



Principal's update

As the term draws to an end I would like to thank all families for their continued support. As a school we feel very lucky to have such appreciative parents and carers and such a wonderful school community.

The children have had a really successful term and have worked hard and made some great progress. They continue to have excellent behaviour for learning and show themselves to be resilient and willing to challenge themselves and aim high in lessons.

December is a very busy time in school and we have had a wide range of performances across the school from Nursery to Year 5. It has been wonderful to see such confident children, learning their lines, singing their hearts out and thoroughly enjoying the shows. It is also fantastic to see so many parents and carers in the audience supporting their children and enjoying the performances.

Finally I would like to share the exciting news that our school library has been relocated and refurbished and will be opening in the new Year for children to borrow books. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Abraham and Mrs Coutinho who have worked incredibly hard to make the library look amazing. We are very lucky to have such a well stocked and well cared for library at CPA!



Dates for your diary

Term Ends

Thursday 21st December to
Friday 5th December

School re-opens

Monday 8th January 2024



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this last week was:

1st place: 3TC

2nd place: 3MB

3rd place: 5HK



It will be a non-uniform day for on ..., well done!

Safeguarding:

Be Bright, Be Seen!

We are always mindful for the safety of our children near roads and conscious of how vulnerable they can be. At this time of year, with reduced visibility for drivers your child is even more vulnerable near roads.

With new bikes and scooters arriving at Christmas for some, the temptation to go out in the evening will be even stronger so I have included some safety tips below so that you can discuss with your child/ren how important it is to be visible when near roads.

These tips emphasise how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but, as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in signalling pedestrians or cyclists to drivers.

For more information and activities to do with your child(ren) please visit:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game>



Well-Being:

We wish you a very happy & relaxing holidays!

Take time to relax, recharge and come back in January refreshed!!



Family Support Worker Focus:

Reward charts

Reward charts can be very useful in changing unwanted behaviour.

Rules of reward charts

- Focus on one behaviour at a time
- Make the target behaviour something that is easily achievable
- Work with your child – ask how they think they can improve their behaviour
- Ensure that your child is very clear about which kinds of behaviour will be rewarded
- Engage them in making/choosing the reward chart and stickers
- Let your child choose the reward (within reason, making it something they enjoy, such as going to the park)
- Reward the behaviour with a sticker whenever it is achieved.

Once you have chosen the behaviour issue, make it **SMART**

- Specific: What exactly is the issue?
- Measureable: What would be a good outcome?
- Achievable: Is that possible?
- Realistic: Is it realistic to expect this outcome?
- Timely: When are you going to start?

Then add on EA

- Explicit: Explain to your child what will happen from now on and what is expected
- Agreed: Encourage your child to agree

Events:

CPA's Christmas shows have been ongoing for the last week, see our lovely photos!



Events:

Our beautiful Christmas tree!



Year 2 CPA Stars

Principal awards:

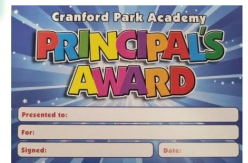
Congratulations to the following children who have received a Principal Award this month.

Very well done!

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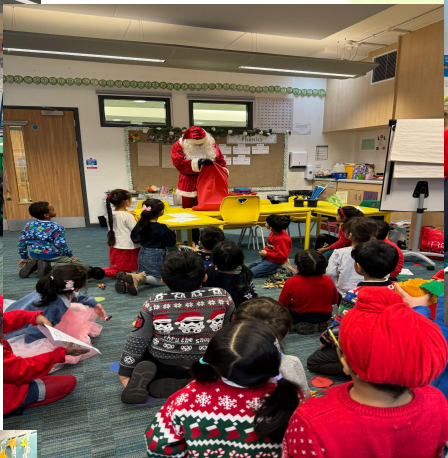
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Events:

CPA's Surprise visitor to school!!!



Curriculum Showcase:

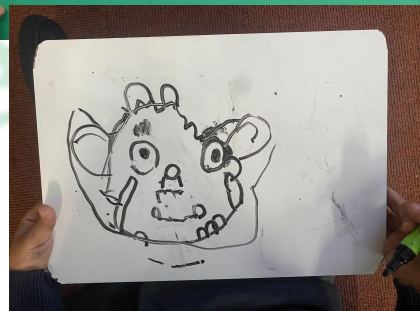
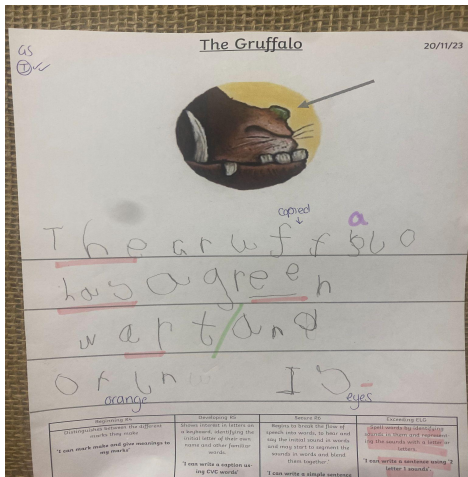
Nursery

The children had a great time at Nursery's first 'Stay and Engage' session today. They were getting into the festive spirit by making stars and snowflakes with their family.



