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SCIENCE FOCUS

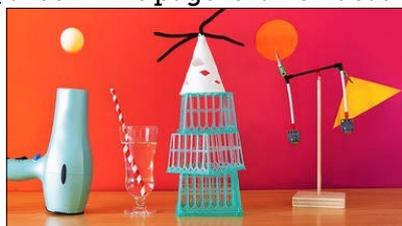
Our subject focus for next week is Science. In the meantime, why not check out some of these fun online resources.

For informational videos that investigate science related questions check out the Youtube channels of **AsapSCIENCE**: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AsapSCIENCE> and **SciShow**: <https://www.youtube.com/user/scishow>.

Here you can find answers to such interesting questions such as: 'What if you stopped eating?', 'Why avocados shouldn't exist?' and 'Why is there land?'

Reach Out Reporter also regularly upload new science articles aimed at older primary children: <https://www.reachoutreporter.com/>

For those who want to get creative, give <https://sciencetoymaker.org/> a look. This page is full of ideas for making scientific toys such as an periscope, an oscillating woodpecker and a dragonfly helicopter.



If you just want to get messy with some good, old-fashioned, science experiments then check out the **Royal Institution**:



<https://www.rigb.org/Experimental>, **Primary Science Teaching Trust**: <https://pstt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Science-Fun-at-Home> and **Exploratorium**: <https://www.exploratorium.edu/> which each offer a range of clear and simple experiments which can be carried out using household resources.



Happy Experimenting!

FREE ONLINE SAFETY WEBINAR

Our colleagues at Parent Gym have set up a free digital session on "**Online Safety and Wellbeing During Lockdown**", which is being run by leading organisation Digital Awareness UK, on **Thursday 9th July, 11.00-12.00**. The session will be run on Zoom and will include:

1. Popular online apps and digital trends
2. Critical issues to be aware of
3. What steps can families take to have healthy and happy tech habits in the home

There will also be plenty of time to ask questions or raise any other concerns about online safety for your family.

To find out more and to sign up for the session please click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-for-parents-carers-online-safety-wellbeing-during-lockdown-registration-109306167690>

WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS:
ONLINE SAFETY AND WELLBEING DURING LOCKDOWN

WIN
a Samsung tablet!

- IS YOUR FAMILY BATTLING WITH SCREENTIME?
- OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE APPS YOUR CHILD IS USING?
- WANT TO BE A PART OF THEIR ONLINE LIFE?

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE WORKSHOP WITH DIGITAL AWARENESS UK, SUPPORTED BY VODAFONE.

- DATE: Thursday 9th July
- TIME: 11:00 -12:00
- COST: Free
- ONLINE WEBINAR: Register your space for more info - (link) bit.ly/2UCBhoN

For more information, please contact: eleanor@digitalawarenessuk.com

www.digitalawarenessuk.com
www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting

HOME LEARNING

The Creative Writing Challenge
Fancy a challenge this weekend?
Apollo Music

Projects has launched a Creative Writing Challenge to get you feeling inspired by and connected to classical music.

How to take the challenge:

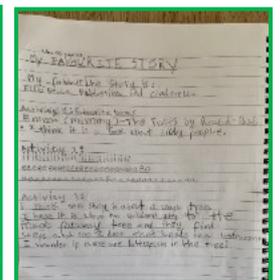
All you have to do is listen to [this piece of music](#). It is by Schumann, and played by violinist and Apollo Associate Artist Elena Urioste, and pianist Tom Poster. What does it make you feel? What does it make you imagine? Where does it take you – to another landscape, another time, another body? Now, either while you're listening to the music or immediately afterwards, create a poem, story or any other response to the music. You don't have to know anything about the music to take the challenge. Just think about how it makes you feel and get writing! Send your finished work to writing@apollomusicprojects.org by Monday 29 June. Please include your name and your age. If you have worked with Apollo musicians in school, please also include your school and year group. It's not a competition, but writers will receive a certificate and the musicians will select their favourite pieces of writing for display on the Apollo Music Projects website. We can't wait to see your creations!



STAR LEARNERS OF THE WEEK CONTINUED.....

Gayhurst

Posie in Year 1, has really been impressing her teacher all term with her fantastic home learning. Huw says, *“Posie's meticulous drawings always stop me in my tracks - they are so vivid and gorgeous! She has brilliant ideas for stories and brings them to life with imaginative descriptive language, which makes them exciting and fun to read. But what has impressed me most over the past few weeks is Posie's special quality of perseverance. She has steadily completed every task that has been set, and has uploaded her completed work at the end of each day without fail. I am so impressed by the way Posie's sustained efforts have led to improvements in all areas of her learning. Well done Posie!”* Wow! Posie you certainly have made your teacher and all of us very proud. Keep it up.



