

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter



23.05.25

End of Term 5



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

### MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Wow - that certainly flew past! Term 5 has been short but sweet, and the children have really impressed with their creative approaches towards our Create: *Portrait* project. We are really looking forward our annual Hamsey Open House where the children will be exhibiting their work. **Save the date - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45.**

Mrs Johnson and I had a fantastic time at Cuckmere Haven with the Year 5 children this week. As always, I was very proud of the way they conducted themselves as Hamsey ambassadors and how they worked together as a team. Luckily, the weather was on our side and it turned about to be perfect conditions for river activities.

Term 6 will soon be with us and we already have lots of exciting adventures planned across the school including our annual whole-school trip. This year we are venturing to <https://britishwildlifecentre.co.uk/> for a day with the animals!

From all the Hamsey team, I wish you a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Mr Dean



### IMPORTANT DATES



#### June 2025

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - T6 begins
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- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Phonics screening week
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Class photos
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> - PATINA making begins
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - Samba workshops
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Rainbow day
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - Sports day

#### July 2025

- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> - PATINA parade
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Reserve sports day
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> - Hamsey Open House
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - Owls class production
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - Y6 leavers assembly
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Whole school trip
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> - Hamsey Proms in the Park
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> - Bowles residential
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - End of term!

### WELL DONE OWLS CLASS!

Congratulations to Year 6 for all their hard work during SATs week and the efforts they put in in the lead-up. Thank you families, for all of your efforts at home.

The Y5 children were so caring and understanding and were incredibly positive towards their classmates, so a big shout out to them.

Mrs Robertson, Mrs Green, Mrs Johnson and the whole Hamsey team did a cracking job in preparing and supporting the children. It was a real team effort.



## LOOSE PARTS

This week was the grand unveiling of our new 'loose parts' play equipment, generously funded by Lucy Punch when her son left the school some time back. For now, the loose parts will be used on the field at lunchtimes; come autumn, we will move the equipment to the playground. As you will see, the children (and adults) are really enjoying some creative play.

Please note - the equipment is not to be used by families or children other than at lunchtimes when supervised by school staff.





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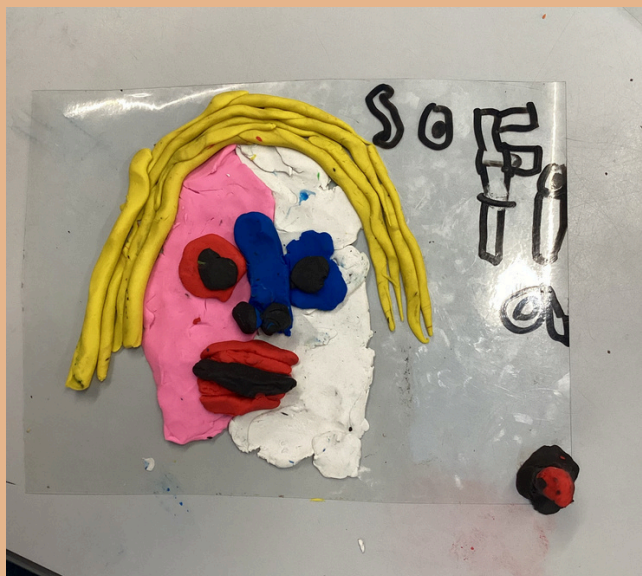
# HEDGEHOGS CLASS



Hedgehogs are absolutely loving our Create: Portrait project. So far we have enjoyed:

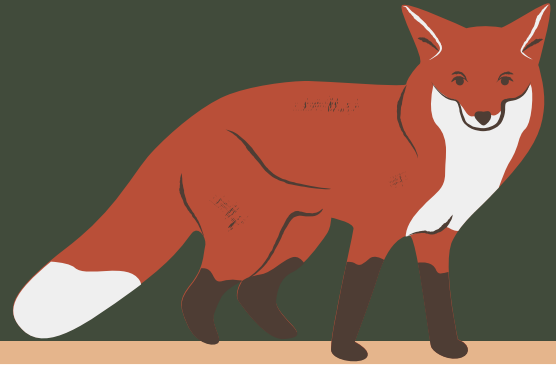
- making portraits on our Welly Walks using clay and natural materials
- creating digital portraits on Purple Mash
- modelling with plasticine to recreate Picasso style self-portraits
- dancing to the each other's song recommendations (Mrs B-B and Mrs Curran's favourites so far have included Scatman and The Final Countdown!) Please keep helping your children with the names of the songs they like to sing.

