

Autumn Week 8- 22/10/26

Message from the Headteacher



Today we finish for half term, and I can hardly believe how quickly these first eight weeks have flown by!

The children have settled beautifully into their new year groups and are working hard across the curriculum. It has been lovely to see them growing in confidence, embracing new challenges and making such a positive start to the academic year.

We have finished the half term with our wonderful Harvest Festival celebrations, which were a real reminder of the importance of kindness, generosity and looking after others. I would like to say an enormous thank you to all our families for your incredibly generous donations. These will go towards supporting the food bank at the Lalley Centre, helping local people and families in our community who may be experiencing difficult times. Your generosity truly makes a difference.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope the sun shines, you enjoy some lovely quality time together as a family, and everyone has the opportunity to rest and recharge ready for the busy half term ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break!

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term.

Mrs Seaborn

In the Curriculum

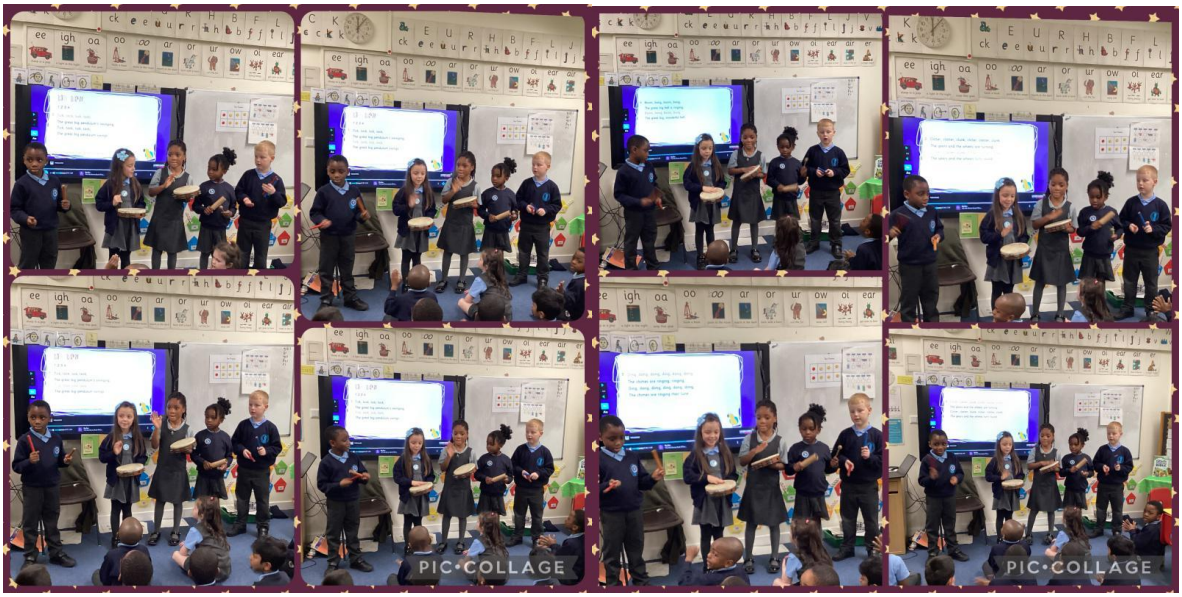


Nursery came to school on Wednesday with wonderful new hairstyles! They shared the book, “I Love My Beautiful Hair!” by Elissa Wennt, and celebrated how special we all are. The children learned that our hair is a big part of what makes us unique and they embraced the beauty and diversity of everyone’s hair.

Reception have been learning about the Story of Creation and the wonderful world God made. They explored nature outdoors, discovering leaves, spider’s webs, changing colours and little creatures. Using Creation discs and their small-world area, they explored what God created each day. The children also learnt about their role as stewards of God’s world and the importance of caring for plants and animals to keep our world beautiful.