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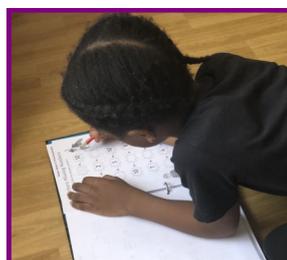
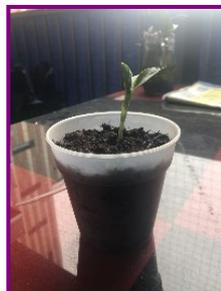
Kingsmead



Zahcai in Reception is this week's Star Learner for Kingsmead. Purple class have been learning all about 'Growth' and everyone got their own seed to grow. Zahcai has been so fantastic at looking after his seed that it has grown the most! He has really learnt about what plants

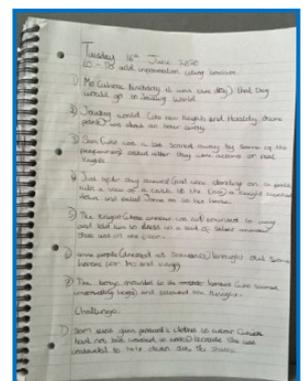
need to grow, how to look after things and also a bit about time and measurement too because he can recognise that after a few days the beanstalk is longer than it was before! What do you think Zahcai needed to make his seed grow? His teacher Alice says *“Zahcai is such a superstar learner! Not only has he been looking after and growing his beanstalk so well he's been doing lots of maths and literacy work too - he has always worked very hard in school and I am so proud of how hard he is working at home too!”*

Well done Zahcai. We love your commitment and hard work. Keep up the great work!



Mandeville

Duaa in Year 6 has been setting the standard and showing us what great home learning looks like. Ms Abel (year 6 teacher) says, *“She has been putting a LOT of effort into completing a great range of work this week. She has been engaging really well with our zoom calls and always has a smile on her face! Here, she has been using brackets to show parenthesis and using her imagination to create a whole new species! Luckily for us, she returned to school this week!”* Well done Duaa! Keep it up.



P.T.O FOR MORE NEWS..... →

Spotlight on.... Janne Cornish



Janne is known by all LEAP staff and is often referred to by them as *'The English Guru!'* As the English subject Lead for Gayhurst and Kingsmead and a Specialist Leader in English for the Hackney Teaching Schools' Alliance, Janne is not only in

demand, but highly respected by all.

Janne has influenced, trained and supported staff and teachers extensively across the LEAP Federation, from support staff, trainee teachers, newly qualified teachers, to experienced teachers and subject leads. She also works alongside senior leaders and headteachers on numerous initiatives and the key task of developing and constantly improving LEAP's English Curriculum. Our home-grown teachers across LEAP have been particularly fortunate to have Janne support them with developing their English knowledge and understanding as well as inspiring the fundamental values needed for teaching reading and writing to children successfully.

Although Janne has worked across all age ranges, she particularly loves teaching Year 1 children to read. *'Being present and supportive when they take their first steps into the world of stories can be most rewarding and exciting!'*

Janne was born in Stepney and has lived in East London for most of her life. Her heritage is Japanese, yet she is a true Cockney! In the late 1950's Janne's father, who was from Stepney, spent four years living in Japan training in Judo & Aikido, as part of a team of a team of British athletes, which is where he met her mum. Janne's maternal family live in Karatsu in southern Japan and this is where she first encountered the world of ceramics which she has held a life-long interest in.

After graduating in Languages at the London University, Janne went travelling and was introduced to the pleasures of teaching groups of children through the English Conversation lessons she ran for various language schools. She was inspired by their enthusiasm, engagement and quick learning. On her return to London she initially worked in the City but finding it entirely un-rewarding, she quit to study for a PGCE at the Institute of Education to train as a primary school teacher. She has now been teaching for 26 years with memorable early years in Brixton and Camden, arriving at Kingsmead 15 years ago, where she settled to develop and thrive within the growing LEAP family.

Janne's philosophy is that *'The key to great teaching is engaged communication and honest self-reflection'*

As an avid runner, you will often see Janne running on Hackney Marshes and over the lockdown period, she has worked hard at her fitness. She especially loves burpees!!!

Not only is Janne a fantastic teacher, but an experienced, creative potter! Her happy place, her Zen, her 'ME' time is retreating to her home studio to make beautiful pots at the wheel, simple stoneware with minimal glazing.

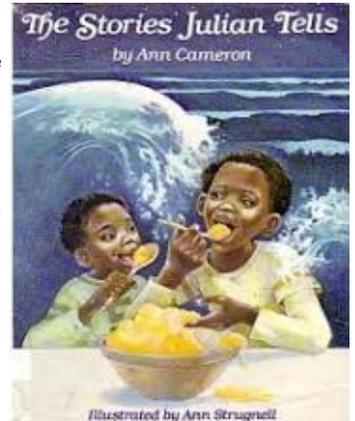
SPOTLIGHT ON JANNE CONTINUED.....

Check out her amazing talent by following her on Insta
[@janne_cornish](https://www.instagram.com/janne_cornish)



Say hello to Janne when you meet her at your school. She would really love to share a story with you!

Janne's favourite story: **The Pudding like a Night on the Sea** from the book *The Stories Julian Tells*.



WELLBEING CORNER



This activity can teach you how strong emotions can take hold, and how to find peace when these strong emotions feel overwhelming.

First, get a clear jar (like a jam jar) and fill it almost all the way with water. Next, add a big spoonful of glitter glue or glue and dry glitter to the jar. Put the lid back on the jar and shake it to make the glitter swirl.

Finally, use the following script or take inspiration from it to form your own mini-lesson:

"Imagine that the glitter is like your thoughts when you're stressed, mad or upset. See how they whirl around and make it really hard to see clearly? That's why it's so easy to make silly decisions when you're upset – because you're not thinking clearly. Don't worry this is normal and it happens in all of us (yep, grownups too).

Now put the jar down on the table in front of you.

Now watch what happens when you're still for a couple of moments. Keep watching. See how the glitter starts to settle and the water clears? Your mind works the same way. When you're calm for a little while, your thoughts start to settle and you start to see things much clearer. Deep breaths during this calming process can help us settle when we feel a lot of emotions"

