



# Park Lane School

## Spring Term 2025

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to thank everyone for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. The spring term has been filled with many achievements and experiences which are highlighted in the spring newsletter attached. Enjoy reading all about them.

Our new look reception area is taking shape. We have introduced sensory equipment and acoustic seating. We will also be having a new addition in this area after Easter; watch this space.

We have achieved gold status for our teaching and learning in myHappyMinds, this is a wonderful achievement, and I am so very proud of our students and the staff commitment to this program. Since the introduction of this, we have seen a huge difference in the awareness and understanding the children have around their mental health and the mental health and wellbeing of others. We are passionate about delivering a curriculum which empowers children to identify and use what they have learnt in myHappyMind sessions to identify and regulate their own feelings.

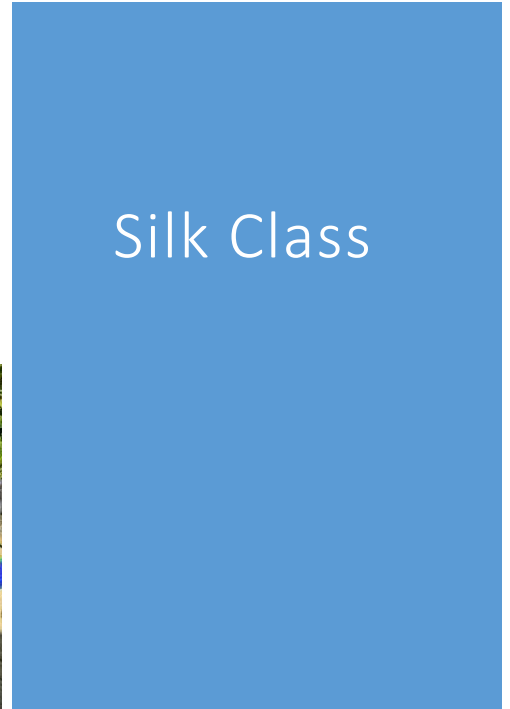
The Careers Team held a very successful Sixth Form and futures evening. They shared the key stage five curriculum and invited speakers from Compass, Cheshire East social care team and a representative from Cheshire East supported internship programme. Many families attended and found it very useful. We will be holding these annually and inviting families of children in KS2 and above to attend.

A big thank you to those on the Friends of Park Lane Special School (FOPLSS) Team, your dedication is incredible. So far, this academic year they have held three different events and raised approximately £2,500. They have secured a new minibus for the school and received a donation of £1,000 from the Round Table. They are continuing to fundraise through the Swimathon and are holding another bingo evening this Friday. If you would like to join the FOPLSS Team, then please do get in touch by emailing [FOPLSS@outlook.com](mailto:FOPLSS@outlook.com).

Finally, I would like to say a very warm welcome to baby Summer. Congratulations, Oliver Naylor (KS1 Teacher) and Emma Gibson our Speech and Language Therapist on the birth of their baby girl, she is beautiful.

Have a restful Easter and we look forward to starting the next part of the journey this year on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK

SPRING TERM 2025

This term we have spent time exploring the topic 'How things work'.

We have enjoyed lots of fabulous stories. These have included 'The Train Ride', 'Owl Babies' and 'Duck in the truck'.

We have further developed our understanding of positional language, counting down and patterns.

We have developed our understanding of different language including hot/cold, float/sink and forwards/backwards.

We have shared lots of celebrations including class birthdays, Valentines Day, Pancake Day, Holi and Easter.

The pupils also had a great time supporting Red Nose Day with a fun filled disco!

To further enhance our learning about trains we shared a wonderful train ride at Brookside Garden Centre.

The pupils continue to amaze us with their progress with both their communication and independence.

Here are some photos of the children sharing experiences.

Have a lovely Easter break!





# Forest Class

## Spring Term 2025

In Forest class this term we have been learning about positional language in Maths. We have played games such as 'The Bean Game' stretching up high, getting down low. We have been practicing our counting and singing lots of number nursery rhymes.

We have continued our learning of environmental sounds in Phonics. We have listening quietly and guessed what objects are making the noise. These objects have been outside and within the household.

We have baked delicious cookies, celebrated many spring occasions such as, Chinese New Year, St Patricks Day, Mothering Sunday. We have been able to develop gross and fine motor skills in all activities we have completed.

Most excitingly we managed to get out to the Manchester Airport Viewing Platform that we were all able to explore and we all had so much fun!





