

Curriculum Highlights – Spring 2021



The start of 2021 has again brought its challenges with a second partial closure of the school but there is much to celebrate and be proud of. Not only have children worked hard, with the support of their family and teachers, they have had some great experiences despite the circumstances. Here are just some of our curriculum highlights.

L  **LEARNERS** who are:

- Inquisitive, resilient and have high expectations of themselves
- critical and creative thinkers who can solve problems and evaluate effectively
- confident, collaborative and articulate
- excellent learners

E  **ENGAGEMENT**

- exciting first hand experiences and enquiry approaches
- varied, structured learning opportunities that are purposeful and appropriate

A  **AMBITION**

- the highest expectations of what all children can achieve
- expanding horizons through research and sharing of best practice

R  **RELEVANCE**

- recognition of the richness in diversity and inclusion
- tailored to reflect local, national and global perspectives
- clear progression in knowledge, skills, content, language, processes and concepts

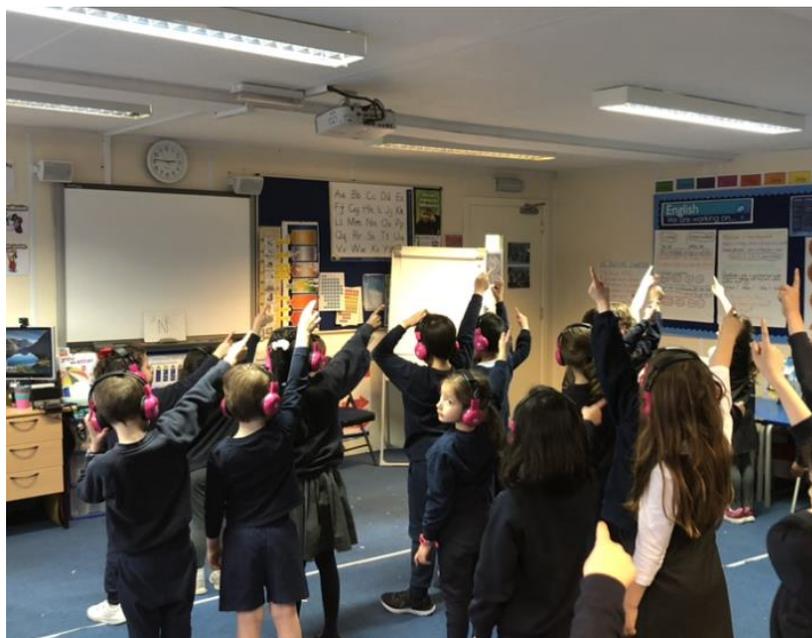
N  **NURTURE**

- of personal development fostering a sense of responsibility to self and others
- a sense of citizenship, community, empathy and service



Year 1 making the most of the sunshine for some outdoor science learning.

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Children in all year groups have been loving the immersive drama experiences through the Now Press Play pink headphones (thank you to the PTA for funding this fantastic resource).



Children in Reception have been taking home their sunflowers to continue their growing at home.



The Red Nose Day celebrations and fundraiser, organised and promoted by School Council, has raised an amazing total of £3,385 – what a difference we can make! Thank you for your generosity.



Creative and crazy hairstyles were all over school on the last day of term and thank you for all donations to the PTA

<https://www.bellevillepta.org/shop>



World Book Day was a hit with great work from Nursery to Year 6 inspired by the book *You Matter*.

Virtual Visitors

We have had so many visitors meet with your children virtually, including when they were at home, to enthuse, excite and share their expertise.



Rachel Rooney shared her poetry and her writing process and inspired many Year 3 children (and teachers) to write their own poems.



Liam Kelly, a geologist, spoke to Year 3 about what geologists do, different types of geology and specifically hydrogeology.



The Young Shakespeare Company ran active storytelling workshops with Year 3 who had been reading William Shakespeare's play: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Author Atinuke met with Year 3 who have been reading some of her books: *Africa*, *Amazing Africa* and *The No. 1 Car Spotter*. Year 3 asked brilliant questions about her books and her life and are now very excited to read more of her books from their book corners!



Year 4 met a real life adventurer called Dermot Somers. He explored all over the world: the Himalayas, Siberia, Iran, Nepal and the Sahara.



Nina Vora, who is also a parent and local governor at Belleville, shared her current work with Covid-19 as part of the Department of Infection and Population Health and how she has taken her medical skills across the globe, especially to Vanuatu to diagnose and treat those with malaria.



Natalie Brocchi, cancer researcher, met with Year 4, showed them her laboratory and discussed her research as part of a team developing cancer treatments.



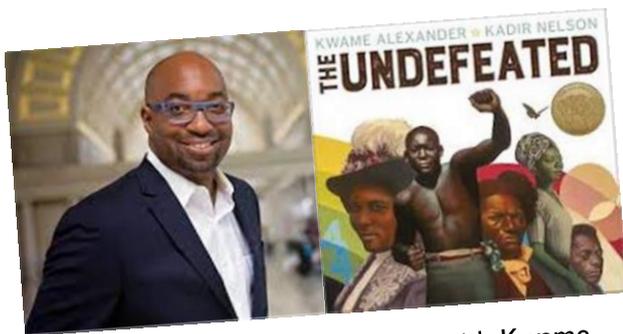
Year 4 also met 'Ice Maiden' Sophie who was part of the record breaking first all-female team to ski across the Antarctic using muscle power alone.



Elizabeth Laird, author of *Oranges in No Man's Land*, was interviewed by Mr Hudd (you can see it [here](#)) and also read some of Year 5's stories.

She said: 'Thank you so much for sending me these stories. They are truly remarkable. The students have immersed themselves in the story and carried it further in their imagination. No writer could ever wish for a greater response. Do tell the students how much I admired their writing. I'm going to have to watch out.

Competitors are coming up fast behind me!



Year 5 had a Zoom meeting with Kwame Alexander, author of *The Undefeated* which is a book they will be studying in the summer term.



Christiane Dorian, author and scientist, met with Year 5 to share her knowledge of biomimicry. She is the author of many non-fiction books for children including *Invented by Animals*:



Year 6 joined the Children's Bookshow Digital Festival on World Book Day to hear the always inspiring Michael Rosen speak.





Year 6 enjoyed a virtual workshop with Liberty from the Migration Museum to learn the richness and range of experiences in British culture and the centuries of migration stories there are to explore in our communities.



Dr Eaid Zinah is a dentist and met with Year 6 to talk about his experiences as a refugee from Syria who arrived in the UK in 2014. He talked about his journey, the challenges of his decision, the dangers he has faced and the opportunities and challenges he has had. It was insightful and powerful talk.



Year 6 have also had singing workshops from the vocal tutors at the Wandsworth Music Service throughout the term.



Many of the links here are from our staff and parent/carer community contacts.

If you know someone who may be willing to visit virtually or to share their knowledge, experiences and expertise, please get in touch.

We would love to hear from you.

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