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Weather Report

Over the past three weeks, Stockholm class have been focusing on the weather and different seasons. To continue their learning this week, children were tasked with writing and presenting a weather report about the weather across the United Kingdom and the world. The children discussed how they should wear more layers in the winter, carry an umbrella when it is raining, stay indoors if there is thunder and wear sunglasses if sunny. We are certain that many of our children will become professional weather reporters in the future!







Doctor Brown and Nurse Fox

Pupils in Madrid and Berlin have been reading Peppa Loves Doctors and Nurses, and have learnt three excellent skills! In the story, Peppa and her friends get a very special visit from Doctor Brown Bear and Nurse Fox who have come to show the children how to keep fit, eat healthy snacks and, most importantly, wash their hands... seems so fitting in the current circumstances! You can help your child at home by asking them to create a menu for a healthy snack, or create a poster demonstrating how to wash their hands.



Let it Snow!

Last week's Geography lesson worked seamlessly with the elements of winter and fluffy white snow. Children in Helsinki have been learning about the weather in the United Kingdom and the wider world. They have been working on a daily weather diary, filling in details such as temperature and time of day.

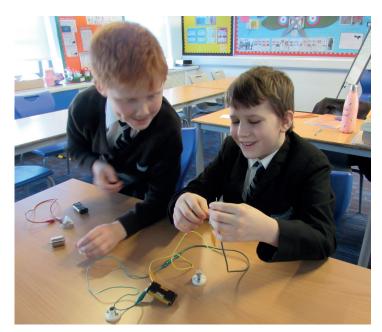
Each day, they have been using weather symbols to show what they can see and hear, and describe how the weather has changed. The children capitalised on this opportunity to play in the snow before explaining how it melted and how their hands were very cold after playing in it.

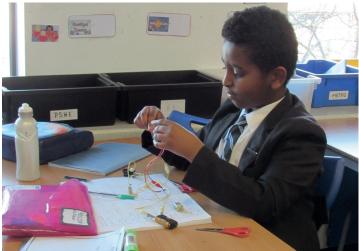


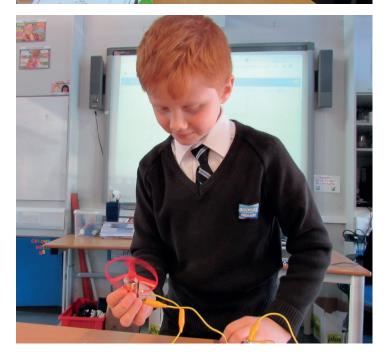


Electricity

As part of their 'Electricity and Circuits' topic, pupils in Year 6 were provided with a wide range of equipment during their Science lesson to build circuits. During the course of the lesson, pupils learned how to build circuits independently. They were able to make predictions and justify their prediction with scientific reasoning and vocabulary. Pupils tested various circuits that involved bulbs, buzzers and motors and were able to justify whether these circuits were complete or incomplete, giving reasons for their answers.







Metrics

On Monday 25th January, in Mathematics, children in Year 4 produced posters about the metric system and the different ways we can measure in grams, metres, and litres. With their enthusiasm fuelling their innovation, they demonstrated creative flair in designing some spectacular posters!



Touch and Feel

Touch is one of the five senses our children will learn about early on in their development as young human beings. Children in Year 1 have been learning about materials and their properties. They were given different objects to touch and feel and then used appropriate words to describe them. Children used words such as "shiny" and "smooth" to describe tin foil, and described a brick as "hard", "rough" and "waterproof".

It has been interesting introducing the pupils to the elements of touch and feel. They are learning about how our skin can detect a wide range of different textures and temperatures, and how our ability to sense the temperature of the world around us helps us to regulate our own body temperature too, by sweating to cool down or shivering to warm up!







Hillingdon Weekly Challenges

Brookside Primary School is currently taking part in Hillingdon Weekly Physical Challenges. These challenges allow children to get active, have fun, improve health, engage new audiences and increase motivation.

Week 3 will start on Thursday 11th February. Mr Christie and Mr Iwaram (PE Co-ordinators) will provide your teachers with a video of what you need to do each week. Your teachers will post this video within your class on Microsoft Teams. These challenges can be done at home or at school. All scores will need to be sent to your class teacher by Thursday, the following week. Please see the schedule below for all upcoming challenges.

