

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter



28th April 2023

Term 5, Week 1



*A kind, creative  
community where  
learning is an  
adventure.*

### MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break - I have been hearing from lots of the children about all the things they got up to.

We have had a great start to Term 5 with our whole school trip to Drusillas. It was an action-packed day of adventures and I know how excited the children were beforehand. I was very proud of how they represented the school, and it was lovely to see the older children looking out for their buddies. We are very lucky at Hamsey that we get to spend time together as a school, and I remarked to the staff that it felt like a real family affair.

During the Foxes workshop I did wonder why I had chosen for us to look at dangerous animals... They were far braver than me and enjoyed meeting reptiles and giant insects!

We are all really excited about our Create project and look forward to sharing our learning adventures with you in the coming weeks.

As always, please come and talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### APRIL 2023

- Mon 24th - Y4/Y5/Y6 swimming gala 1

#### MAY 2023

- Mon 1st - Bank Holiday
- **Fri 5th - King's Coronation Celebrations\***
- Mon 8th - Bank Holiday
- Tues 8th - KS2 SATs Begin
- Fri 12th - PTA Curry & Bingo
- Thurs 18th - Y4/Y5/Y6 swimming gala 2
- Fri 19th - Y5 Cuckmere Haven Trip
- Fri 26th - End of Term 5

**\*Please can each child bring a hat of any kind on Tues 2nd May for our still life project.**

### ATTENDANCE & LOST MINUTES OF LEARNING

**IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY, LEARNING READY**

#### Attendance:

We regularly monitor attendance and follow our attendance policy to ensure that attendance is always the highest priority. Please support us by ensuring your child is **in school, on time, every day, learning ready**. **A polite reminder that the gate is open from 8:30-8:40am.**

#### Lost Minutes of Learning:

Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts to get the children to school on time. It is really important that children are here on time so that they are ready and settled for the school day.

Our current school attendance: **92.2%**  
Out school attendance target: **97%**

## SCHOOL GATES

A reminder to parents/carers to please not use the driveway entrance for drop off and pick up. I had planned to keep the gates shut between 8:20-8:50am and 2:50-3:20pm, but we are awaiting a new gatepost. Once this has been fixed, the gates will be closed.

This is to ensure that our safeguarding systems are as good as they can be. Please use the two pedestrian gates and encourage your child to be vigilant around the vehicles, on what is a very busy road.

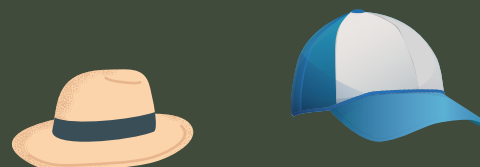
Thank you.

## HATS!

Please could your child come to school with a hat of their choice on Tuesday 2nd May.

We will be using these as a basis for some still life work as part of our Create project.

Thank you.



## CLASS REPS

Mr James and I met with the Class Reps this week to begin our communications. We have asked the reps to come to us if there is anything parents/carers would like. We are here to listen to you and to discuss any improvements.

A reminder of your class reps:

Hedgehogs - Alex Kidgell

Foxes - Rachel Kelly

Badgers - Sandy Liu

Owls - Katie Sherwin



## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

They can offer support with:

- sleeping problems
- emotional health and wellbeing
- wetting the bed and day wetting
- healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles
- self-care and hygiene
- referrals to other services



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We asked for the children's views following the trip...

"Excellent"

"Amazing"

"Fun"

"We learned all about animals"

"We loved the deadly animals workshop"







A **BIG** thank you to Kay (Mia and Dora's Mum) for being our official photographer at Drusillas. I love the effect she has done on the above photo and wanted to share it with you all.

