

The Shoreditch Park Scoop



Year 1—Fossil Hunters!

Linked to Year 1's learning about Dinosaurs, this week the year 1 children had a workshop based on Mary Anning. First we learned about Mary's childhood and what led her to become a palaeontologist. Then they completed a class activity which involved the children digging out fossils. Year 1 have shown a great passion about their learning this half term and we were delighted to hold such an exciting workshop!





Nursery

This week in Rosen class, we began exploring our new focus book, *So Much, a lovely story about family and celebrations*. We started by singing the *Days of the Week* and *Months of the Year* songs, identifying the current season, and discussing birthdays, including our own. We acted out the playful greetings of each character in the story like hugging, squeezing, raising eyebrows and giddy-ups.



We have also had a lot of fun in the home corner, where we have prepared food, cared for dolls, and wrote and posted invitations to our families. In the creative area we have designed birthday cards using shapes, practiced writing our names, and drew family portraits. Outdoors, we built Lego houses, hosted role-play birthday dinners, and “cooked” in the mud kitchen. We also used puppets and props to retell the story, even recalling some key phrases. Finally, we ended the week joining Reception for a singing assembly to prepare for our Christmas performance



Year 3 Assembly

The garden at Shoreditch Park Primary School has flooded! No not really... but this was the setting for King-Smith's class assembly this week.

During the first half of the term this year, Year 3 learnt lots about rocks and soil in their science lessons, a favourite topic for many. In the assembly, King-Smith applied their knowledge of rocks and soil to help Shoreditch Park's gardener, Mr. Calvin, dig up his garden to get the right balance of rocks and soil so it could drain better.

Mission accomplished! The garden was fixed, songs were sung and Mr. Calvin can now sleep easy.



Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the online safety, maths and reading workshops this week. A reminder about the following upcoming sessions:

Maths in Key Stage 2

2.12.2024- 930-10am (P&C room)

Speech and Language Therapy—Understanding my child's autism diagnosis

29.11.2024—0900—1000





Reception

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *Astro Girl* by Ken Wilson-Max. Inspired by the story, they've been busy creating space-themed puppets, including the moon, astronauts, rockets, robots, and alien spaceships! The children also created rockets and wonderful pictures of the solar system. Their creativity has truly shone through in these fun, hands-on activities

In addition, the children have been practising their writing skills, using their phonics knowledge to sound out words as they wrote about the items they would bring to space. It's been wonderful to see their confidence in writing grow!

In maths, the children have been finding one more and one less of various items, showing great enthusiasm when counting and problem-solving.





Ministry of Stories

We were delighted this week to once again work with the Ministry of Stories—this time with our Year 5 children taking part in a poetry workshop. The children were able to hear, create and perform poems that they had created. They were able to use their pre-existing knowledge to learn more about alliteration, rhyme and repetition. At the end of the workshop the children worked together to create a poem to share with the Minister who had been in contact with them throughout the session.





Class	Attendance %
Rosen AM	70.0
Rosen FT	75.0
Donaldson	92.5
Browne	93.0
Grey	98.7
Deacon	88.3
Jeffers	98.7
Hoffman	91.0
Briggs	99.7
King-Smith	91.7
Almond	97.1
Morpurgo	99.0
Tan	95.3
Dahl	97.0
Milligan	95.2
Zephaniah	94.5



Class	Number of lates
Rosen AM	0
Rosen FT	8
Donaldson	0
Browne	8
Grey	2
Deacon	4
Jeffers	1
Hoffman	6
Briggs	8
King-Smith	4
Almond	1
Morpurgo	3
Tan	6
Dahl	2
Milligan	3
Zephaniah	1



Attendance

Congratulations to King-Smith class and Grey class for their excellent attendance this week!

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Mon 25th November	Donaldson trip to the fire station
Tues 26h November	
Weds 27th November	Year 5 trip to the science museum
Thurs 28th November	Year 6 trip to the Garden School WINTERFEST!
Fri 29th November	SALT workshop

We are pleased to share that from January we will be able to offer more opportunities for music tuition. We are very proud of our music provision and will be expanding the tuition, initially, to additional guitar and piano/ keyboard lessons. On Monday in assembly there will be a demonstration from Nimai Walcott who is the director of London MADA, the company who will be providing the music tuition. London's Music and Dance Academy (London MADA) has been providing peripatetic music for over 36 years and will be leading these new lessons. Maintaining an astounding 100% pass rate with the Royal School of Music across three decades, London MADA has demonstrated an ability to deliver music tuition to the highest possible standard. www.londonmada.co.uk

Any pupils who are interested will bring home a letter with more information and a sign up slip to register interest. These will also be available from the school office.



We would like to invite all of our Shoreditch Park families to begin their festive season on Thursday 28th November at our Winter Festival. Pupils will be collected at 3.30pm and be asked to leave the school site. The gates will reopen for festive fun at 3.45pm. There will be a whole host of exciting activities including meeting Santa's reindeer, face painting, festive crafts and Christmas music performed by a brass band. There will also be the opportunity to meet the big man himself in Santa's Grotto. Food and drinks will be available for a small charge. We will be asking for donations of a minimum £1 per family to enter the Winter Festival. If you would like to volunteer for Winter Fest or bring in donations for the tombola please let the school office know.

