

THE LEARNING LOOP

MESSAGES FROM SLT

Wow what a week!

The heat has been a real challenge. We are both extremely proud of how the children and class teams have dealt with the increasing temperatures. Adults in school have refilled fridges with endless water and made sure that ice cubes and ice pops are ready to go. Windows have been opened and fans activated hours ahead of the school opening in the hope we can keep classes that little bit cooler for when the children arrive.

We have seen some wonderful adaptations to learning. From forest school sessions that may have been longer in the shade of the forest, ice cream making and tasting (I think some of you have the recipe!) and lots of water play.

Children continue with their learning journeys. I have encountered art in a class museum, messy play involving chocolate, listening to the Diary of Anne Frank and some wonderfully intricate sewing.

In these last few weeks children will be reflecting on their year and then looking forward to the new where we will be supporting them all in their transitions. We hope you all have a cooler weekend and look forward seeing everyone on Monday.

Carolyn and Jane.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day (1/2 day) - 17th July
Sports Day: 17th July 11.00-13.00
Summer Break: 17th July - 28th August
Bank Holiday: 31st August
Inset Days - 1st and 2nd September

REMINDERS

- We are a **nut-free** setting, please ensure lunches and snacks are free from all nut products.
<https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/education/>
- Any **devices** that are brought into school will need to be turned off and handed over to the team once onsite.
- Please note our **sickness policy**: sickness and diarrhea require 48hrs from last bout of illness
- **Absence forms** available on our website - please ensure you give sufficient time for these to be reviewed by the team.

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CLINICAL

Following on the topic of social stories and visuals to prepare for change and transitions, this week gave us the perfect opportunity to put this into practice!

Though this spell of hot weather has been tricky for all of us, it also prompted conversations and learning in all classes around change, the weather, how we might feel and what could help us stay cool in hot weather. A student said she was 'hot' and we talked about how water can feel on our skin and help us be 'cool'; another student didn't want to put a hat on so we explored why that is important.

You will have seen the social story on swimming, and we also created a story for the students on what you might expect when the weather is hot at school; what changes you might see in the classroom, how you may feel and what you can do to stay cool and safe. Classes have adapted this to suit the level of their students. Parts of the story, like the importance of drinking water and putting a hat and sun cream on when you go out in the sun will also be useful for other occasions like family outings and trips over the summer holidays. Please feel free to use this if you want, and ask us for ideas for how to make a social story for other important transitions and changes in your lives!

Have a lovely weekend, stay cool!

The Clinical Team



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




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Hot weather

   
Sometimes, in summer,
  
The weather can be hot









    
This can make me feel

    or 
hot tired worried angry or happy





     and  
Plans at school may change and be different

    
My classroom may be different

    and   to  the  
There may be fans and blinds down to keep the sun out

      to  
and we may need to move to somewhere cool





  
like downstairs rooms



   and 
or the court yard and garden

     
What can help keep me cool

     and 
wearing light clothes like t-shirts and shorts

  or 
Drinking water or juice




   
Going somewhere cool like

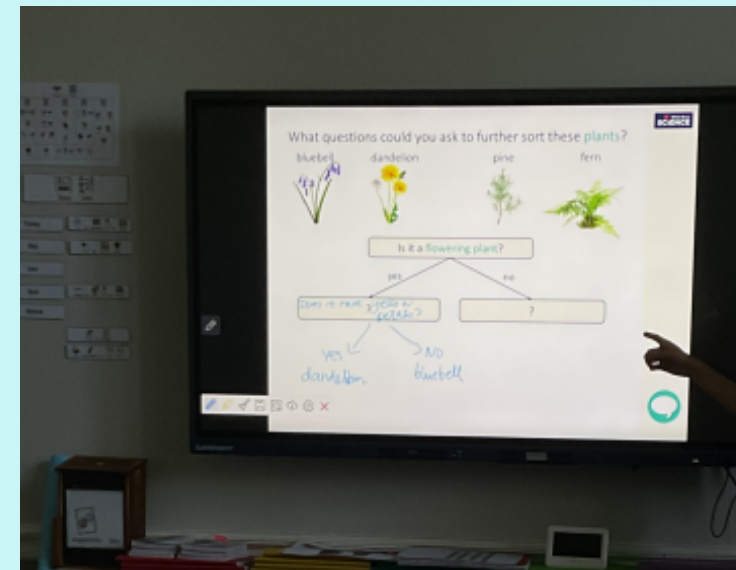
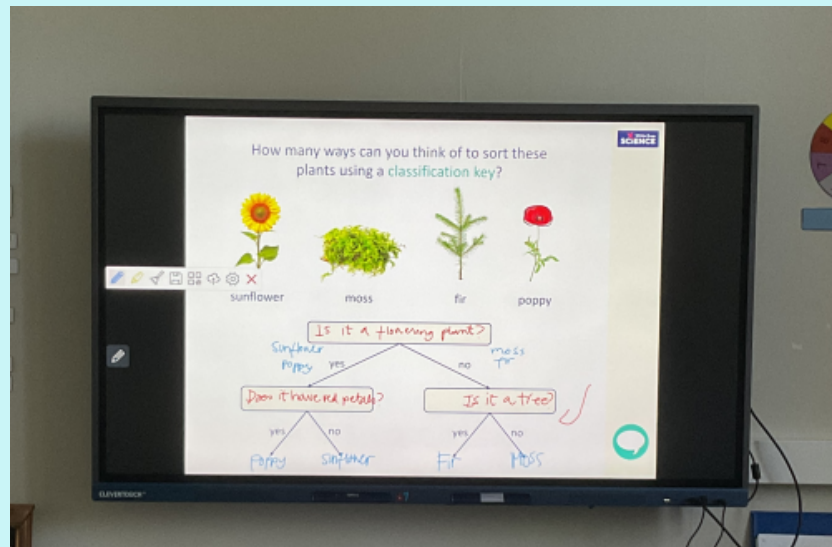
    or 
downstairs rooms the court yard or garden

  or  
water spray or water play

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GRAFHAM

Our Grafham scientists  have been having a blast exploring habitats this half term! Students are becoming real experts with classification keys, and on Monday they leveled up their skills by creating their own dichotomous questions to identify plants.  Students examined flowering and non-flowering plants, then crafted clever two-answer questions to guide the identification journey. It's amazing to watch them think like real botanists, breaking down observable characteristics and building their own sorting systems!  The confidence they're showing is wonderful, and their curiosity about the natural world keeps growing.



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PAXTON

It has been a bit of a scorcher, so at times we have adapted our day and lessons – for example not going for our full daily mile when it has been very hot outside. The class only has 3 entries left to read of The Diary of Anne Frank! We will complete this and do some follow up activities next week, alongside some assessments in English and Literacy. In Maths we continued working on decimals, this week focusing on division. In Art we had a look at a surreal work by Spanish painter Salvador Dali which has swans on a lake reflected as elephants. We managed to have a short and shaded PE activity on the field, where we threw frisbees from under a gazebo and measured the distances thrown.



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HARDWICK

What an incredible week in Hardwick! 🌡️ Our students have been absolute superstars navigating the heatwave with such thoughtfulness and care. We focused on staying cool while practicing kindness and speaking up for what we need—and wow, did they shine! ✨

Our learning adventures kept things refreshingly cool all week long! ❄️ In cooking, we whipped up our very own ice cream using frozen berries—and let me tell you, nothing beats homemade frozen treats on a hot day! 🍓 Over in science, we explored the fascinating world of pressure and force with a magical water bottle experiment that left jaws on the floor. With the lid sealed tight, not a drop escaped the bottom, but the moment we released that pressure? Water came tumbling out in the most spectacular way! 💧 And in maths, we took on a Taskmaster challenge that had everyone thinking like engineers. Armed with nothing but paper, sellotape, and their knowledge of 3D shapes, students competed to build the tallest tower possible. The creativity and problem-solving were absolutely brilliant! 🏗️

Hardwick, you've made this week memorable for all the right reasons. Keep being the wonderful, thoughtful learners you are! 🌟

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WYTON

Whilst our priorities have not changed, our learning has looked very different in Wyton this week.

