

Your News

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LANGLEY PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



This week at LPPS

We have been enjoying Book Week here at LPPS with a full indulgence of everything reading. We work hard to instil a love for reading in the children as it is not only a pleasure but we know the impact that it has on a child's overall ability to access learning. Another bonus is that it is away from a screen!

It will be so exciting to celebrate World Book Day together on Thursday 11th March. Remember, be creative with what you already have and please do not make any unnecessary trips to buy costumes. It is about us coming together to celebrate literature, not about who has the flashiest costume.

Your £1 voucher is in digital form this year and has been attached to the Parentmail with this newsletter.

Take a look at this year's £1 books which can be bought completely free in exchange for the £1 token.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Again, please do not make any unnecessary journeys and perhaps take a look whilst in the supermarket where the books are likely to be stocked.

We look forward to welcoming the school community back together next week. Please do read the information that has been shared with you carefully so that we can make the return as smooth as possible.

Helping your children at home

The next few weeks of this term will see the children back into the routine that they were familiar with before they broke up at Christmas. **Homework will resume week commencing 15th March 2021.**

The best thing that you can do to support your children in the coming weeks is getting them back into a good routine, most importantly, a good sleeping routine.

The return to school is likely to be a shock to their system and their body clocks so don't be surprised if they are a little crankier than usual.

Reducing screen time will also be an adjustment for the children and it may take time for you to put back in place any time limits or restrictions that you usually have at home. Be honest with your child about why some of the expectations have to change.

<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/school-and-sleep/back-to-school-sleep-tips>

Also attached to this ParentMail is some great information for **all families** from Paul Cabb, independent Autism/SCD outreach advisory service supporting schools in the London Borough of Bromley and neighbouring areas. It contains some more information about how to support your child's return to school.

Wellbeing

Support for you

The return to school will fill you with a mixture of thoughts and feelings. Having your child away from home will provide you with more thinking time which may elevate or help to reduce your levels of anxiety. Below is a link to the NSPCC which has some good advice for **you** and how to take care of **yourself** in this period of time.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>

Tel: 020 8639 5300



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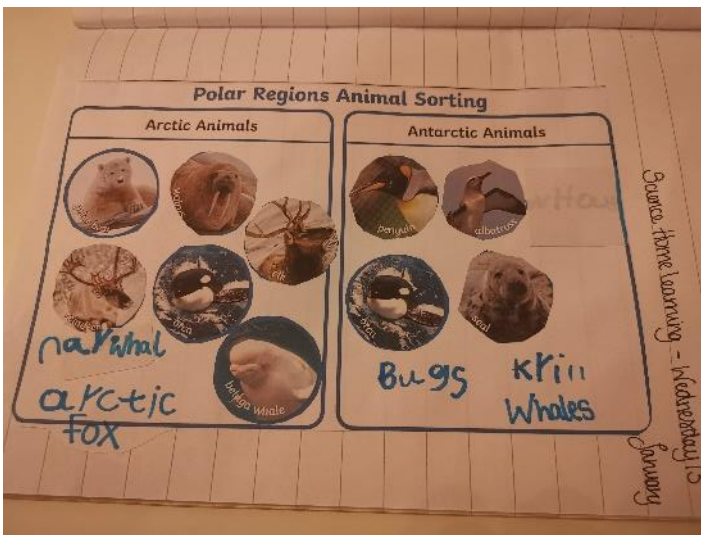
Little LPPS

Science Celebration

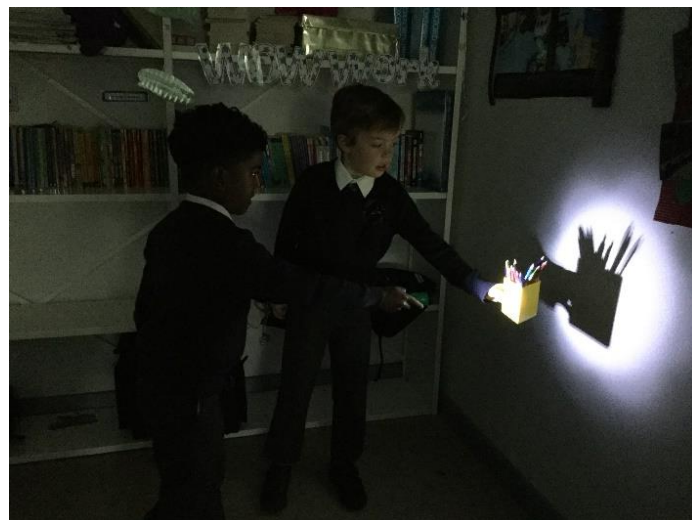
LPPS have been working incredibly hard in Science. Teachers have been so proud of their pupils; we just had to share some examples of work from this half term.

