

Spring Term

Start Class

Class Welcome

Start Class pupils have had a wonderful Spring term. We have enjoyed lots of activities and taken part in many celebrations including Eid, Mother's Day, World Book Day, St Patrick's Day, a cinema visit, Red Nose Day and visits to the local library and park, just to name a few. The students have enjoyed learning both in school and in the community.



Communication and interaction

In Communication and Interaction, we have continued to expand our communication skills, focusing on using both our communication books and our voices to express our needs and wants in school and within the community. The communication books are now being used consistently by pupils throughout the day.

We have also enjoyed working with our reading buddy class, Beech Class. We visit them weekly to take part in shared reading activities, which the pupils really look forward to and engage with well.

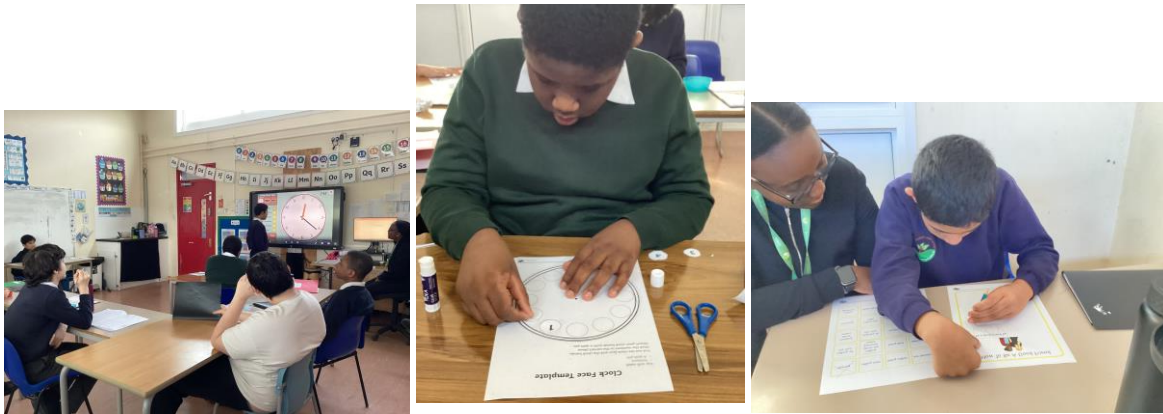
In addition, we have been developing our early writing skills by focusing on letter formation, writing simple sentences, and using Colourful Semantics to help structure and build sentences.



Cognition and Learning

In Cognition and Learning this term, students have taken part in a range of activities across Science and Maths. In Science, we have been learning about animals, including their habitats, what they eat, and where they live. We also explored the different parts of a bird.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers and developing our understanding of time. Pupils have enjoyed taking part in a variety of maths games, including "What's the Time, Mr Wolf?", bingo, and now-and-next movement games, which support both engagement and learning.



Independence, social and emotional development

In PSHE this term, we have been focusing on building relationships, engaging in shared activities, and understanding the difference between private and public behaviour. Students have also been learning how to respect other people's personal space.

In Food Technology, we have been learning how to make simple recipes. Students have practised making toast and chapati's, as well as developing skills such as grating, peeling and boiling. They have really enjoyed trying new foods and their cooking skills are improving significantly.

In Music, we have been exploring a range of different instruments and have learnt two songs, which we now perform in assembly alongside other Upper School pupils.



Physical and Sensory

In Physical and Sensory learning this term, we have enjoyed taking part in a wide range of sensory and movement-based activities. Students have also participated in a variety of physical activities, including swimming, netball, curling and archery.

In class, we have explored a variety of sensory sessions, and many of the sensory tray activities are now selected by pupils throughout the day to help them regulate their emotions and remain engaged.



Special news and upcoming events

We have had a brilliant lead-up to the Easter break and are looking forward to the festivities at home.

Next term, we will have swimming on Monday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings an appropriate swimming costume.

We also have an upcoming trip to Stansted Airport on **6th May**. The students are very excited and looking forward to the visit.

 **HAPPY**
Easter