Curriculum Showcase:

Reception



Reception have loved reading the story 'The Gruffalo'. They retold the story in their own way, created their own Gruffalo in many different ways and even produced fantastic pieces of descriptive writing! What a fantastic topic!

Curriculum Showcase:

Year 1

During Maths week – the children in year 1 enjoyed learning in a more practical way and learnt lots of fun new maths skills. Look at some of the things we did during the week.



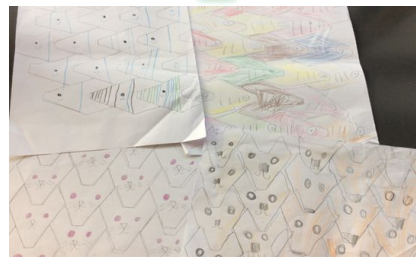
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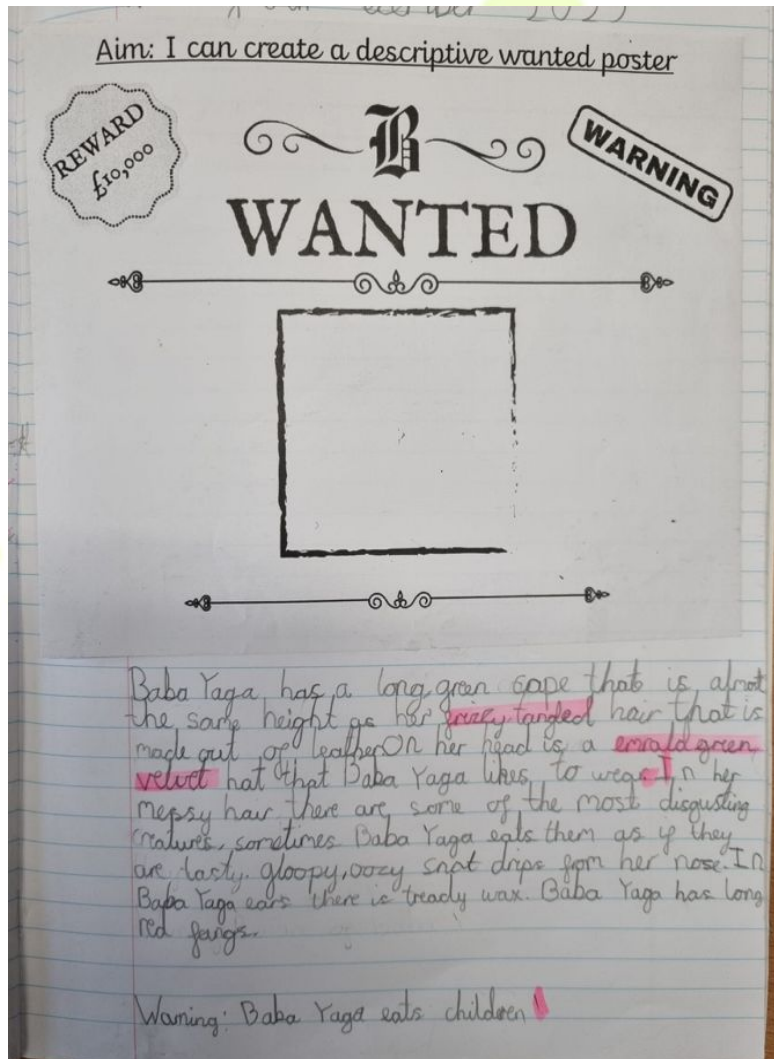
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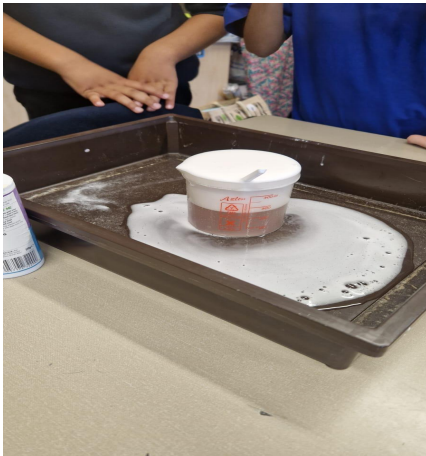
Year 2