*Granelli Class*

 A photograph showing a group of children sitting around tables in a classroom, engaged in an activity. The room has educational posters on the walls and a coat rack.

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Another term completed. Doesn't time go fast. I couldn't be prouder of all of my students. They have gone from strength to strength and even now can still surprise me. They really are the most beautiful individuals inside and out.

Our topic for this term has been 'How Things Work'. We have spent a lot of time looking at ourselves, how we grow, how we develop and how we can be the best version of ourselves. We are continuing to learn about our emotions and what we can do to make us feel better and how we can support others.

In literacy, we have enjoyed some great books such as 'My 5 Senses' and 'Goldilocks and the 3 bears'. Some of us have been developing our sentence building skills and oral comprehension, whilst others have enjoyed engaging with props and developing their communication and language skills.

In Maths, we have focused on measure-exploring big/small and long/short and 2D and 3D shapes. We have handled shapes and used them to create pictures, we went outside to find common shapes on a 'shape hunt'.

Throughout the week, we have enjoyed PE and Music Therapy. We have loved Swimming on Thursdays, learning different techniques and basic water safety. We have loved using the parachute, building dens and working as a group.

We have celebrated some birthdays, dressed up for World Book Day and supported 'Red Nose Day'. We have developed our ICT skills and enjoyed our communication sessions ran by Speech and Language.

We have managed to get out in the community and really enjoyed visiting the Children's Adventure Farm Trust. We can't wait for our next trip.....

We have ended the term learning about Easter. We enjoyed baking, getting creative and doing the Egg hunt! We have learnt a lot this term and enjoyed every minute of it.

We wish you a Happy Easter and hope you have a lovely break. You all deserve it. Thank you for always supporting us.

*Granelli Team xx*





# Jodrell Class

## Spring Term 2025

This term, in Jodrell, we have been learning all about 'how things work'. Our focus has been on our bodies and senses. Our learning has centered around our books in English, linking this to our learning in 'Challenge'.

In Maths we have learnt all about shapes – 2D shapes and 3D shapes as well as learning about capacity – empty and full, length – long and short and mass – heavy and light.

We have enjoyed learning how to brush our teeth, using toothbrushes to brush our own teeth and practicing by cleaning the dirt off pretend teeth. We loved learning the routine of washing hands and why washing hands is important to stop germs from spreading. We made healthy sandwiches and planted some vegetables, and we have learnt why we must go to the toilet and how we wipe our bottoms properly.

We enjoyed our creativity this term too! We loved learning about the different types of puppets and making sock, shadow, finger and split pin puppets. In music, we loved using our bodies as percussion to make music!

We have learnt about the different seasons, focusing on winter and spring. We enjoyed sorting objects to match each season and explored sensory trays.

### SMSC Celebrations

There have been so many celebrations this term including Shrove Tuesday (pancake day), St Patrick's Day, Hindu Holi Festival, Chinese New Year, Comic Relief, World Book Day and Jewish Purim Festival. We have had great fun exploring all these festivities.

### Visits

We are still enjoying our weekly visits to the park, and we thoroughly enjoyed our school visit to Matlock Farm Park!





# Hovis Class

TERM TOPIC: HOW THINGS WORK

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## English

This term we have enjoyed looking at new class texts, with our favourites being our more sensory stories, such as trying 'scrambled snake' when reading the Gruffalo and knocking down the houses in 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We have also been making great progress with our mark-making and handwriting this term.



## Maths

We have looked at Geometry, Shape and Measure this term, where pupils have explored the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes as well as hands on activities to explore capacity, weight and length/height.



## Challenge

In Challenge this term, pupils have learnt about different weather, including the signs of each season that could be seen on a Winter and a Spring walk and what to wear for each season.

## Community

We have focused on sequencing events in Community this term, with our focus being on planes. We sequenced small periods of time, such as Look & Listen sessions, and also our first whole class trip to the Runway Visitor Park!



## Creativity

We explored Architecture and designed our own cityscapes. We also looked at our own houses and tried to identify what they were made out of to help inspire us! We also looked at Blues Music, where we worked on call + response and improvisation skills.

## Individuality

We have focused on our character strengths in class all term, celebrating when students have been kind, brave, inquisitive and honest. In PE, we especially loved working on our jumping, landing and stepping skills, as well as working on our teamwork outside in the sunshine!



This term, we have also celebrated Comic Relief's birthday with a DJ disco, dressed up for World Book Day and had a visit from our friends from St John's School!





