



Howard Headlines

Key dates:



- **Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October** – Half Term
- **Monday 30th October** – Staff inset day
- **Tuesday 31st October** – Secondary school application deadline
- **Tuesday 31st October**– Return to school after half term
- **W/B Nov 6th** - Into Film Festival (more details after Half -Term).
- **Tues 14th & Thurs 16th Nov** - Parents Evening
- **Friday 8th December** - Winter Wonderland
- **Thursday 21st December** – Last day of term.



New members of staff

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to several new members of the Howard Team: Miss Freeman, our new Year 2 TA, Miss Wunderlich our TA for Year 6 and Mrs Balcombe who will be joining our office team as an additional Admin Assistant.



Assemblies



As part of our ongoing celebrations of Black History, we were very lucky to welcome Abigale Cawley, a locician based in West London, to come and speak to us about the history of locks and the global cultural significance of this iconic hairstyle. Did you know the earliest known evidence of locks dates back 4000 years? However, this hairstyle is as old as humanity itself. As well as the history, children learnt about the different types of locs / locks, what they mean to different communities and some important hair care tips.

Harvest



We held our harvest assembly on 5th October. A huge amount of food and other items were donated and have now been gratefully received by Purley Food Hub. **Thank you** to all the families who contributed for your generosity.



Reception Classes



In Reception our topic has been Marvelous Me and we have been making self portraits and face pictures.

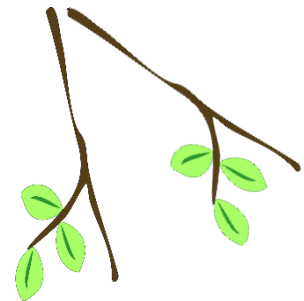
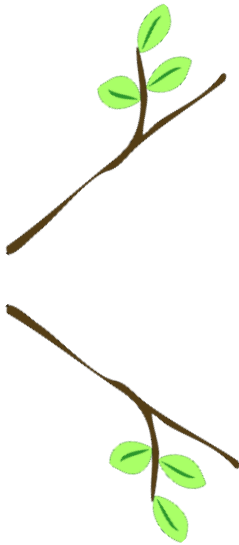


'We had lots of fun creating self portraits using loose parts as part of our marvellous me topic.'

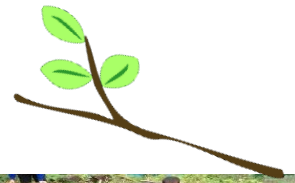


Year 1

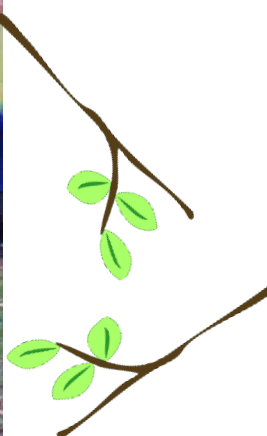
In Year 1, we have been having a great time in forest school, finding insects, enjoying nature and making spiders webs. We have even learned a brilliant song about squirrels!



Year 2



Year 2 have been enjoying their work on materials in science. In Forest School they have created webs using a range of materials.



Year 3

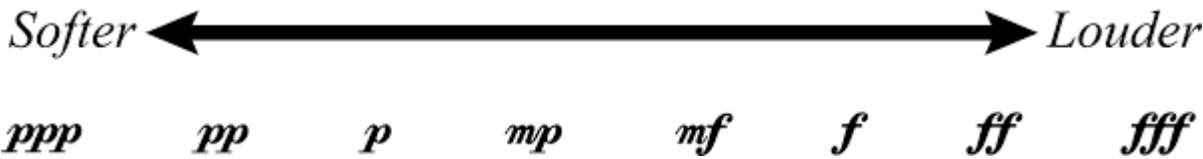
The children were really excited to be learning violins and cellos this half term. Year 3 have been working really hard in their mini strings lessons; they have learnt how to hold the instrument correctly as well as playing Pizzicato.





Year 4

In Year 4 we partnered with The English National Opera to finish a piece of operatic music. We used the colour green as a stimulus and created word banks based on that colour. The word banks then allowed us to create a libretto. We thought deeply about what the colour green would sound like and created a graphic score. Next, we added dynamics to our graphic score.



Finally, we performed our masterpiece. What a creative group of musicians we are! What sounds do you think of when you see our graphic scores?



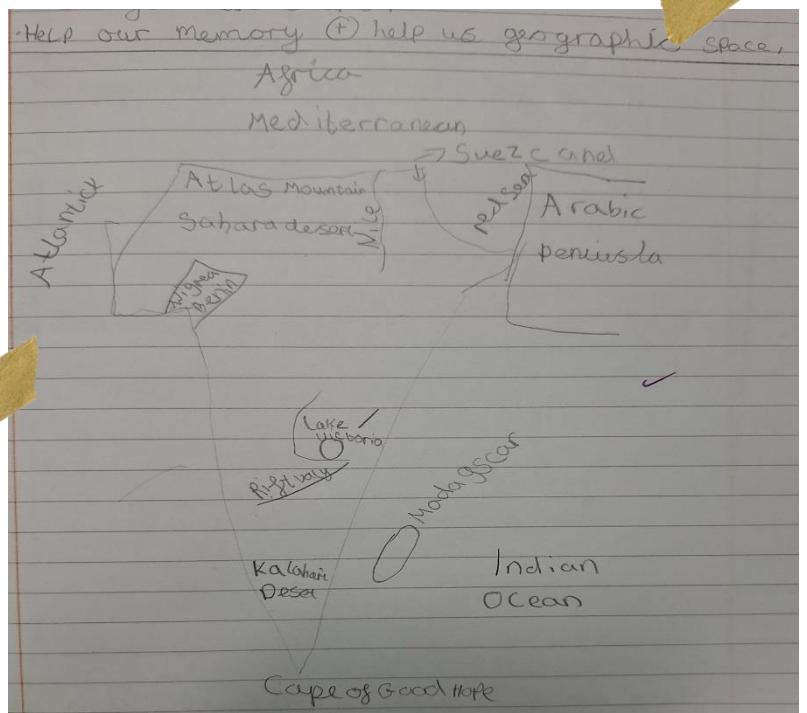
Year 5



At the beginning of the school year, the two year 5 classes went to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich to explore our new Science topic "Space" in a creative, engaging way. The children watched a planetarium's show and participated in two different workshops. They even got to meet a real astronomer.

Tola said, "I loved it at the Royal Observatory. It was a completely new experience especially in the planetarium with space being projected onto the dome above us."

After some wonderful work on Geography (check out the sketch map we created), this week, we have been working on our Art projects for this half-term. Parallel to that, the children have learned about Amanda Gorman as well as Mae Jemison and Neil deGrasse Tyson as part of their Black-History-Month learning which is linked with English and Science. What amazingly inspiring people!



Year 6



In Year 6, we have had a great time studying our core text, *Rose Blanche*. We have been captured by the young German girl's journey as she discovers the realities of the Second World War. We have written a great range of diary entries, informal letters and non-chronological reports. Check out some freeze-frames from our recent drama lessons.

In Maths, we have been working hard with place value, addition and balancing equations. We very much enjoyed our maths investigation day.

Recently, as part of our Local History Unit, we went on a scavenger hunt around Croydon looking at the local landmarks that Croydon has to offer.