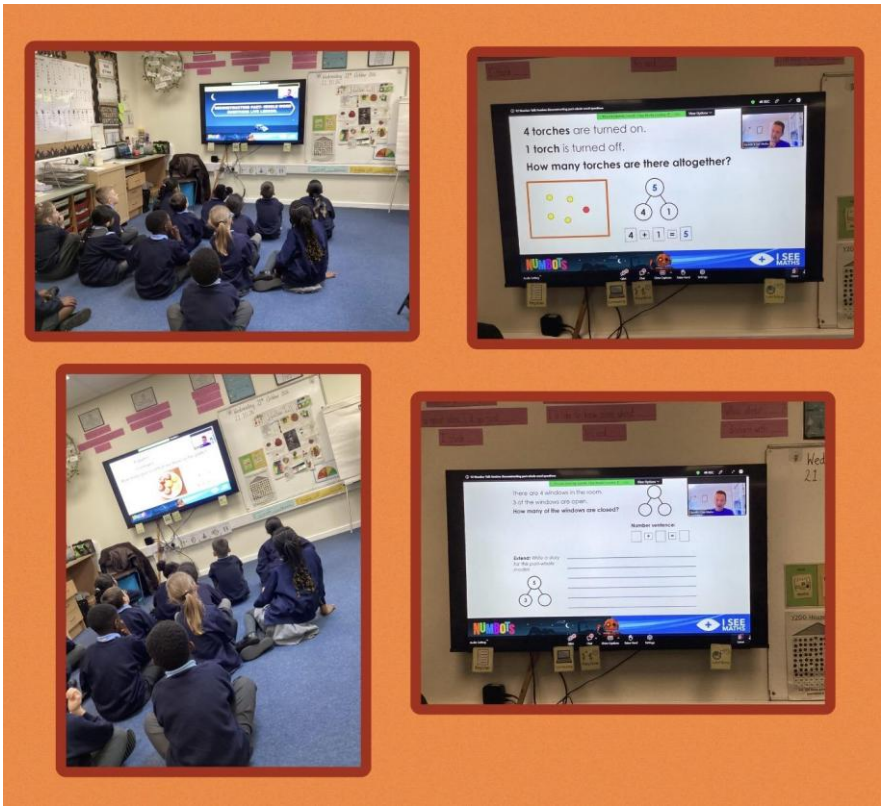


Year 1 have been learning about pulse and rhythm this half term in Music. We have played different percussion instruments to create different rhythms and play along to the beat. We have been singing. Big Red Combine Harvester. Check out their super singing!



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Year 2 took part in an exciting Number Talk Zoom session, exploring part-whole word problems. The children developed their mathematical reasoning by identifying key information, exploring different strategies and explaining their thinking. They showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the session. Well done, Year 2!



Year 3 proudly completed their Design and Technology unit by making their own delicious pizzas! Following their visit to Pizza Express, the children planned their pizzas, prepared the dough, added their chosen toppings and finished with plenty of cheese. They enjoyed seeing their designs come to life and, best of all, tasting their creations! The activity developed their creativity, practical skills and teamwork, and the children were delighted with their tasty results.



Year 4 have been developing their coding skills, learning how to give computers step-by-step instructions. The children have shown great enthusiasm and perseverance, with many making excellent progress in their learning. They have enjoyed solving problems and challenging themselves with increasingly complex coding activities on their iPads.



Year 5 have been exploring the work of Clarice Cliff and Josiah Wedgwood, taking inspiration from their pottery designs and styles. They experimented with different techniques before designing and creating their own clay pots using the pinching method. The children enjoyed developing their pottery skills, expressing their creativity and bringing their unique designs to life.





Year 6 became bakers for the day, making bread from scratch! They measured ingredients, mixed and kneaded the dough, then shaped their own creations before baking them in the oven. The children enjoyed watching the dough rise and filling the hall with the delicious smell of fresh bread. They finished by tasting their homemade bread and developed their practical skills while learning about the importance of patience and teamwork.







Mr Coogan delivered fascinating and inspiring Black History Month assemblies across both departments. In the Infant department, the children were captivated by the story of Rosa Parks and her courage in standing up for what was right. In KS2, the children learnt about Septimius Severus, a Roman Emperor of African heritage, and Henry Box Brown, whose remarkable journey to freedom was brought to life when a pupil climbed inside a similar-sized box.



Gardening Club finished the half term with a delicious treat! The children toasted marshmallows over a campfire before sandwiching them between chocolate biscuits to make s'mores. There were plenty of happy smiles and chocolate-covered faces! A huge thank you to Mrs Coogan and Mr Coogan for running this wonderful club and giving the children such lovely outdoor experiences.



Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed a fantastic half term at Basketball Club! The children have developed their passing, dribbling and shooting skills, with a particular focus on improving their layups. They have also strengthened their teamwork, communication and sportsmanship through a range of activities and games. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and effort, and a huge thank you to Mr Dalton for running the club!



A huge thank you to Mrs Lowe for giving her time to run our wonderful Yoga Club in KS1 too.

After weeks of after-school rehearsals, the choir came together for a beautiful performance today. Mrs Seaborn, Mrs Walley and Miss Leonard were delighted to see the children's hard work, confidence and enthusiasm shine through.

For more news about learning across the curriculum, please visit our school website, where you can explore our curriculum blogs and discover lots more about the wonderful learning taking place at Mount Carmel.

https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/blogs

Autumn 2- After-School Clubs

A huge thank you to all the staff who have given their time and energy to make our after-school clubs possible this half term. These clubs provide our children with wonderful opportunities to learn new skills, explore their interests and have fun!

Please note that there will be no after-school clubs during the first week back due to Parents' Evenings. Clubs will resume the week commencing Monday 9 November. Letters confirming club arrangements will be sent out during the first week back.

The clubs on offer next half term will be Infant and Junior Choir, Year 2 Yoga, Year 1 Gardening Club, Year 2 Tabletop Games, Year 3 and 4 Basketball, Year 4 History Club and Year 5 and 6 Textiles club.



EYFS Open Day – Come and See Our Wonderful Provision!



After half term, we will be holding an EYFS Open Day, giving prospective families the opportunity to explore our wonderful Early Years provision ahead of applying for Nursery and Reception places for September 2027.

We would be very grateful if you could share the attached flyer with friends and family who have children due to start Nursery or Reception next September.

In addition to our September 2027 admissions, we currently have places available in our Nursery for children who are ready to join us now.

Thank you for your support in helping us spread the word and welcome more families to Mount Carmel!

Year 6 High School Applications – Deadline 31st October

A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline to apply for your child's secondary school place for September 2027 is Saturday 31st October 2026.

If you have not already done so, please ensure that you submit your application before the deadline. Applications are usually made online through your local authority's website. Please see the flyer below.

Please do not leave it until the last minute! If you need any support or advice, please speak to the school office.



Parents' Evening

As we return after half term, we look forward to welcoming parents into school for our upcoming Parents' Evenings. Junior Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 3 November, followed by Infant Parents' Evening on Wednesday 4 November. Appointments can be booked through Arbor.

Where possible, we kindly ask that children do not attend, as this allows parents and teachers to have open, focused conversations about each child's progress and wellbeing.

We are also pleased to welcome a range of professionals to school during Infant Parents' Evening, who will be available to offer advice, guidance and support to families. These will include the Health Visiting Team, a dental nurse and representatives from Sure Start. A member of the local Family Hub will be available at the Junior event. We hope this provides a valuable opportunity for families to access support and ask any questions they may have.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies and other items in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to show support for our armed forces community and remember those who have served and sacrificed for others. Thank you for your support.

Own Clothes Day – Friday 6th November

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation towards the Parish Christmas Fair. Donations of toiletries, bottles and chocolate for the tombolas would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Attendance

Infant Department- Adopt an animal through WWF

Junior Department- Adopt an animal through WWF

Nursery	**100.0%**	**Year 3D**	**94.6%**
Reception L	**92.0%**	**Year 3L**	**99.2%**
Reception C	**97.1%**	**Year 4H**	**96.7%**
Year 1B	**81.0%**	**Year 4S**	**96.7%**
Year 1LB	**88.8%**	**Year 5R**	**95.3%**
Year 2W	**92.4%**	**Year 5C**	**91.5%**
Year 2LG	**94.6%**	**Year 6S**	**94.2%**
		Year 6C	**91.7%**

Dates for the Diary	
2/11/26	School Opens
3/11/26	Junior Parents Evening
4/11/26	Infants Parents Evening
7/11/26	Wear you're your own clothes day- Donations for Parish Christmas Fair
20/11/26	School Photos
8/12/26	Pantomime Infants
16/12/26	Pantomime Juniors