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## Spring Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well. The Spring sunshine is starting to creep through and it's brightening our mood at Aspire. We are busy planning some gardening projects and outdoor learning to keep us active and help us learn about plants and living things. Watch this space to see how our outdoor areas develop throughout the spring and summer.

Our continuous provision class have been busy improving their reading and story-telling skills. It has been amazing hearing their progress with reading high frequency words over the past 2 weeks and hearing them read their favourite books, such as the Hungry Caterpillar and Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Can You See?



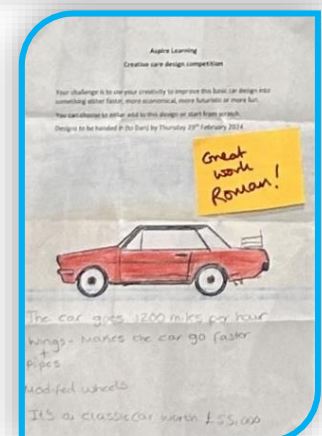
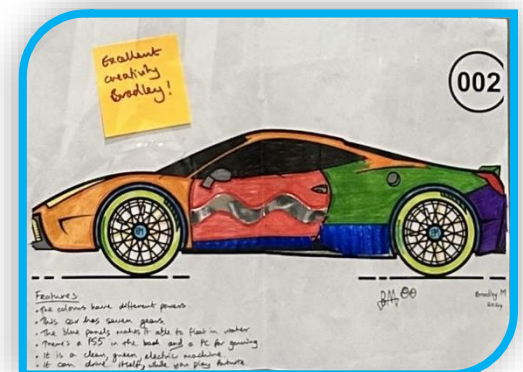
Our skills of the half term are problem solving and creativity. We are practising these skills in our Skills Builder sessions, as well as in other lessons such as maths, science and art. Students in Primary were challenged to design a car with whatever features they wanted it to have. Well done to Bradley and Roman, who not only created a fantastic car, but also explained why he had chosen each feature! In Secondary, students have been exploring the jobs which use these skills in their Futures lessons.



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### Creativity Competition

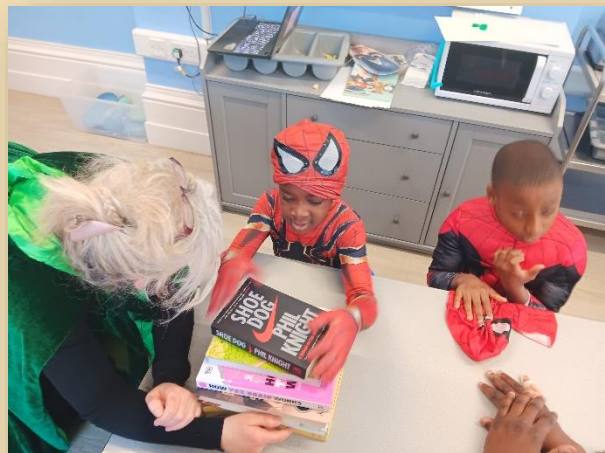
This term, the skills we are building with our Skills Builder sessions are Creativity and Problem Solving, as part of this, we held a competition for the pupils to create a car they would most like to see/own/drive. There were some great entries but Bradley and Roman's entries were the prize winners.



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Last week we had a very successful Police visit at Coombe. Students demonstrated great listening skills and asked some thoughtful questions. The police spoke to students about the laws on the use of negative language about protected characteristics and online safety. They will soon be visiting Denmark also.

Finally, we have ended the week with a celebration for World Book Day. Improving our reading areas, providing students with a range of engaging texts and instilling the idea of reading for pleasure is a focus for Aspire this year. It was great to see so many students enjoying the day and discussing their favourite books and characters with each other and with staff.



Have a great few weeks ahead and we will write to you again at the end of term.

Kind Regards,

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Frylands Wood Scout Centre



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### Croywall Climbing Centre

#### Primary

This week, Jade class used their Skills Builder skills of Problem Solving, Teamwork and Creativity on their class offsite to Croywall. They worked together to find the appropriately challenging routes - and climb them successfully. The pupils also advised the adults how to select the best hand and foot holds. Great work Jade.



#### Secondary

Denmark Hall students had their first bouldering session at Croywall. They all did exceptionally well, were able to follow instructions and demonstrated confidence and independence.



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PE



Rounders at Denmark Hall. Learning how to bat, catch and throw.



Basketball at Coombe Cliff, learning how to use different passes to score.



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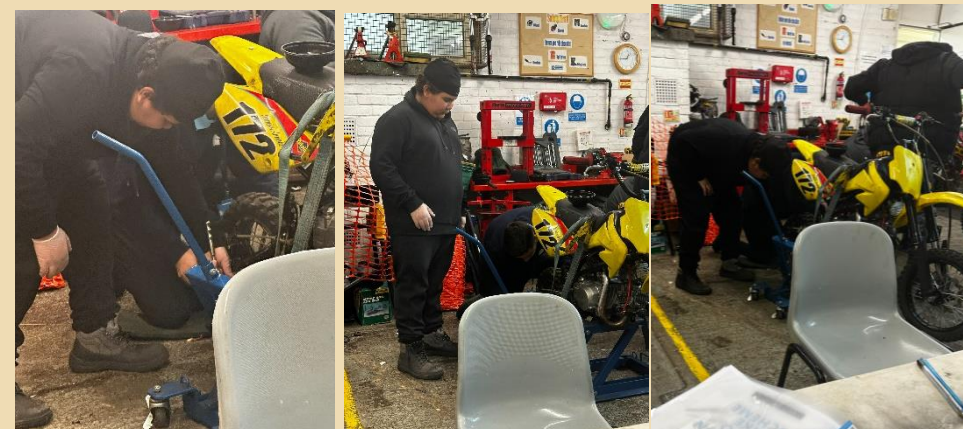
### Vocational Placements



This week Reggie started a weekly vocational placement at CE Opportunities where he will be learning plumbing skills. Reggie had a successful first day and is looking forward to next week.

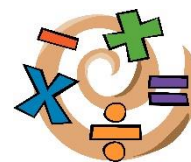
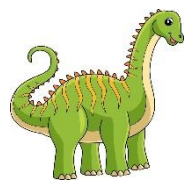


Reegan has been enjoying his weekly sessions at his CABS (Croydon Auto Bikes Scheme) vocational placement where he is learning motorbike maintenance.



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### Topaz Learning



Learning to partition numbers into ones and tens in Maths.



Completing a world map puzzle!



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### IMPORTANT UPDATES

- Please note the contact number for Aspire Learning School Office: **0204 501 4941**



Red Nose Day is coming up on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. At Aspire we will be celebrating by wearing red. Students are able to purchase Red Noses from school for a donation of £2. Students have been challenged to get creative and design a product that would help the environment. Prizes will be given for the top 2 entries and they will be uploaded to the Comic Relief website! We are also asking our young people to perform 39 acts of kindness across the school to honour each year since Comic Relief was founded. We will donate £1 for each act of kindness performed!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Red Nose Day** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**RE Day: Easter Celebration** - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**End of Spring Term 2**- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (**12:30pm** finish)

**Easter Holiday** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Start of Summer Term 1** - (students return) - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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