	Challenge	Date
Week 3	Tap up Tennis	Thursday 11th February
Week 4	Speed Bounce	Thursday 25th February
Week 5	Climbing the Mountain	Thursday 4th March
Week 6	Skipping	Thursday 11th March

Chinese New Year - Change of Menu

Please note, there will be a menu change on Friday 12th February in celebration of Chinese New Year. Meal choices are detailed in the menu below and must be pre-selected via IPay at your earliest convenience.

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International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Thursday 11th February marks the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. The day recognises the critical role women and girls play in Science and Technology and focuses on the reality that Science and gender equality are both vital for the development and achievement of ground-breaking research.

This day is an opportunity to demolish stereotypes, defy gender biases and defeat discrimination that hold women and girls back in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. It is a day to promote full and equal access to and participation in Science for women and girls, and further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Use of Social Media

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that children must be 13 years of age in order to have a Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat account, and 16 years of age to use Whatsapp. You can find more information on age restrictions from The Safer Internet Guide, available here: [https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-socialmedia-services]. During lockdown, there may be an increase in children wanting to access social media and to communicate with others online, and we ask parents, guardians and carers to closely monitor this to prevent risks and help keep their children safe.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 9th February, promoting a safer and a more responsible use of online technology by children and young people across the world.

The internet is a powerful tool with enormous opportunities for learning, enhancing skills and acquiring new abilities and knowledge, as highlighted especially during the pandemic. The goal of Safer Internet Day is to raise awareness on online dangers but also to provide protection and empowerment of children and young people online.

Like the theme "Together for a better internet", everyone has a role to play in creating and maintaining a better online world, and as the pandemic continues to drive us physically apart, we must come together virtually to make the internet a safer and better place for all. For more information, please visit [https://www. saferinternetday.org).

Online Learning Packs

Children's online learning packs are available to collect every Friday from the main reception between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Half Term

School will be closed from Monday 15th to Friday 19th February for the Half Term holiday. We finish at our normal staggered end times on Friday 12th February between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. School opens again on Monday 22nd February at the normal staggered start times between 8:30am and 9:00am. After such an eventful 2020, we hope you all have a restful break; please ensure you stay safe and do not mix with anyone outside your current bubble. This will ensure the safe return of our pupils and staff alike. Thank you for your support.



Week Commencing: Monday 8th February

SPECIAL MENU

MONDAY			
Meal Choice 1:	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Halal	
Meal Choice 2:	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3:	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Vegetarian	
TUESDAY			
Meal Choice 1:	Macaroni Cheese and Vegetables	Vegetarian	
WEDNESDAY			
Meal Choice 1:	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian	
THURSDAY			
Meal Choice 1:	Chicken Sausages with sliced Potatoes and Beans	Halal	
Meal Choice 2:	Pork Sausages with sliced Potatoes and Beans	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3:	Vegetarian Sausages with sliced Potatoes and Beans	Vegetarian	
FRIDAY			
Meal Choice 1:	Chicken Chow Mein	Halal	
Meal Choice 2:	Chicken Chow Mein	Non Halal	
Meal Choice 3:	Vegetable Chow Mein and Vegetable Rice	Vegetarian	
The daily dessert choices will be as follows: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly or Ice Cream pots			

Accessing Lessons via Gaming Consoles

For families who are having difficulties accessing devices for their child's live lessons, some games consoles have the facility to access Microsoft Teams. This should only be used in instances where no other device is available, it is not appropriate for pupils to be logged into a gaming device during their School day unless this is the case. If this does help to provide a temporary solution, please can we ask that there is suitable supervision and it is used only for accessing lessons.



Don't have a laptop? You can access Remote Learning through your Xbox or PlayStation

Xbox

- 1. Plug in a keyboard and mouse (If you have them) into the USB
- 2. Go to 'My Games and Apps'
- 3. Find and open Microsoft Edge
- 4. Type in www.office.com as you would to access Office 365
- 5. Log in for access to Teams, Office 365, Outlook and OneDrive

PlayStation

- 1. Press the PS4 logo on the controller
- 2. Go to the library and find the Internet browser (WWW)
- 3. Open the browser
- 4. Type in www.office.com as you would to access Office 365
- 5. Log in for access to Teams, Office 365, Outlook and OneDrive

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