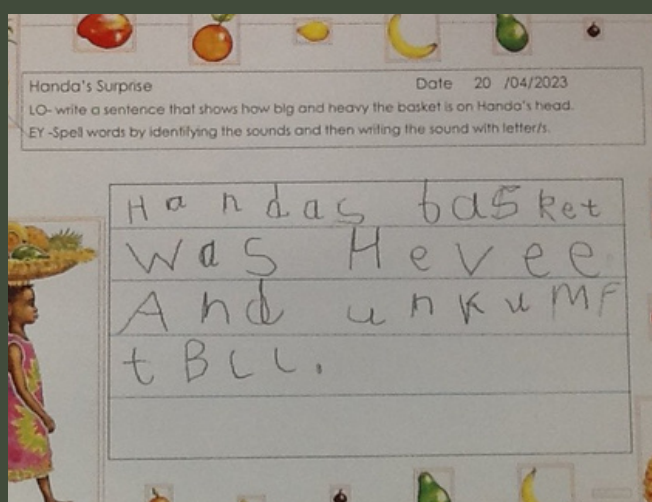
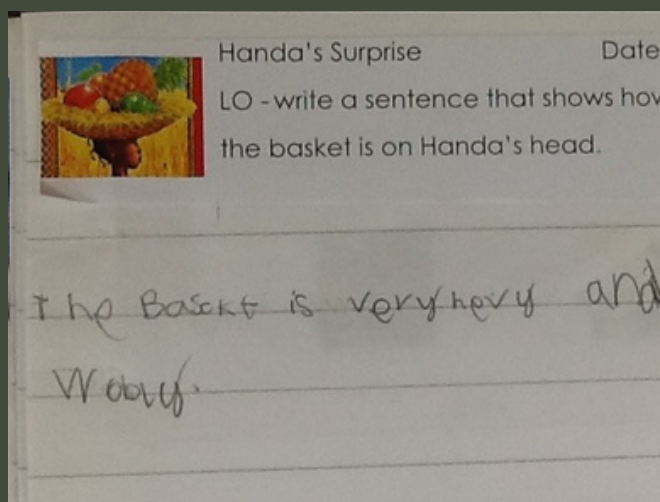
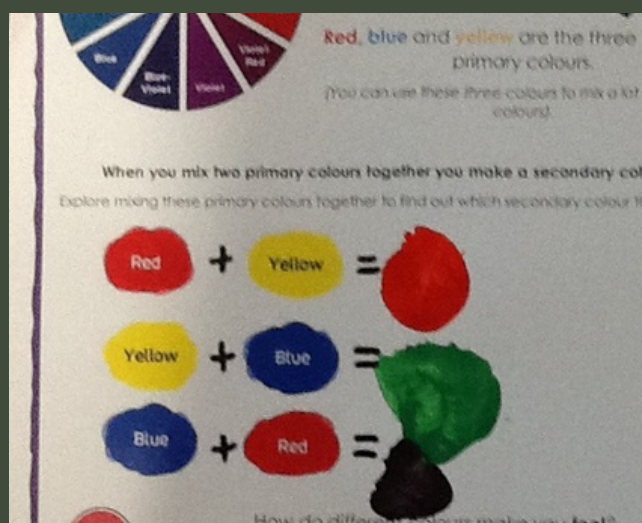


# HEDGEHOGS CLASS



Welcome back to Term 5! We have had a great first week back and it has been lovely to hear all about the Easter holiday adventures. Everyone had a great time at Drusillas and enjoyed the experience.

This week we have been looking at our new text, 'Handa's Surprise'. We have talked about lots of different types of fruit and which are our favourites - this has led to conversations around healthy eating and what we can do to keep healthy. We have got stuck into our Create project, and been experimenting with colour mixing and seeing different variations of colours that can be made.





# FOXES CLASS



Foxes Class have had a wonderful start to the summer term. The children all enjoyed their trip to Drusillas Park and were thrilled to discover more about dangerous animals in their 'Deadly Creatures' workshop. They were very excited to have a close-up encounter with a snake and even a cockroach during this workshop and were eager to find out all they could about these creatures.

We have started reading our new book this week, 'The Day the Crayons Quit', and look forward to using it as the basis for our writing this term.

The children have also started their Create: Still Life project by looking at the artwork of Paul Cezanne and discussing the term 'still life'.





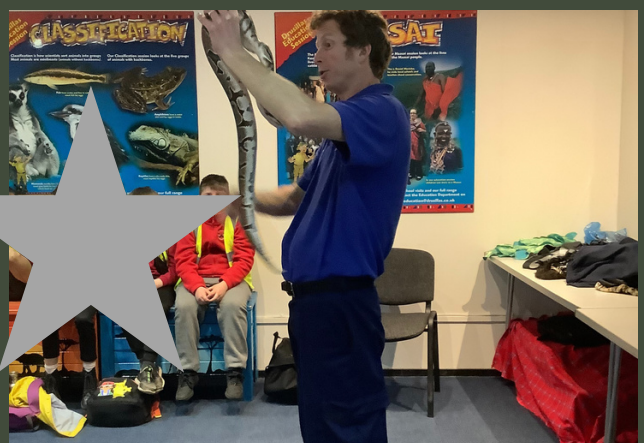
# BADGERS CLASS



Badgers have had a fab start to the new summer term. We have loved starting our Create: Still Life project and have already been inspired by the work of Paul Cezanne.

