

Newsletter – 30th June, 2020

This newsletter contains news about learning both at school and at home.....

We have been so proud of the resilience and enthusiasm the **Devas** children have shown on their return to school. They have adapted quickly to their new classroom arrangement, routines and expectations.

We have been enjoying our learning on traditional and fairy tales. We have practising our phonics, reading, writing and maths daily. Super calculation writing Sebastian. We have also been exploring lots of fun art and design activities.



We thought about the materials we might need to make the houses for Three Little Pigs. See Mabel's brilliant independent picture (left).

In our learning on Goldilocks and the Three Bears we conducted a science experiment to see 'What makes porridge yummy?'. Despite everyone predicting that it would be the chocolate chips, we were surprised to find that the concluding winner was actually honey! Have a try yourself! Scarlet didn't like porridge to start with but the honey made all the difference!



We have also been thinking about the castles in fairy tales. We created our own versions of Paul Klee's 'Castle in the sun'. Mariela paid careful attention to the shapes and colours used in her design. We have been exploring secondary colours by mixing the 3 primary colours too. Careful mixing by Savannah below!



Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom

Bannerman have been spending lots of time outdoors enjoying the weather since we have been back at school. We have been to the woods twice and have enjoyed making stick men and fairy houses. This has helped us lots with our problem-solving skills and communication with others. We have also been getting our bodies moving by joining in with sensory circuits every morning with our lovely new teaching assistant Mrs Nash.

Our favourite activity for this has been playing with the giant parachute and running underneath it. Aside from these more creative activities, we have just finished our split digraph sounds in phonics and have been working hard to re-cap on place value and addition and subtraction in maths. In English we have been looking at our key text 'Where to find Gold' and have completed treasure maps, instructions, descriptive writing, as well as lots of sea-related art! When we have had time, we have also been looking at different types of weather for Geography. Last lesson we made a fact file about one of the coldest places on Earth – the North Pole!

From **Porteous** Class, Arabella (Y3) has been very busy... did you enjoy eating them, Arabella?



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Amber (Y1) and Evey (Y3) have also been busy at home:



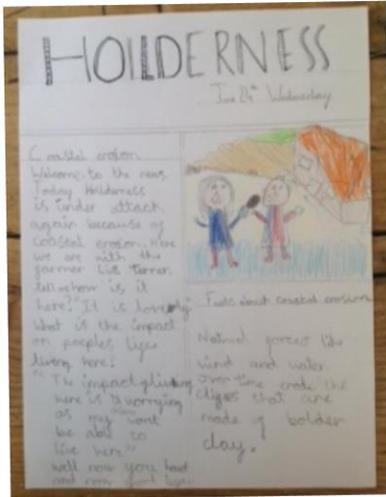
Jessica and Lottie Maguire (Y4 &5) heard about the Buttercups goat sanctuary in Boughton Mon chelsea is struggling due to the coronavirus. They decided to do something to help and stay fit at the same time.

This is what they had to say....

"We completed our challenge of 26.2 the distance of a marathon and have ridden 27.2miles. We set ourselves until the end of June so will keep riding to see how many more miles we can do.'

The girls have really enjoyed completing their challenge and are looking forward to visiting the goats to see what the money they raised will be used for. "





Thomas Evans has been thinking about the coast.....

Coastal Erosion

Welcome to the news. Today Holderness is under attack again because of coastal erosion. Here we are with Liz Turner, Tell me Liz, what is the impact on people living here? "The impact of living here is worrying as my children won't be able to live here" said Liz.

Facts about coastal erosion.

Natural forces like wind and water overtime erode the cliffs that are made of boulder clay.

In the **'Borton Bubble'**, the children have been studying poetry and speeches in English, as well as calculating the area and perimeter in mathematics. They have also been undertaking plenty of design technology work including embroidery and woodwork. The children were set the task to design their own vehicle.

After researching on the computer, the pupils set about designing their cars with both careful drawings and rationales behind their choices.



With lollypop sticks, wooden skewers, elastic bands, bottle lids and a glue gun, the children carefully constructed their cars independently and with the upmost concentration. The children then tested their vehicles and adapted their model to improve them.



"Mr Ming, my car actually works now after my 22nd attempt!" – Grace (Year 6)

Above: Riley (Year 3) and Harry (Year 6) constructing their wooden vehicles.

And as we look forward to the summer holiday...A message from Harlequins:

Harlequin have been asked to open the holiday during the summer starting on July 6th.

We will be open from 6th July – 3rd September. The club will be open from 7.30am – 6.30pm every weekday, excluding bank holidays. We will be based in our purpose built building in Coxheath.

I am not happy to book any trips at the moment but we will be having a day in the forest each week. If things improve, we may do a beach trip towards the middle/end of August. As we are on the Early Years register, we can accept children aged 3 and 4. Children of this age will be counted as pre-schoolers by Harlequin.

We will be following the government guidelines and have put in a few extra little precautions of our own.

If parents would like further information, please go to: enquiries@hosc.co.uk

Finally...

As we approach the end of term, a reminder about what's happening when! **The first thing to say is that we are awaiting further guidance from the government and things could change but this is the plan at the moment.**

Mr Ming has organised several events for the current Year 6 to mark them leaving primary school (separate letter issued).

1.15pm Tuesday 21st July Term finishes (no church service or other whole school events can take place).

Wednesday 22nd July Staff Development Day – School only open for staff

Thursday 23rd July – Monday 31st August – SUMMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL SHUT

Tuesday 1st September - Staff Development Day – School only open for staff

Wednesday 2nd September – Expected to be the start of term for all year groups except Reception (separate plans shared with parents last week). We will keep you informed of updates between now and the end of term but I am sure that we will be in touch before the start of the new academic year.

Thank you everyone for their contributions to this newsletter.