# Tatton Class

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## English

In English we have been engaging with a variety of new sensory stories, including *The Gruffalo*, *Tiddler*, *A Squash and a Squeeze* and *The true story of the three little pigs*. Some of us have been answering questions about the story and focusing on ordering events. Some of us have also worked hard in their phonics sessions working on their initial sounds. We have focused this term on our mark making and hand-writing skills which some parents will have seen in their cards.



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skills. Ending the term creating our very own Blues song.

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# Mulberry Class

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Well, what a start to the Spring Term – a snow week! Fortunately, the rest of the term has gone swimmingly. Our topic, for this term, has been “How Things Work” and our text focus has supported this; we have read and explore Whatever Next! The Flying Bath and The Building Boy. Learning has taken many guises – from sensory-based learning to colourful semantics and sentence construction.

In math’s, the children have been learning about shape, weight, mass, measure and capacity – which all really lend themselves to hands-on, practical activities; bring out the play-doh and water! This learning has looked like anything from shape hunts in the playground, to measuring using cubes, using language like “long”, “short”, making play-doh worms, balancing scales and discussing heavy and light.

Our afternoons have been spent in a variety of ways; working on our social interaction and gross motor skills when accessing the jungle gym, taking part in whole class circle time activities like sensory choir or Jabadao, learning about inspirational women in our Community sessions and investigating pushes, pulls, ramps, friction and how surfaces affect speed.

Our Enterprise Market saw a profit of £36! We had a vote and the vote was tied; an Easter party V an Easter Egg each...so, naturally we’ve had to honour both – Easter Eggs AT an Easter Party!

As for me? I’ve had a fantastic re-start to my career here at Park Lane; my staff team have been and continue to be incredibly hardworking and supportive – as have the whole school, in fact. We are incredibly proud of all Mulberry learners; their resilience, hardworking attitude, ability to communicate their needs as and when they can and all-round awesomeness. Have a wonderful Easter holiday and we can’t wait to see what the Summer Term brings!

Best wishes from Laura, Chloe, Susie, Yuen, Taylore and Nikkie





# Arighi Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK

SPRING TERM 2025

### Literacy & Maths



This term we have read Little People Big Dream: Stephen hawkins and the boy who thought outside the box. Students have been amazed when reading about the life of Stephen Hawkins and enjoyed making their own autobiography to share their own story. Student planned, drafted and edited their own books, keep your eyes out for them coming home soon!

In maths we have been working on our shapes and mesurment skills. We have been naming 3D and 2D shapes and have started to mesure the side of a shape.



### Community

We have been looking at the food we eat and how far they have travelled to be on our plate. Studnets explored different foods from around the world including food from Italy, Brzil, France and Sapin. Students looked at how far they have travelled from their origen to parklane school to be on our plat for dinner.

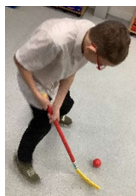
### Creativity

We have had lots of fun in our creativity session this term. Our music sessions have been delivered by the love music trust where we have been learning all things Pbuzz. Students love getting involved and making lots of amazing sounds. In art we have been looking at stop motion films. Students have made chareters to play in their own films and have plotted story lines. We are currently fimlmg each film and will soon be available to watch!



### Individuality

We have been keeping active in our PE sessions this term. We have been focusing on Hockey and Cricket skills to play against other classes. Students have been working on throwing and catching skills as well as rules around batting and scoring. In PSHE we have been looking how to keep ourselves safe in the community and where we can go to for help.



### Challenge



We have been challenging ourself this term in challenge. We have been looking at waterproof and non-waterproof housing. From wetting the teacher to building our own house to keep inside dry. In ICT we have been looking at simple circuits, students can now make a simple circuit and name different componants.

### Thank you!

From the Arighi Team I would like to thank you for all your support this term. We hope that you have a restful easter holidays, we will see you back for the summer term!





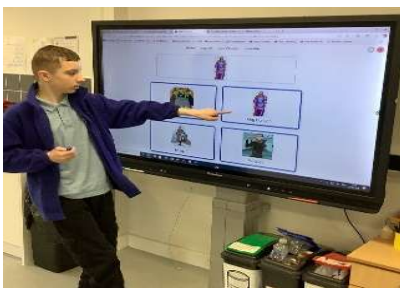
# Bollin Class

## Spring Term 2025

We have had a busy term!

We have worked on Geometry and Measure in Maths in different groups. We have two groups who will take an Entry Level certificate in Maths and we have an ASDAN group and a sensory group.