We had a wonderful day at Drusillas and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the animals that we had studied as part of our Explore: Danger project. We got to stroke a snake and a very soft chinchilla. We loved having you visit for our end of term exhibition and here are some pictures of our wonderful clay elephants that we created.

We are thoroughly looking forward to creating some more incredible artwork as part of Create: Still Life project and we will invite you in again to see our amazing sketchbooks and final pieces.





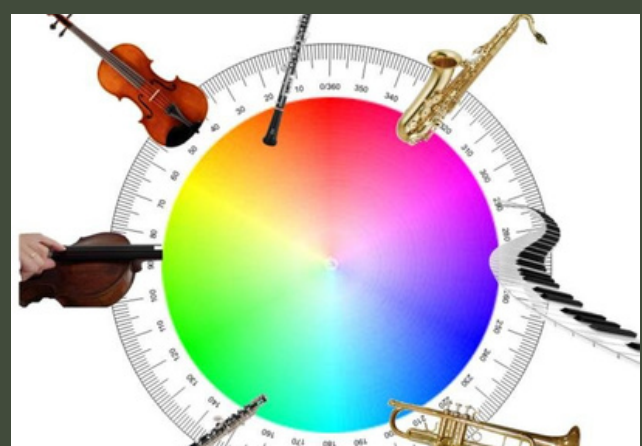
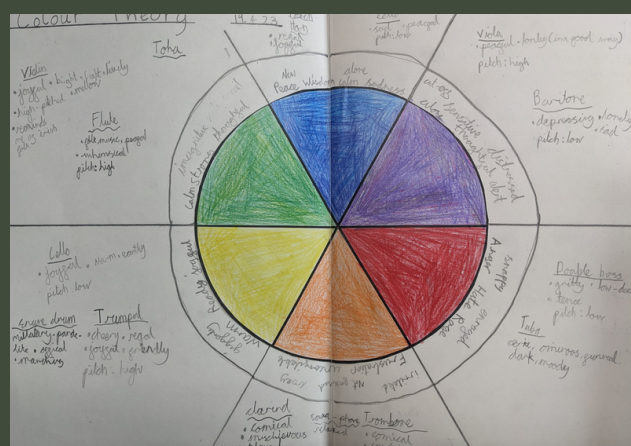
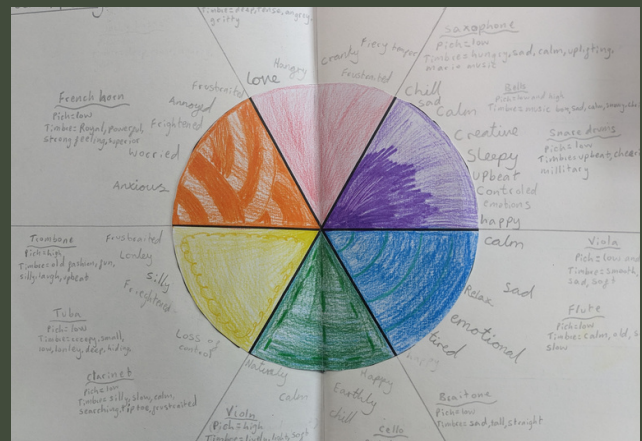
# OWLS CLASS



Owls jumped straight into their Create project by reflecting on questions related to this term's key concepts: Pride, Passion and Dreams. These included: What do you see in art that represents your dreams? How do artists convey passion through art? How do artists show that they are proud of their work? Why is representation so important in art?

We then went on to look at Kandinsky's Colour Theory and learnt about synesthesia. The children decided which colours on a colour wheel they felt most represented different emotions to them. Then we listened to lots of different instruments - some very unusual! We discussed the different timbres of the instruments and the children then matched each instrument to their colour wheel. Lots of lovely self-reflection and self-expression.

Well done to Year 6 for coming back to Term 5 with so much enthusiasm for your SATS learning. We are immensely proud of how hard you are working at SATS Club and in all the preparation we are doing in class. Keep up the good work!





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