

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter



19th May 2023

Term 5, Week 4



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

### MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

We have been having *such* a great time this term - the adventures never stop! The children have been involved in swimming galas, Forest School, gardening, coronation celebrations, a Hedgehogs tea party, a Y5 outdoor activities day at Cuckmere Haven and a visit from Naomi Pope, who ran nursing workshops for us.

Our Y6 children did us proud in SATs week and we are all very proud of their mature attitude. Well done! Our Y2 children are working hard on their "quizzes" at the moment, supported by Mrs Baker and myself.

As we head towards Term 6 we have lots in store - Patina making, Bikeability, Forest School trips to the Ashdown Forest and a plethora of sporting activities. Save the date for Sports Day on 27th June.

As ever, please come and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns, or if you just fancy a chat.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### MAY 2023

- Fri 26th - Y5/6 tennis competition
- Fri 26th - End of Term 5

#### JUNE 2023

- Mon 5th June - Start of Term 6
- Mon 5th June - Y6 Bikeability starts
- Thurs 8th June - French Day
- Thurs 15th June - Owls Ashdown Forest
- Fri 16th June - Y2 Mini Olympics at LOGS
- Weds 21st June - KS1 Multisports
- Tues 27th June - Sports Day
- Thurs 29th June - Badgers Ashdown Forest
- Thurs 29th June - Bowles parent meeting

### 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: **92.7%**  
Our school attendance target: **97%**

### FRIDAY STAY & PLAY

I am very happy for families to enjoy our wonderful school grounds until 4pm on Fridays, and Minnie has certainly enjoyed running around the field with the children.

Please can I remind parents/carers that from 3pm the children are your responsibility, and as such, they do need to be supervised.

Recently our Site Manager had to ask children to not run around with the wheelbarrow, and some of the football goals were upturned, and could have been damaged.

Please remind your children of behaviour expectations whilst on school grounds. Thank you.

### WARM WEATHER

As we (hopefully) head towards summer temperatures, it is important that all children come to school prepared.

This means a freshly filled water bottle each day, warm weather school uniform, a hat and wearing sun cream so they are safe to spend extended periods of time outdoors.

Thank you.



### PTA THANKS

A huge thank you to Robin, Mutsumi and the rest of the PTA for organising the curry and bingo night. I hear it was a really fun night with a special appearance from Debi McGee...

### Over £800 was raised!

Without the support of the PTA we would not be able to offer our children as much as we do. The PTA's work is invaluable and I urge you to get in touch with Robin or Mutsumi (who will be stepping down as Chairs) if you feel you would like to get involved, at whatever level.

### PASSWORDS

Please see the letter in today's bulletin which explains why we will be asking for you to share a confidential password with the school.

The children's safety is our top priority at Hamsey and so I hope you will support us in this extra safeguarding measure.

Thank you.

### 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

**DON'T FORGET**



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# HEDGEHOGS CLASS



Wow, what a term we are having! We have had lots of fun making and creating, and we especially enjoyed our printing activities. We have been busy observing artworks to decide what we can see.

This week we are reading Bog Baby. The baby lives in a pond and this has lead to talking and learning about other pond life, with a particular interest in frogs!

Now the sunshine has finally arrived we have been enjoying the big sandpit outside and have been making lovely sandcastles with our friends.





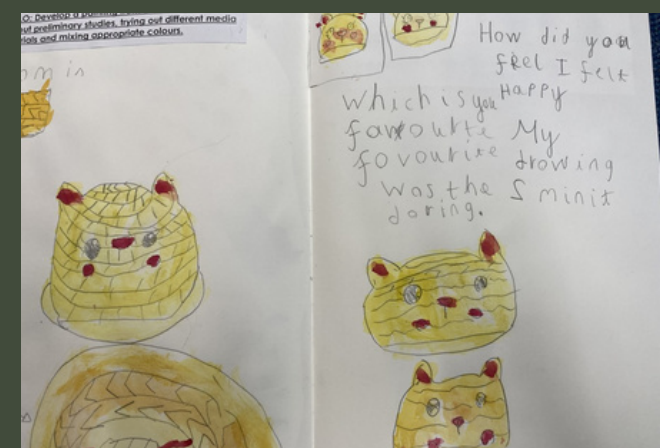
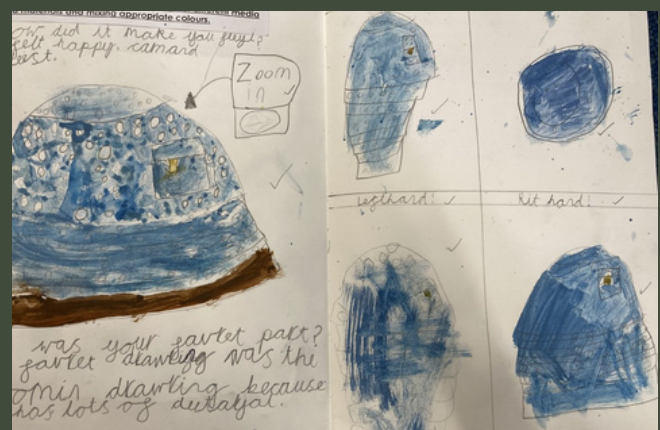
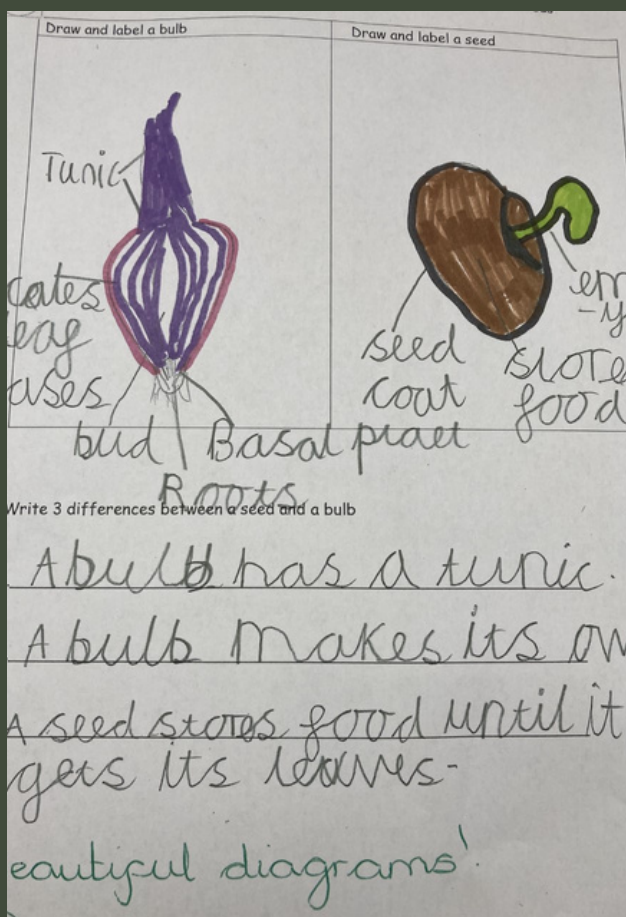
# FOXES CLASS



Foxes Class have been true artists over the past few weeks!

We have been learning about the life and work of Paul Cezanne and have analysed his painting, 'Still Life with Onions'. The children have been working on their own still life drawings of hats. We focussed on completing small sketches using different techniques: using our right hand, left hand, a continuous line and challenging ourselves to draw a picture in 2 minutes!

Foxes have also been learning all about plants this term. We have learned about the differences between bulbs and seeds and thought carefully about what plants need to grow. We have set up an experiment to see if a seed will germinate in the dark, in the cold, without soil and without water. I wonder what will happen?!



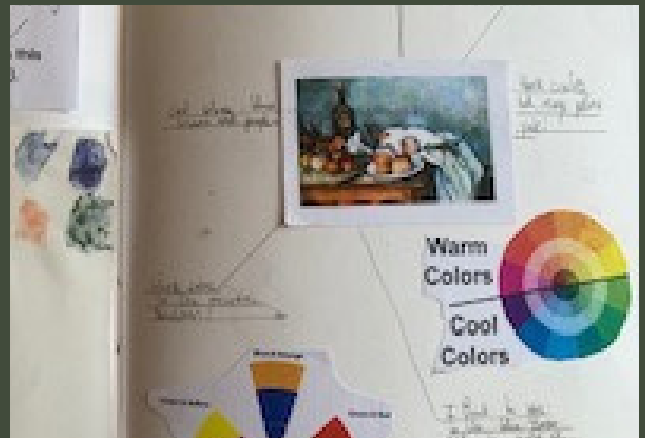


# BADGERS CLASS



Badgers are thoroughly enjoying our Create: Still Life project. We have been studying the work of Paul Cezanne and created biographies about him. We have recreated some of his artwork including 'Still Life with Onions', looking closely at his colour choices and different brushstrokes.

We have also been studying different still life drawings of hats as part of our Coronation celebrations. We looked at 'Still Life with Straw Hat' by Van Gogh, 'Baseball Cap' by Michael Craig-Martin and 'Hat' by Yayoi Kusama. Inspired by these, we created preparatory sketches of our own hats and then a final piece using the techniques that we had experimented with. We are analysing our own artwork this week as well as creating still life drawings of different foods and studying the work of Andy Warhol and local artist J David Bennett - I can't wait to see what we create!





# OWLS CLASS



Well done Year 6 for completing your SATS! We are so proud of your hard work and determination. Thank you to Mrs Whitehorn for the lovely SATS breakfasts every day. Croissants, cookies, waffles, brioche, hot chocolate and plenty of fresh fruit ensured the children had lots of energy for the tasks ahead!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who were involved in administering the tests as we spread out around the school. Thank you also to the Hedgehogs, Foxes, Badgers and Year 5 Owls who stayed so quiet throughout - I know this wasn't easy!

Thank you to Year 5 for being so supportive of your classmates through SATS week. Your patience and flexibility did not go unnoticed. During SATS week, Year 5 were working hard on art, music and science projects. Thank you to all the staff who looked after them.

Thank you to Hedgehogs for writing such beautiful invitations for Owls to a post-SATS tea party! It was a well deserved treat for Year 6 once SATS had finished and the sandwiches you had made were excellent.

This week we have all been glad to jump back into art, music and writing, as well as starting work on our end-of-term production: The Tempest!



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