In literacy we have read Macbeth and Nikola Tesla and enjoyed some poetry. The ASDAN literacy group have enjoyed trips to the library and Co-op. In Community we have discussed where our food comes from and in Challenge, we have looked at materials, food groups and healthy eating. We had great fun creating tartan sheep in Creativity and playing hockey in Individuality. We have worked well together as a team in Enterprise and used various skills in cooking. We have made good progress with swimming and enjoyed programming micro-bits.





# Middlewood Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HOW THINGS WORK

SPRING TERM 2025



### Literacy & Maths

This term we have read Little People, Big Dreams: Steven Hawking and An Engineer Like Me! The pupils have enjoyed exploring non-fiction

books and role playing as the main characters. We have been focusing on using Colourful Semantics in our sessions to aid comprehension skills. In



Maths, we have worked on volume and measure and taken part in a variety of sensory play such as weighing ingredients for Pnacake Day and water play! We have continued to enjoy weekly café skills trips on a Friday morning to practice using money in real life contexts.

### Community

In Community we have celebrated a wide range of cultural celebrations, including Chinese New Year, World Religion Day and Holi! The pupils enjoyed emersing themselves

and all their senses in the different elements of these celebrations such as listening to music and tasting foods. We have also explored foods grown in Britain and finished the term by decorating a classic Victoria sponge cake!



### Creativity

Creativity sessions have consisted of listening and dancing to different genres of



music as well as perfecting our acting and directing skills to create some fantastic stop frame animation movies! This term with have also enjoyed weekly pBuzz sessions from LoveMusicTrust which the pupils have participated in greatly! We have also created and submitted a project for a local art competition with Macclesfield Eye Society.



Our work will be on display at Macclesfield Silk Museum for you to enjoy if you wish!

### Individuality

We have enjoyed many team games this term including Hockey and Cricket! We have enjoyed the beginning of the lighter and warmer days by taking our PE lessons outside and teaming up with Arighi class for some matches!



### Challenge

In Challenge we have enjoyed exploring construction and making dens of many sorts!

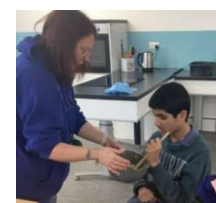


The pupils have also been introduced to switch work and have used switches to activate lights and interactive games on the whiteboard.

Everybody was very good at this!

### Thank you!

Thank you to all parents/carers who offer your continued support and help. I hope you all have a restful Easter break!





# Treacle Class Easter 2025 Newsletter



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN OUR WORLD

EASTER 2025

**Happy Easter** holidays from all the students & staff of Treacle Class. We have had an action-packed & fun Easter term. Our overall topic has been 'How things work' and within this topic we have managed to incorporate a range of diverse & interesting lessons & topics. We have all worked hard on our individual PLG goals & undertaken a range of personalized numeracy & literacy activities. Here is some more information on a small selection of the work & activities we have undertaken.



## English & Literacy

In English & Literacy our focus has been on developing our reading & writing skills. We have undertaken a range of activities to support our PLG's including doing phonics work & focusing on our selected texts that have been MacBeth by Shakespeare in fiction reading & comprehension and a biography of Nikola Tesla in non-fiction reading & comprehension. Studying MacBeth has been challenging but has also allowed us to explore the

text through various drama, comprehension and descriptive writing activities; we all enjoyed acting out some of the more famous scenes and getting to know the personalities of the various characters in the play. Studying Nikola Tesla has enabled us to explore the crossover of literature, Science and Engineering. It has been interesting exploring Nikola Tesla various inventions and how they continue to be an important part of our everyday lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We have all worked hard on our daily reading and phonics activities and are all showing improvement over where we were at the start of the year.

## ASDAN

In our ASDAN lessons we have focused on updating & completing our portfolios of work. We have impressed everyone with the pride & care we have taken with our work folders to make them a true reflection of our talents & potential across several different areas. Some of the range of activities have included learning how to produce bar charts, understanding bus and train time tables and applying our numeracy skills in the kitchen amongst various other activities.



## Math's & Numeracy

In Math's & Numeracy we have focused on learning the ASDAN Towards Independence topics and the entry level certificate topics. We have covered a range of topics including length, area, perimeter, volume, using measuring devices. In our ASDAN lesson we have focused on ASDAN Towards Independence tasks and basic counting and adding skills.



## PHSCE

We have been exploring how to understand & control our emotions and also discussing the physical and mental changes we go through during puberty and adolescence, with a particular focus on keeping safe.

