



# Woolmore Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

October 2021

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe it's almost half-term! We have had a very positive start to the new school year, and I think we all hope that this will continue. Our pupils have settled well and are well launched on this year's learning journey.

I know many of you will be regularly asking your child about their daily learning. Thank you for this as it's so important children can share their learning with you. In this newsletter you can read about some of our curriculum highlights across the school since September.

We are currently holding online Learning Reviews with parents to talk about progress in learning for the children. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

October is **Black History Month** and we shine a light on the theme this year which is 'Proud to Be'.

Ms Argent  
Headteacher

If you are wondering what this is then turn the page and read about some of our learning....



## Dates for your diary

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Break up for half term  
3.15pm finish

25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> October Half term holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Back to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November **BBC Children in Need charity day**  
Own clothes and bring a donation

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Last day of autumn term  
1.30pm finish

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Start of the spring term

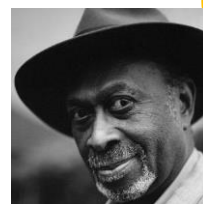


Term dates for 2021/22 are on the school website

## A Poem to share and enjoy

### ISN'T MY NAME MAGICAL? by James Berry

Nobody can see my name on me.  
My name is inside  
and all over me, unseen  
like other people also keep it.  
Isn't my name magical?  
My name is mine only.  
It tells I am individual,  
the one person it shakes  
when I'm wanted.



James Berry

Even if someone else answers  
for me, my message hangs in air  
haunting others, till it stops  
with me, the right name.  
Isn't your name and my name magic?

If I'm with hundreds of people  
and my name gets called,  
my sound switches me on to answer  
like it was my human electricity.

My name echoes across playground,  
It comes, it demands my attention.  
I have to find out who calls,  
who wants me for what.  
My name gets blurred out in class,  
it is terror, at a bad time,  
because somebody is cross.

My name gets called in a whisper  
I am happy, because  
My name may have touched me  
with a loving voice.  
Isn't your name and my name magic?

We have shared this poem in Assembly. We know how important it is to call people by their right names because it makes us feel seen and special. We are all unique and special. We hope you enjoy reading it together.



**Our Values:** Respect • Learning • Communication • Behaviour • Together • Care • Pride

# THE CURRICULUM PAGE: look at some of our great learning

## Our Curriculum

This half term has been an exciting one for our children as we help them develop their skills and '**know more, remember more**'. Our curriculum aims to help our children be more **curious, collaborative, competent and confident** across each of the National Curriculum subjects. We hope your child has been sharing a few of their learning highlights.

## P.E.

In **PE**, our Reception and KS1 children have been working on developing throwing and catching skills.

KS2 children have worked towards finals this week in basketball (Y3/4) and netball (Y5/6).



## Delicious (and famous) food in DT

There has been some exciting **design technology** learning this term with Y2 and Y5 designing, making and evaluating their own healthy recipes. The whole school has had the opportunity to try the **Y2 stir fry** as part of our lunch menu this week. Year 5 children will be bringing home their own Seasonal Soup recipes.



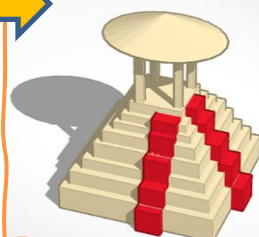
## Seashells in Art

In **Art** this term, we are working to develop our children's drawing, painting, collage and sculpture skills. Our Y4 children have created their own 'Blue Abyss' artwork in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe's seashell paintings.



## Mayan temples in Computing

Our **Computing** learning plays a vital role in helping our children develop key skills for the future. Y6 pupils have been learning how to use TinkerCad - 3D Computer Aided Design technology, using their Ancient Civilisation learning in History to design their own Ancient Mayan Temples.

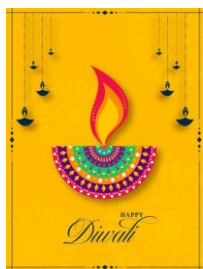


**M**usic: Y6 were beating the rhythm with the djembes in the studio today.

**Have a great half-term everyone.  
Stay safe and read every day!**

## Diwali 2-6 November 2021

Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika. We send our best wishes to families, friends and colleagues celebrating Diwali after half term.



## Free swimming in half-term

Over half term there are **FREE** swimming lessons in Tower Hamlets swimming pools. What a great idea! Email [phil.kemp@gll.org](mailto:phil.kemp@gll.org) or pick up a flyer from the school office for more information.

## Knowledge and skills and what next

Our curriculum is designed to help children make meaningful links in their learning and to build knowledge and skills. We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you through online assemblies and sharing sessions/workshops, learning coming home and hopefully a chance for you to see your child's learning in person.

## How can parents and families help?

- Ask your child what they have enjoyed learning in school
- Find books and internet resources to read together about the things your child is particularly interested in.
- Visit new places to help your child make sense of the world around them
- Help your child know and understand the words and ideas in our 'Let's learn about... knowledge organisers' we send home for each new topic.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING: IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE**