



*Paintings inspired by Monet by Suyeb and Cameron, Year 3*

24th June 2021

It has been very exciting to be in school over the past week as we build up to a very busy and exciting end of term for all of the children. Over the past few weeks all of the children have been working on their whole class **STEAM** projects. STEAM is the combined study of **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art** and **Maths**, bringing all the subjects together under one project. Each class has chosen their own project and used their skills to investigate and solve specific challenges. Year 3 were set the challenge of designing a vehicle that can successfully make it across the forest floor, as part of their topic about the Amazon rainforest. They have been using their prior knowledge of the different forest layers through science and geography lessons, artistic skills to design their cars, engineering/technology skills to make them and finally our maths skills to measure how successful they were.

Reception class has been asking themselves the question, 'What is Sculpture?' Year 1's project is called 'How to help birds live in the city' and Year 6's project is called 'Stop the spread!' (they have built some quite impressive hand washing devices). Every class has been working hard on their project and next Tuesday there will be an exhibition of all their efforts in the school hall. Although you will not be able to come in to see the exhibition, we will take many photos to share with you.

### **Shakespeare Competition winner**

Earlier this year the Shakespeare Trust ran a competition for Shakespeare Week 2021 entitled 'To thine own self be true'. We are very proud that one of our Year 6 pupils, Nina, jointly won the first prize in this national competition. Well done Nina, we are very proud of you!

### **Nina's Poem**

Scared to show who I am

I am not

Free to express myself

But always

Shying away from the things I truly adore

Because I am not  
Ready to spread my wings of love and fly  
Now I am  
Broken and defeated  
Amidst the  
World of colour!  
I believe in  
hiding your true self  
Don't have a life of  
Trying, trying  
"Express yourself, let them know  
They will like you, whatever your beliefs"  
All that's a lie  
People will not like your true colours  
How do you know that  
Grass is always green  
And  
the sky is always blue  
In a happy world

***Now read from bottom to top***

**Year 4 scientists!**

Also, well done to Year 4 who were one of seven schools who participated in the Regents High Science Challenge and produced some excellent scientific work. We're proud of you too! Please take a look at the Year 4 page on our website.



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<p><b>Skipping Workshops</b></p> <p>On Wednesday, 23rd June we will be having skipping workshops in school for Reception through to Year 6. Skipping ropes will be on sale after school (the cost for ropes is between £5 -£12) and available online at <a href="http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk">www.skipping-workshops.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Electric Scooter Consultation</b></p> <p>Transport for London has launched an electric scooter</p>	<p>hire trial across parts of London. They are now consulting on whether to take part and how electric scooter hire in Camden would be managed. They are committed to exploring options for sustainable forms of transport and ways to tackle the climate crisis. The consultation closes on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/electric-scooter-trial-in-camden/">https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/electric-scooter-trial-in-camden/</a></p>	<p><b>Forest School</b></p> <p>We now have a group of children going to Forest School every Thursday. Camps will be run during the summer holidays and details can be accessed by the link below.</p> <p><a href="https://urbanoutdoorslondon.co.uk/courses/">https://urbanoutdoorslondon.co.uk/courses/</a></p>

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery - Kate and Leandra

Reception - Leo and Gabriel

Year 1- Danny and Ethan S

Year 2 - Elona and Dolly

Year 3 - Reem and Dolcie

Year 4 - Nina

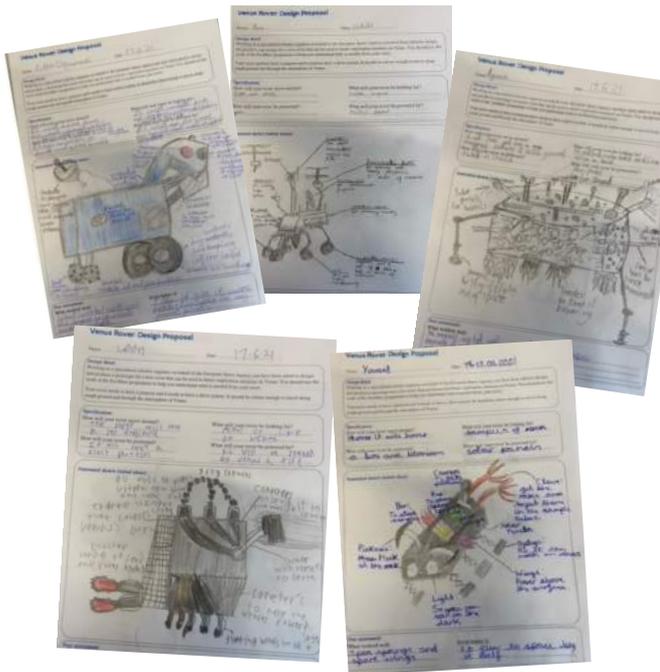
Year 5 - Ben and Sadiha

Year 6 - Spogmai and Suni



## YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 has been authors, mathematicians, scientists and engineers! We have been working hard on our Space topic, writing Sci-Fi stories, learning about the planets in our Solar System, calculating distances of planets from the Sun to make a scaled model and designing our own Space rovers to explore Venus. We were given a design brief and had to complete a design proposal for a rover that can land on Venus. We learned about the past and present Mars Rovers to help us understand what is needed from our rovers. Here are a few of our designs:



## YEAR 3

In Year 3 this week, we have been enjoying being engineers and contributing towards our STEAM project which we are excited to show you all! So far we have designed our perfect versions of vehicles that can travel through the forest floor (this included a surprising amount of animal catching nets and camouflage!) and began using tools to transform simple shoe boxes into moving cars.

We have also been extremely persuasive by writing letters on behalf of the animals of the rainforest to a tree cutter found in our book 'The Great Kapok tree'. The pupils have used a range of features to convince the tree surgeon found in our literacy lesson. It has been superb to see their confidence with computers as they typed up their hard work too, producing work they are very proud of.



## Year 1



We spent the day on Hampstead Heath learning about birds and plants. We did 'tree yoga' when we arrived, acting out what the parts of the tree do. Next we matched leaves to their plants, made flower pictures and played a game to learn what plants need to grow. After lunch, we looked at birds' nests and made our own nests. Then we made birds out of clay and other natural materials. We had a wonderful day in nature!



## Nursery



Last week the nursery helped to make up their own version of 'Going on a Bear Hunt', changing it to 'Going on a Shark Hunt'. They thought about the different sea creatures they might see and the sounds they would make, carefully selecting instruments to represent the sounds along with creating different movements.



## KEY DATES

Wednesday, 23rd June - Year 2 visiting Golden Hinde

Wednesday, 23rd June - Skipping Workshops in school

Thursday, 24th June - Year 1 visiting Regents Park

Friday, 25th June - **INSET day, school closed**

Tuesday, 29th June - Year 6 having Shakespeare workshop in school

Tuesday, 29th June - STEAM exhibition in school hall

Wednesday, 30th June - Year 6 going to Norfolk Lakes for three days!

Thursday, 8th July - Sports Day (Reception - Year 6)

Friday, 9th July - Nursery visiting Little Angel Theatre