## PE & Swimming

We continue to really enjoy swimming with our fantastic swimming teacher, George, and we have all made progress with lots of students being awarded swimming badges and certificates for their hard work. We have also excelled in PE lessons, learning how to play hockey and taking part in a number of team competitions to improve both our team and hockey skills.



# 6th Form 1

## Spring Term 2025

Throughout the spring term Sixth form 1 have been working hard to gather evidence towards their ASDAN Personal Progress qualification whilst developing their preparation for adulthood skills.

Sixth Form and Key Stage 4 students attended the Cheshire East Your Futures Fair. We were so proud of the way our young people interacted with the contributors. They were great ambassadors for Park Lane. They asked the representatives of different further education providers and employers extremely pertinent questions and really took advantage of the opportunity to network.

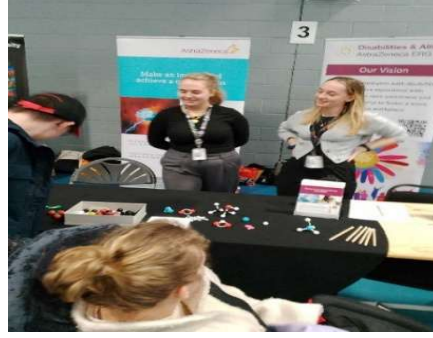
During ICT lessons our learners have been focusing on e-safety. They have been improving their understanding of related vocabulary; they have been learning how to spot different online scams and the importance of and how to write a strong password.

Our young people took part in a 6-week block of Lego therapy. LEGO therapy is a social development program that uses LEGO activities to support the development of social skills. The LEGO therapy sessions were led by our Speech and Language Therapist. Not only did our young people really enjoy the lessons, they developed their ability to communicate with a partner or with a small group to achieve a shared goal.

The sixth form café continues to go from strength to strength with new employees serving different classes from upper school. We are hoping to get lower school students attending as customers, next term.

At the end of this term, curators from the Macclesfield Silk Museum visited sixth form and led a seminar and activities. Students were fascinated by the different artifacts and the stories and information linked to them. They also found out about the role and responsibilities of a museum curator, and got to take part in jobs a museum curator might do such as cleaning and researching different historical artifacts.





## 6th Form 2

## Spring Term 2025

6<sup>th</sup> form 2 have been extremely busy since Christmas. We have welcomed a new pupil to our group and a new member of staff. We have continued with our Community Visits, practising our communication and independence skills, buying our own drinks and snacks in the local cafes and had some great exercise walking in the local parks.

A highlight was to visit the 'Futures Fair' in Congleton. This was a project that was developed with Beth and Kieran and resulted in a fantastic careers event, focusing on our pupils and their needs. We met potential employers, got to ask lots of questions and met other further education colleges in the local area.

This term we have worked hard in class, exploring pathways for the future after Park Lane school, considering all aspects of work, supported internships and further education colleges.

In Art we took part in the Macclesfield Eye Society Art competition. The theme was to produce a piece of art based on our favourite place. We chose the Church Café in St Michaels Church, and all worked hard to create a beautiful piece of art, based on the café and the stained glass windows.

We have also met with the staff from the Silk Museum who gave us an interesting talk about working in a museum, the role of a curator and brought some artifacts for us to explore.

We continue to work hard on our ASADN units for our portfolios and it is wonderful to these progressing and developing. Some of us are making excellent progress with our communication and physio sessions.



**Happy Easter everyone! Have a lovely break.**



# BARNABY

This term has been a real mix of activities. Our Sensology all term has focused on personal care activities, such as brushing teeth, hearing the hairdryer, smelling deodorant. Many pupils have made progress with their tolerances and responses with this.

Our art has focused on exploring materials and movement in our work. We've made art work using paint and a hairdryer connected to a switch, pushed balls in paint, scrunched and ripped paper.



Our stories over the half term were contrasting. Elephant Island was all about materials and their properties alongside friendship. Holi Hai was a celebration of Holi



Cookery sessions are a really popular one in Barnaby. We work on our ICT skills in class one week and then take them into cooking the next. We have made cakes for some to eat in class, we've also done taste and smell sessions as well as one focusing on cleaning and washing.

## THANK YOU

I just wanted to say thank you to those who were able to help us to go to Congleton Town Hall for the Music event with Love Music Trust. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity too. We all had a great day and loved the chance to hear the Love Music Trust staff play their instruments, we explored ukulele and percussion instruments as well as a multi-sensory exploration of lights and sound.

