



# Victory Primary School Newsletter

January / February 2022



## New year, new thoughts.....



As we begin another new year, I hope that we can slowly but surely bring back a majority of the whole school fun activities we used to do in school before the pandemic. We have begun by classes once again going on local trips, Amber Class went to watch a music performance at a local church, whilst Topaz class will be working again with Into University at their local office. I am grateful to parents/carers for allowing their child to once again explore and engage in activities outside of school.

Earlier this term we held an Art Exhibition, whereby each class voted for which piece of art they liked best, and more important, why. The exhibition was filled with the smell of sweet lavender and soft classical music played in the background, so the children felt like they were at a real exhibition! A lot of speaking and listening skills were used by the children before they made their final choices. ( I will announce the winners in my next news letter). This week however is Get Fit, Keep Fit week, so everybody has been doing exercises every day. Although some children were huffing and puffing, there was also lots of laughter. I also gave the children the challenge after my assembly on healthy eating, to create a healthy meal for me. The prize is for the winner to cook their meal ( with adult supervision), and together we would eat it! As we have such a rich mixer of cultures at our school, I am sure the meal will be interesting, healthy and tasty! Today is the deadline, so I will let you know who won in my next newsletter.....



### Amber Class.....

Amber Class have been learning about significant people who have made a difference to improve people's lives. We learnt about fairness and how people should be treated equally. We found out what Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks did to help secure equal rights for black African Americans. We also learnt about Emmeline and Sylvia Pankhurst who campaigned for women's rights. In art, we drew portraits of these important people for our school art exhibition.



### Ruby Class .....

Ruby Class have been working as Maze Explorers in Computing. We had to help direct different characters and get them to a destination. We directed characters left, right, forward or backwards. Then we had to direct the mouse to cheese, but this time, we had to choose how many steps to go.

"This game was really fun". (Carlos)

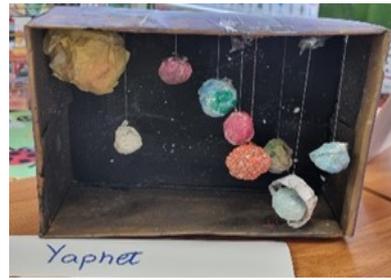
"I loved it because I tried to get to the gingerbread house". (Millie)

"I enjoyed it because it was nice and I took Red Riding Hood to see Grandma". (Noelia)



## Sapphire Class.....Into Space and Beyond!

Sapphire class accepted the challenge to create their own models of the solar system, as well as research facts about all the planets in our solar system.....



Do you think you are a space expert?  
Try to answer as many questions as you can in our Space Quiz.  
Write your answers down and ask someone in Sapphire Class to check your answers.

<p><b>Which of these is the correct order of the planets (including the dwarf planet)?</b></p> <p>Mercury, Venus, Mars, Earth, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto</p> <p>Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto</p> <p>Mars, Venus, Earth, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto</p> <p>Earth, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Pluto, Uranus</p>	<p><b>How long does it take the Earth to orbit the Sun?</b></p> <p>24 hours</p> <p>52 weeks</p> <p>365 days</p> <p>Two years</p>
<p><b>Which planet is closest to the Sun?</b></p> <p>Mars</p> <p>Venus</p> <p>Earth</p> <p>Mercury</p>	<p><b>What do we call the path a planet follows around the Sun?</b></p> <p>An orbit</p> <p>A circle</p> <p>A gravitational pull</p> <p>A rotation</p>
<p><b>What is the Sun?</b></p> <p>A comet</p> <p>A star</p> <p>A planet</p> <p>An asteroid</p>	<p><b>What are Saturn's rings made of?</b></p> <p>Light beams trapped by Saturn's gravitational pull</p> <p>Ice particles</p> <p>Thousands of moons</p> <p>An asteroid belt</p>

### Skippathon...

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have helped their child find sponsors for our skippathon. The children really tried their best and it was brilliant to hear the children encouraging each child to keep going! Each class will vote for what they want to spend their money on. Teaching children the value of money and how to spend it wisely is an important life skill, so we are giving our children the opportunity to practice this skill in a real life situation. I am sure they will vote for something sensible.....



## Topaz Class...

Topaz class have been studying the Amazon Rainforest. We have learnt about some of the animals that live there. Here is a sample of the amazing facts we found out....

Picture: 

Animal name: Ocelot.

Latin name: *Leopardus Pardalis.*

Found in these countries:  
Central/South America, Texas, Brazil.

Diet: Small deer, agoutis, rats, peccaries, paca, birds, reptiles.

Habitat: (which layer of the rainforest)  
forest floor.

Size: four and a half feet.

Other facts:  
In Mexico, the Ocelot is known as 'Tigrillo' or 'Little Tiger'. It is the third largest of the South American cats, after the jaguar and the puma.

Noura

Picture: 

Animal name: Javan Rhinoceros

Latin name: *Rhinoceros Sondaicus*

Found in these countries:  
Javan rhinos live in Asia

Diet: They're herbivorous, only eating plants

Habitat: (which layer of the rainforest)  
Forest Floor

Size: 1.7m

Other facts:  
There are only 67 Javan rhinos in the world. All 67 Javan rhinos have names. They live to around 30-45 years.

Cai

Ephraim

Picture: 

Animal name: Common Tree-Shrew

Latin name: *Tupaia glis.*

Found in these countries:  
Asia, Sumatra, Java and Borneo

Diet: A variety of plants and animal life.

Habitat: (which layer of the rainforest)  
The Forest floor.

Size: 14 inches

Other facts:  
Often mistaken for a shrew, an investigation has proven that this animal is a very primitive primate, as members of the primate family - which includes lemurs, monkeys, apes and man.

Picture: 

Animal name: Two toed sloth

Latin name: *Choloepus hoffmanni*

Found in these countries:  
Central South America

Diet: leaves and fruit.

Habitat: (which layer of the rainforest)  
canopy layer.

Size: 21 to 29 inches

Other facts:  
Sloths are slow-moving, tree-dwelling animals that spend almost the whole of their lives hanging upside down from the branches of trees.

Alejandro

To find out about other rainforest animals you could check out:-

<https://ypte.org.uk/factsheets/rainforest-animals/introduction>



### Dates for your diary

**PTA zoom meeting 10.2.22 at 9.30am** ( contact the school office for the link if you wish to attend. All parents/carers are welcome to attend!)

**Science week 7.2.22 to 11.2.22** - more information will follow shortly

**Half term — 14.2.22 to 18.2.22** — school closed

**School reopens 21.2.22** — normal time

### Class assemblies 10.30am

4.2.22	Y6
11.2.22	Y5
4.3.22	Y4
18.3.22	Y2/3
25.3.22	Yr1
30.3.22	EYFS