Trying to spend as little time in the classroom as possible has given rise to abounding opportunities for imaginative play, developing friendships with other classes, collaboration and lots of sharing. A big well done to everyone for adapting to the meteorological changes so well.

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CAXTON

Caxton Class have been loving our outdoor learning this week, keeping cool in the shady garden and courtyard. We've had plenty of brain breaks when we started to overheat and have been exploring water and bubbles in all kinds of ways.

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BARTON

What a scorching week we've had! 🌡️ We've been creative problem-solvers, finding the coolest ways to beat the heat.

Early mornings brought us outside for some artistic adventures 🎨 where we grabbed paintbrushes and cold water to create mark-making masterpieces right on the pavement and walls. Talk about turning the outdoor canvas into our gallery!

In maths, we rolled up our sleeves and measured our way to playdough success 📏, then transformed different shapes into beautiful sun catchers that caught the light (and our imaginations). Geometry has never been so colourful!

When the afternoon heat turned up the dial, we embraced the mess and splash 💧 with water play and icy explorations. There's nothing quite like a refreshing spray and the cool touch of ice to remind us that summer fun is all about staying creative, no matter the temperature.

What a week of learning and cooling off combined! ❄️ ✨

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STAR MOMENTS



Grafham: Our students have shown such maturity when it comes to staying safe in the heat. Yes, we all love soaking up the sunshine outdoors, but our learners have been brilliant at choosing alternatives to keep themselves cool and comfortable.

Our star moment of the week is Barton class being so welcoming to a new pupil.

Our learners have been super supportive of each other this week, pushing each other (gently) on the swing and being really patient with taking turns, even in the heat. Well done, Caxton!

For all of Paxton managing to stay as cool as cucumbers during the hot weather. Everyone was very sensible and supported each other to ensure we were hydrated, reducing time in the sun and checking weather forecasts.

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OUR VALUES

At Papworth Hall School we are committed to enhancing the lives of all our young people through education preparing them for life in the community.

We support our children to be:

Safe – be safe, feel safe, and understand risk
Understanding – be effective and successful communicators

Kind – be kind to all around them, to understand and respect the needs of others

Happy – be healthy and happy individuals who enjoy coming to school

Ambitious – have goals and dreams for their futures and be supported to achieve them

Successful – find regular achievement and celebrate this as part of a community.

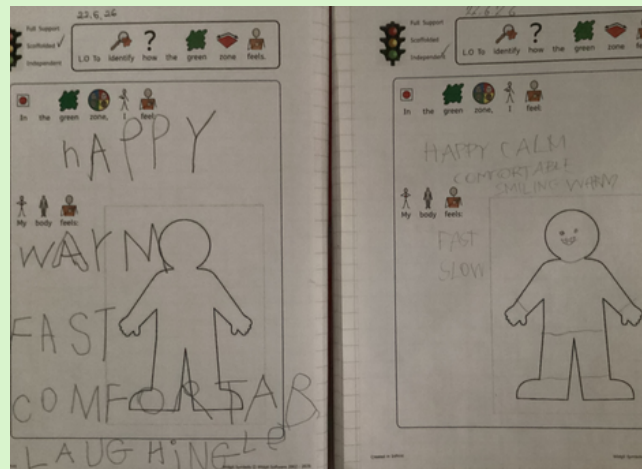
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FEATURE OF THE WEEK

Grafham: Students drawings of the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon (inspired in the descriptions in the book The Iron Man)



Caxton: Our learners focussed on the green zone this week and were great at identifying how it feels for them.



Paxton: on one of the hot days this week we challenged ourselves to learn the Greek alphabet. We played a memory pair matching game as well as some online games to see if it would be as easy as Alpha, Beta, Gamma!

