Victory Primary School Newsletter

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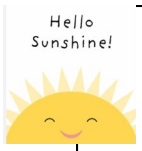
Achieving and growing day by day!



Welcome back to the little bit of sunshine which shone through my window today, hopefully as our day light hours increase, we will begin to have warmer days. This is much needed, because this is the shortest term of the year and the most important. Why? Simply put, the children and staff have identified their strengths and areas of development, now is the time to address these areas, in preparation to shine in the summer term.

This year we will be having a Careers Day, when we will be inviting parents/carers to come into school to share details about their jobs. . We will be sending out the invitation letters after the half term, so please spare some time to tell our children about your job, to inspire the adults of tomorrow.

Have you ever thought about becoming a parent Governor, we have 2 vacancies, more information is on page 2 of the news letter.

Lastly, this week is Get Fit, Keep Fit week, so if you haven't already done so, please sign up and come along and join in the keep fit session with your child. Get moving and have fun at the same time, a really good combination!

Attendance and punctuality …….

Attendance and punctuality is an area which parents / carers can really make a positive

difference to their child's learning, by making sure that your child attends school not only every day, but everyday on time! Our data shows that the children who make the most progress in school, are the ones who attend everyday and are always early for school. Every minute does matter -

5 minutes per day = 3 days lost !

10 minutes per day = 6 days lost !

15 minutes per day = 9 days lost !

I am so pleased that this message is being acted upon by parents/carers, because our school's attendance is improving, but it is important for us to work together to continue to improve our school's attendance. Remember, school's attendance data is being shared every week with the local authority and the Department of Education. Both have high expectations that schools will support families as best they can, but challenge poor attendance. To all families whose child's attendance is above 95%, thank you for your support, for families whose child's attendance is below 95% it's time to address this barrier to learning and work together to raise our attendance figure even higher!

We are fast approaching half term, parents/carers should ensure their child comes to school on the last day and returns to school on the first day of term. If you need help with attendance issues, please contact your child's class teacher.

VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR

GETTING YOUR VOICE HEARD

Having your child's best interests at heart means that you'll also have the school's best interests at heart, which makes you committed to the school's continuous improvement for the benefit of your child. This can be very rewarding!

DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS

Governors are provided with training by Southwark. All of this is transferable to other areas of life. Being a governor allows you to gain a variety of new skills, and develop the ones you already have.

PROFESSIONAL BENEFITS

Being a governor is a valuable addition to your CV, and shows future employers that you have remained committed to your own development despite taking time out of the working world. As a parent governor, you'll be benefiting not just the school, but your child and yourself too.

What does it involve?

Attend Governor meetings to discuss school performance and policies
(Once per term, usually 18:00 - 19:30)

Working with a subject lead to ensure the curriculum is the best it can be!
(frequency depends on your commitment and availability)

For more information contact the head of governors

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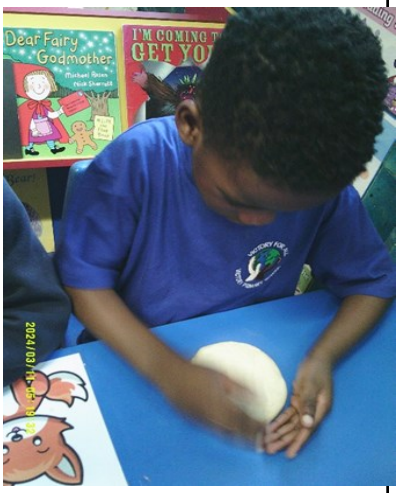
Ruby Class … Inspirational Artists….

Inspired by Andy Goldsworthy's *'Ephemeral Land Art'* which celebrates the beauty of the moment and is created directly in the landscape using organic materials, Year 1 children explored making artwork using natural materials to create **Nature Sculptures**.

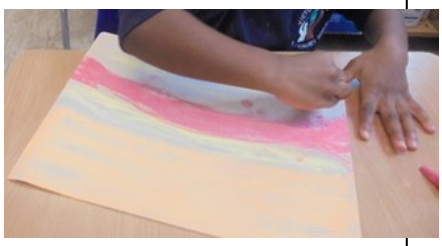
Through close observations and hands on investigation, the children learnt to notice textures, shapes and patterns in the natural world. They collected sticks, twigs, leaves, sand, rocks and seeds. These materials were then used to create and decorate a series of individual salt dough sculptures. Building on this experience and working in pairs, the children created a series of observational mixed-media paintings where natural objects were arranged, pressed and combined with paint to reflect their discoveries. This creative process encouraged teamwork, experimentation and a deeper respect for nature .



Safari Adventures in Reception and Nursery!.....

Our Reception and Nursery pupils have been busy exploring the wild world of safari animals through some fantastic creative projects! In Reception, the children used sticks and newspaper to paper-mâché their favourite safari animals. They carefully shaped and painted cheetahs, lions, zebras, and giraffes, adding beautiful patterns to bring their creations to life.