Descriptive writing



Curriculum Showcase:

Year 3

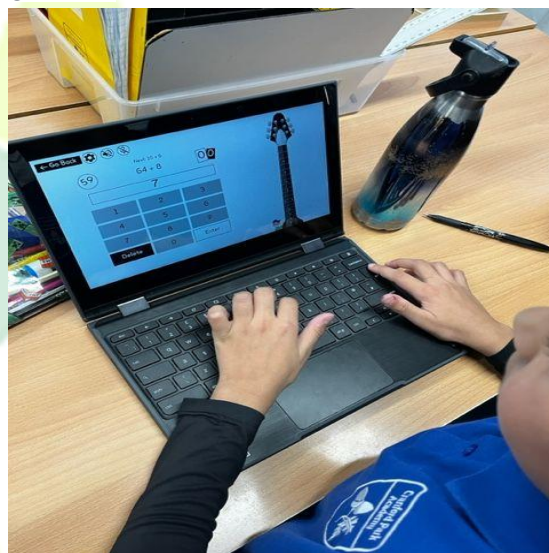
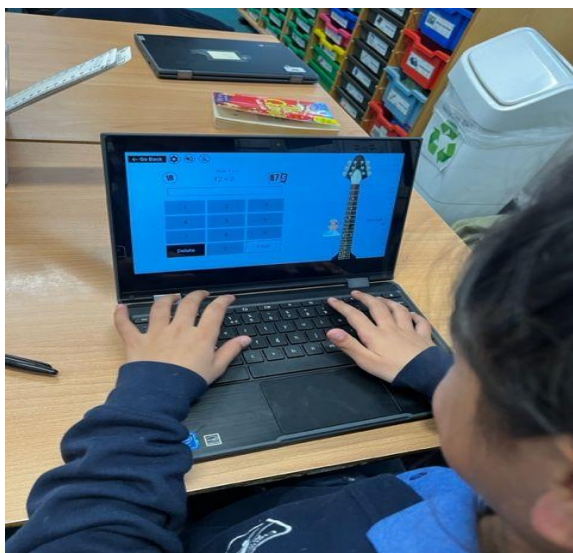


We wanted to share with you the incredible enthusiasm and creativity your children have shown in our recent geography lesson. This term, we are learning about earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes, so we embarked on an exciting project – making volcanoes! The classroom was buzzing with energy, as the students dove into the world of geology and hands-on learning.

Curriculum Showcase:

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have been diligently mastering their times tables in preparation for the upcoming MTC check next year, demonstrating remarkable commitment to their mathematical growth.



Curriculum Showcase:

Year 5

Y5 children worked extremely hard to prepare and contribute towards the Winter Market. They planned, budgeted and worked as a team to sell items to other year groups. They also performed really well at the Christmas Carol Concert where they brought some festive cheer to CPA. They had a successful day and the Y5 teachers are proud of them.
Well done Y5.



Curriculum Showcase:

Year 6



Christmas has arrived in Year Six where the children have made decorations for our lovely tree; courtesy of Mrs James.

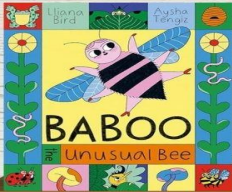


Mrs Hall's Recommended Reads

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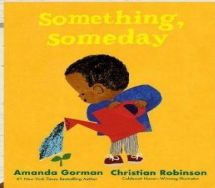
Nursery and Reception



This strikingly illustrated story of a bee, a ladybird and a toe-tapping celebration of dance and difference makes for heartwarming and inclusive reading for little ones.

Baboo the Unusual Bee by Liana Bird

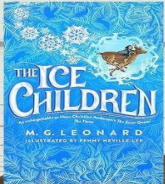
Year 1 and 2



A beautifully constructed hymn to hope and kindness from the presidential inaugural poet and author of Change Sings, this is an empowering picture book about how even the smallest gestures can make a difference.

Something, Someday by Amanda Gorman

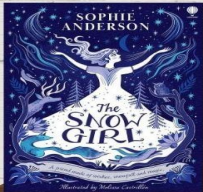
Year 3 and 4



The Ice Children is an exciting, modern, magical mystery adventure inspired by classic fairy tale 'The Snow Queen'. Gorgeous coloured endpapers, and black-and-white illustrations can be found throughout.

The Ice Children by M.G. Leonard

Year 5 and 6



A fairy-tale story of friendship, belonging and bravery, in an adventure through a winter wonderland. The perfect read for the whole family this Christmas.

The Snow Girl by Sophie Anderson