A big shout out to all the children learning about their new science topic from home. Your teachers have been so impressed with your enthusiasm and creativity.

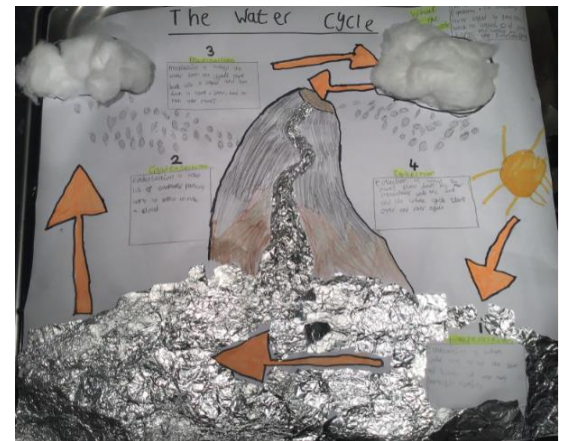
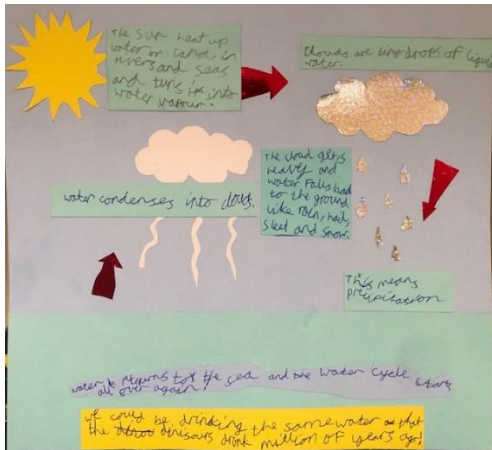
Year 1 – Polar Places



Year 3 – Light and Shadows



Year 4 – The Water Cycle



Investigation Time

As we all know, it is very important that we wash our hands frequently throughout the day to kill germs and bacteria.

There is a very interesting science investigation that you can carry out which highlights the importance of hand washing.

What you will need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 clear, plastic bags
- Soap
- Sticky labels
- Sticky tape



Method:

1. Rub your hands over a slice of bread.
2. Put it in a clear, plastic bag and label with your name and the title 'unwashed.' Seal with sticky tape.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water.
4. Rub your hands on another slice of bread.
5. Put it in the second clear, plastic bag and label with your name and the title 'washed.' Seal with sticky tape.
6. Keep both bags in a warm place. Check them daily but do **NOT** open the bags. **Discard once investigation is complete.**



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Science Jokes



Q: What do you call a fish without an eye?

A: Fsh

Q: What does a skeleton say before he eats?

A: BONE appetite



Q: How did Benjamin Franklin feel when he invented electricity?

A: Shocked!



Did you know?

- Pineapples take 2 years to grow.
- Some types of Bamboo can grow by a metre in just one day.
- Eyebrows play two important roles: they protect against rain, sweat and dirt, while also helping us to express our emotions.
- Elephants can sing. They use an ultrasound rumble too low for humans to hear. This "singing" helps to keep the herd together



Community Focus

As we welcome all pupils back to school next week, Hawksbrook Lane will undoubtedly become busier with more people moving to and from school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families in our community of what small steps can be taken to make this transition as easy and safe for everyone as possible.

- Unless you have the right to use the disability bay parking, please do not drive up Hawksbrook Lane at drop off/pick up. We encourage all our parents, if they choose to drive to school, to park and stride.
- Please do not use the Langley Park School for Girls' car park, which is situated to the right of the school as you walk into our school building.
- Plan additional time in the mornings to get to school on time so that there is no rush. As Hawksbrook Lane can become congested, we must all take time to be vigilant.
- Encourage the children to be active in their journey to school if you can, for example: walk, scoot or cycle to school.
- Continue to ensure that at all times you observe social distancing. Role modelling this behaviour to all around you will ensure that we all remember to play our part.
- Wear a face mask to help protect members of our community.

We appreciate your cooperation with all of the above so that we can continue to help keep each other safe.



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Alice and Elliot undertook some litter picking over the half term break to help keep Hawksbrook Lane and the areas outside the school clean and tidy.



Subject Focus

This week was book week. Did you know that at least 129 million books have been published in the history of the world? If you read one a week, it would take you 2 and half million years to read them all!

What is your favourite story or book?

To finish off an amazing book week, why not use the template below to design a new book cover for your favourite book? Think about what will make someone want to pick up the new improved book cover design.



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Dates for your diary

8th March – All children return to school

11th March – World Book Day Dress Up

Week Commencing 15th March – Science Week

31st March – Last Day of Term

- **Reception** – 1.25pm finish
- **Years 1 & 3** – 1.35pm finish
- **Years 2 & 4** – 1.40pm finish

19th April – First Day of Summer Term