It was wonderful to see their creativity shine as they transformed simple materials into amazing animal sculptures! Meanwhile, our Nursery students took a different artistic journey by creating stunning silhouette safari animals. They used chalk to crafted colourful backgrounds that perfectly highlighted their silhouettes of lions, giraffes, elephants, monkeys, and rhinos. Their imaginative use of colour and texture made each piece truly special. Both classes have done an incredible job bringing the safari to life in the classroom. We're so proud of their hard work and creativity!



Sapphire Class…

Sapphire Class learnt to design a planet! They measured and cut their selected material to a specification and then used their sewing skills to create a 3D planet.

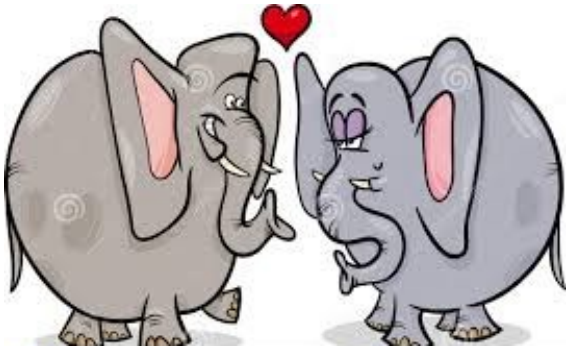
The children learnt 4 main stitches: running stitch, over stitch, back stitch and blanket stitch.

If you were to design your own planet, what would it look like and what would you call it?

School Uniform……

We have a small stock of school uniform, so please contact the school office if your child needs a second hand jumper etc. Also please remember to check our lost property box, if your child has lost an item of clothing at school.

Happy St Valentine's Day,
……when it arrives!



After school clubs….

We now have many clubs which run from Monday to Thursday, covering a wide range of interests. Many clubs are oversubscribed, but each term children are given the opportunity to apply. The secret to successfully getting into your favourite club is to apply early…..

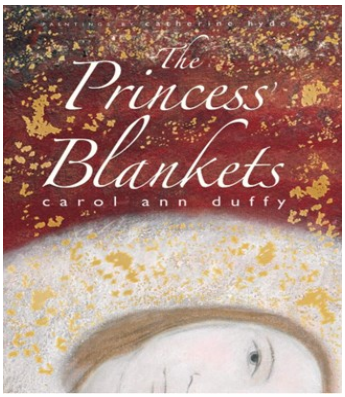
Eat Up Club….
Our children are really enjoying the good food and opportunity to meet with their friends on a daily basis. We are pleased that despite all the cut backs, we have managed to maintain this vital support to all our eligible children.

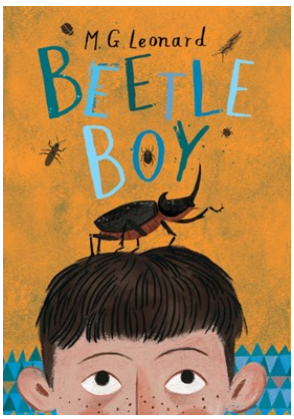
Topaz Class…..

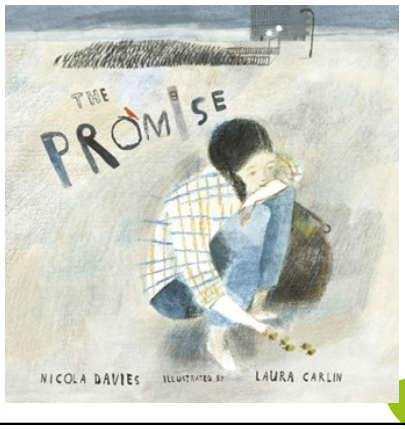
Topaz Class have been enjoying some amazing books in their Literacy and Guided Reading lessons. They have captured their imaginations and brought out their creativity. When retelling the story of .The Promise', some children showed they could be the future JK Rowling or Rick Riordan!

Mouna wrote, 'One day, when the clouds were at their darkest and the moon hid away, the girl was walking home when she saw an easy victim. It was an old lady with an enormous bag, most likely to be filled with money, food and everything the girl had wished for.'

Umair described, 'One dark, chilly night, an abnormal, mysterious and pale-skinned outsider with stone-cold eyes demanded to speak with the King. Strangely, the mysterious foreigner did not bow down to the King. He claimed that he knew magic and could make the Princess warmer. If he succeeded, he would marry her….'







Dates for your diaries

Spring Half term —16.2.26 to 20.2.26
School reopens - 23.2.26at 8.55am
Last day of spring term —27.3.26
Summer Term, School reopens - 13.4.26 at 8.55am
School closes 22.5.26 at 12 noon
Summer Half term— 25.5.26— 29.5.26
Last day of the summer term for children— 16.7.26