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes through lots of hands on experiences. We especially enjoyed the parachute and giant inflatable 3D shapes!

The children are developing their knowledge of shapes and are talking about them using subject specific language such as corner, edge, face, and vertices.

### Expeditions

All of the children get to go out on an expedition during their time with us. These expeditions are excellent learning opportunities.

This half-term some children went to the Holland Park Ecology Centre, where they went pond dipping and on a mini-beast hunt in the woodlands. Through this expedition the children had the chance to observe a range of creatures up close, using a magnifying glass. The children didn't let the rain dampen their interest or enthusiasm!

Once they finished looking at the mini-beast and pond life the children carefully returned the creatures back to the place where they found them. Two expeditions have taken place to Carlyle's House, a Victorian House where children can experience a taste of how people used to live. This expedition enables children to develop an early understanding of history and of how the world has changed over time.

The expeditions were thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. The children should be very proud as they were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to those parents /carers who were able to help, it is very much appreciated.

## History Fortnight

The children have been developing a sense of history through exploring dance, music, toys and clothes through the ages. Our 'Old fashioned' nursery in the Studio was very popular allowing the children to experience toys from the past and a technology free space. Lucky our historic rocking horse was a very exciting addition to the classroom.

Music played a big part in the children's experiences with music and dance videos from the 1920's to modern day. The 1970's proved a popular era with lots of children getting up to dance!

The children's learning really came together on Historical Dress Day. The children came to school dressed as people from across the ages, from ancient civilisations to more recent times. The children and staff looked amazing and enjoyed showing off their costumes during our fashion show in the garden.

It was a great day, thank you again to all those who joined in and helped us to raise money for our Open Day.

