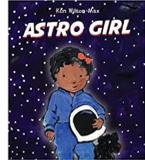


Spring 1 Newsletter

Nursery

This half term we have been reading 'Astro Girl' and 'The Journey Home from Grandpa's'. The children have enjoyed learning all about space and astronauts, names of vehicles and creating their own vehicles using different materials. We have been practising our fine motor skills a lot this half term with our morning funk finger activities, dough disco and squiggle whilst you wiggle. We have had lots of fun exploring body percussion, instruments and rhyme in 'Letters and Sounds.' Children have begun to take home their own library books. Remember you can view all your child's work on their tapestry account!



Reception

We have been very busy! We enjoyed learning about Penguins and the South Pole using the texts Penguin and Lost and Found. We investigated ice and looked at maps and google earth. We were very lucky to take part in a dance workshop linked to Lunar New Year and we also did some dragon and lion dancing in PE. Most recently we have been learning about healthy eating linked to our story text Supertato. We planted some seed potatoes and are having a competition to see which class harvests the most potatoes in the summer. Finally we have been practising some self help skills such as using knives and forks to cut up play dough food. This is something parents and carers can help with at home too. If your child still needs help zipping their coat, maybe you could help them to be more independent during the holidays! Don't forget to let us know on Tapestry what you do in the holidays.

Year 1

This half term, we have been learning about the five different animal groups in Science. We have been looking at the different features of the animals in each group and in Art, we looked at and discussed the work of Andy Goldsworthy. This artist used natural materials to create environmental (land) sculptures. In Art, Year 1 decided to make their own natural objects out of play dough and they loved making their little mammals, hedgehogs!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a very productive half term. The children have enjoyed reading 'The Lonely Beast' in English and they have produced amazing pieces of writing based on the book (the children even designed their own beasts)! All of year 2 have been working hard to learn their 5 times tables, keep up the hard work! In music the children have been learning the song 'Hands, Feet and Heart'. Why don't you ask your child to share this song with you? It has been wonderful to see so many of year 2 engaging with times table rock stars, spelling shed and bug club!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy half term and we are very impressed with how hard they have worked! 3MN and 3MP have enjoyed their drumming lessons, while 3HE have been learning to play the glockenspiel. Despite the weather, we have also been doing lots of outdoor learning in maths, geography and science. The children have enjoyed completing their art topic, 'Food Glorious Food' which links to their science lessons around healthy eating. Here are some examples of their work on collages and line drawing:



Year 4

It has been a busy half term in Year 4. We completed our Science topic about teeth and digestion with a fun, and very messy, experiment recreating the digestive system.

In Music this half term, the children have enjoyed learning the catchy music and lyrics to 'Stop!' an anti-bullying song. 4MG have also enjoyed learning to play the ukulele this half term.

To complete our History topic about Ancient Greece, we have designed and made Ancient Greek chariots in Design Technology. The children researched and designed how to attach wheels and washers effectively.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed reading Floodland and writing our own wishing stories. In Geography we have been learning about Brazil. We also completed our Design Technology Project by researching, designing and making Brazilian Pastéis. Here are some photos of our design ideas and the final products.



Year 6

During this half term we have been learning to write a persuasive text. We all enjoyed reading *The Giant's Necklace* by Michael Morpurgo, and this will be used as a stimulus for our writing. We have been extremely busy in our maths lessons and have been solving area and perimeter calculations. In computing we have been adding formulas to spreadsheets and using the spreadsheet as a model to process information and complete calculations. In geography, we have been learning about climate change and how we can all make small changes to look after our planet. We also had lots of fun learning about different cams in D&T and we then made toys with moving parts!

Music

Music continues to play a huge part in our curriculum at Claremont. Year 5 have just taken over Rock Band lessons for a term and have been captivating the corridors with their musicianship.

Lessons continue throughout the school including Ukulele in Year 4 and drumming in year 3. All classes will be learning new songs next term with Charanga.

PE and school Sport:

A very busy and successful half term of competitions: Football Year 6 team played Heald Place and won 3-0, the Year 5 team lost 3-2. Basketball we took 2 teams to the school games heats showing excellent values. Dodgeball we won our pool and came third in the semi final and also won the overall school games value award Hockey: we took 2 teams and won, drew and lost one match just missing out on the quarter finals. We have new Health and Well Being Ambassadors in Year 4. Mrs Richardson has been selected onto the UK sport female leadership programme one of only 22 females selected across the country.

Chess

We are delighted that the chess lessons have started again in Years 2-6. We look forward to some competitions in the near future.



School Money—Online payments



Thank you for using 'Schoolmoney' to make online payments. You can now make payments for school meals, breakfast club, uniform, milk and school visits. If you are still having issues logging in, please call at the office so we can help you, or email: admin@claremont.manchester.sch.uk We are now able to issue PayPoint bar codes for you so that you are able to pay at any local shops that offer this service at any time. If you require a PayPoint code, we can send a paper copy home with your child, please call the office to request this.

Road Safety, Parking and Climate Change.

We have continued closing Grantham Street and Maine Road entrances to all cars to and this has made the roads surrounding the school much safer. Please keep your children close to you on pavements and remind them of staying safe on our roads. When crossing on Claremont Road please use the pedestrian crossing where the school crossing patrol is.

Nursery September 2022 |

If your child was born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019 and you would like them to attend our nursery from September 2022, please contact the school office on 0161 226 2066 to complete an application form,

ParentApp

ParentApp is now live, and many parents have now downloaded this to access school information. We will be using this more and more to help with information sharing and news. If you have not received a text invite for access, please contact the school office. The app also provides quick links to the school website and the Schoolmoney log in page. You can download the app from Google Play Store or the App Store on i-phones.

Breakfast club

The breakfast club is open from 8.00 am every morning. Entrance is at the Grantham Street Gate (Gate A) between 8.00 and 8.10am. There is a charge of £1.00 per day per child and sessions must be booked and paid for a week in advance on Schoolmoney. Please contact the office if you have any questions.