Cavendish Learning Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn 2 Learning Newsletter.

Check out some of the BRILLIANT learning from this half term!

We are extremely proud of all of our BRILLIANT learners.

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Early Years - Nursery

What a busy half term we have had with the run up to all the festive activities! The story focus in Literacy was called 'I'm going to eat this ANT!' This text gave lots of opportunities for the children to develop their descriptive language skills and lots of early mark making and initial sound identification.

In Maths we have enjoyed number hunts, finding patterns in the environment and continuing and making up our own patterns with two or three objects. We have also focused on touch counting and naming two dimensional shapes and some of their properties.

We have been thinking hard about the importance of sharing and discussing our Ladybird and Bee promise and class values.

Finally, we finished the term with a fantastic Christmas singing performance and lots of fun festive crafts, dancing and games. We are very proud of the children's learning journey so far and looking forward to what the Spring term will bring!













Early Years – Reception

We wrote letters to our families, then followed a map to find the post office to post them! We can't to receive them at home! We learnt about Diwali and made our own clay diva lamps. We have been busy preparing for Christmas ; making Christmas cards, calendars and decorations Finally our amazing nativity show- everyone was fabulous!











Year 1

A cheeky yellow monster called Nibbles has been causing mischief in Year 1! He has been nibbling his way through some of our favourite stories. Have you seen him? We have been working hard developing our writing skills and have written a diary entry as though we were Nibbles getting up to mischief.





We've been budding designers in computing as we have started creating our own eBooks! The children have been searching for photos, saving them onto the iPads, and uploading them onto their digital books. We can't wait to see their final masterpieces!





In PE, the children have been full of energy and creativity diving into gymnastics. They have learned different shapes and balances, and even created their own sequences which they proudly performed to their classmates. It's been wonderful to see their confidence shine!





Year 2

The children in Year 2 have loved learning this half-term. Some of the topics we have covered have been addition and subtraction in Maths, and materials in science. We also had our TTRS day where the children dressed up as Rock Stars and took part in a TTRS battle with their class in Arena mode! In English, we have been reading The Owl who was afraid of the dark and the children have completed some lovely reports about owls. They edited and published their work. In History we have learned all about The Great Fire of London. We also went on a trip to The Lowry to do some art work inspired by this. We used lots of different techniques to represent the buildings and the fire. In DT this half term Year 2 have made chairs for baby bear. They have all shown great resilience skills and courage when trying out different techniques.











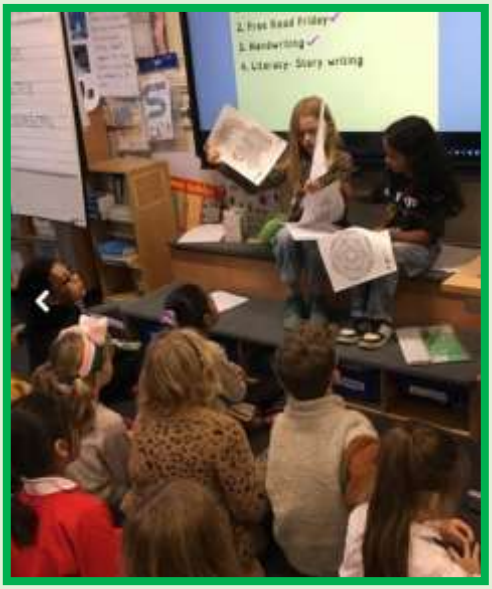
Year 3

Y3 have had a truly exciting half term full of wonderful opportunities to expand their learning and share the Cavendish Golden Values!

Take Over Day: The children were amazing on our annual Take Over Day! They shared so many of our Golden Values including responsibility and positivity! All the children with jobs were so committed and able to develop their confidence. Well Done Y3!

TTRS Day: Wow!! What a super day full of amazing rock stars! The children all made such an effort to dress the part and were so excited to show their brilliant times tables knowledge! We are seeing such great progress in this important Maths skills! Keep it up Y3!

Christmas Fun: Last Friday was full of festive fun!! The hilarious panto and the magical reindeers really got the children in the festive spirit! We hope this joy continues throughout the holidays and can't wait to see you all bright eyed and ready for more brilliant learning in 2026!









Year 4

This half term has been an action-packed, electrifying one in year 4! In two subjects, we have been learning all about electricity: building working circuits, placing conductors and insulators in switches, and learning about the dangers of electricity during science lessons whilst designing and creating working torches using a plastic bottle in design technology. They showed lots of courage and positivity when building their torches, which always prove a challenge to make!

In history, Year 4 have loved learning about the Romans - their empire, army and ultimate demise. All classes showed respect and responsibility during the trip to the museum in Chester, representing Cavendish wonderfully.

Finally, every child has worked so hard on their times table recall this half term, as we know how important it can be when creating competent and skilful mathematicians. The children loved Times Table Rock Stars day, where some excellent outfits were on show, and we hope everyone continues to practise hard at home over the coming months, so they are all fully confident by the time year 5 comes around!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a wonderful new year,

All the staff from year 4.













Year 5

It has been an action packed second half of the autumn term! In Science, we continued our exploration of forces by investigating water resistance, using plasticine to discover how different shapes move through water. Our Geography lessons focused on the importance of recycling and sustainability, while in Art, we have been creatively capturing the concept of movement through various drawing and printing techniques. A particular highlight was a visit from Didsbury High School students, who led a fantastic Spanish lesson that got everyone excited about learning a new language. It has been a wonderful term of discovery and hard work for all the children!













Year 6

In Science, we have been learning about what light sources are and how light travels in straight lines but mirrors can be used to reflect the light. We made periscopes to consolidate this learning. We have also been learning about biomes in Geography and researching the key features of these.
In Spanish, we have been learning about houses, homes and prepositions - "Where is the Elf?"
In Maths, we have been learning about shapes and nets and we have been investigating which nets create which 3D shapes and the properties of these shapes.