In Term 6 we will be exploring more paint techniques and beginning our canvases for our exhibition at the end of the year.

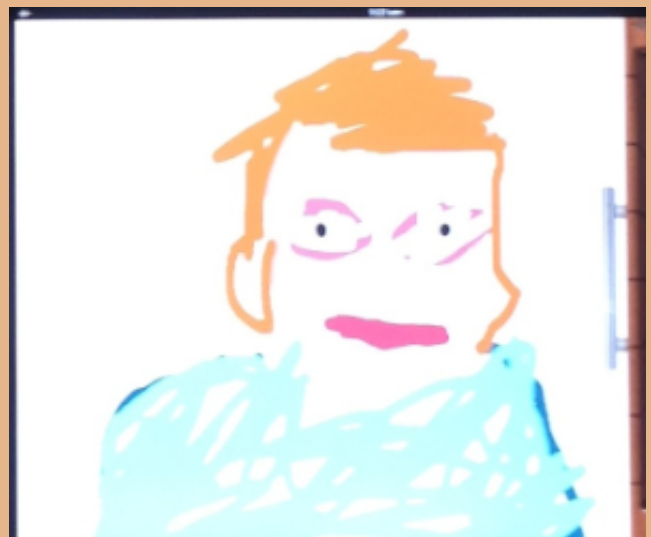
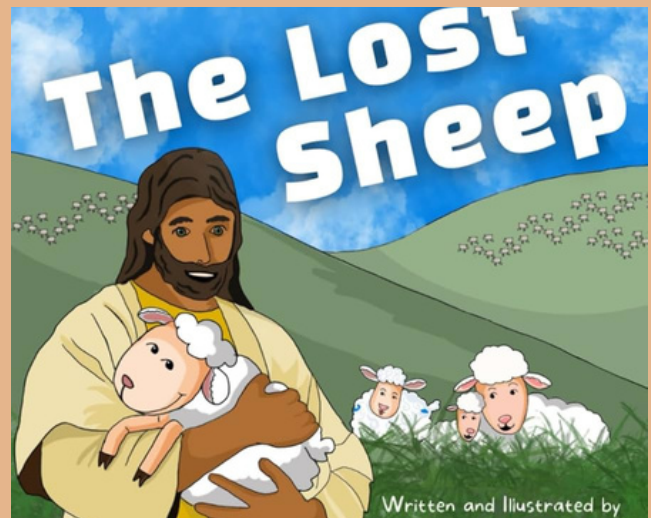




# FOXES CLASS



This term in Foxes Class, we've been diving into our exciting 'Portrait' project! The children have been busy creating fantastic self-portraits using paint software on the computers, learning how to represent themselves through digital art. In music, we've explored how composers express different characters through sound, listening carefully and discussing the moods and stories behind each piece. Our RE lessons have sparked thoughtful discussions as we've looked at what Jesus taught about God through his parables. In PE, the children have been full of energy, developing their skills through tennis and a variety of target games. It's been a fun and creative term!



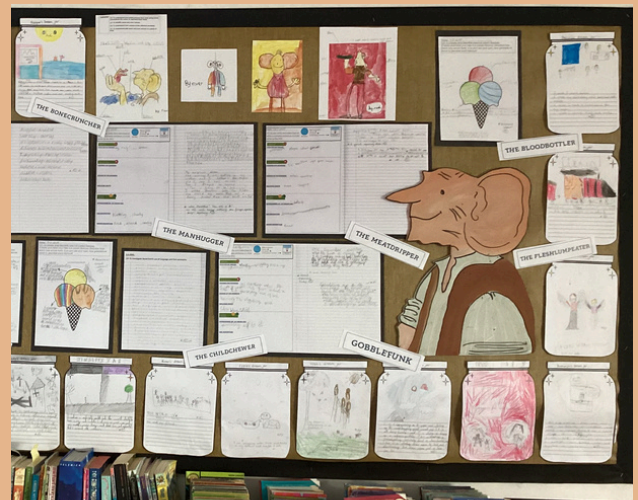
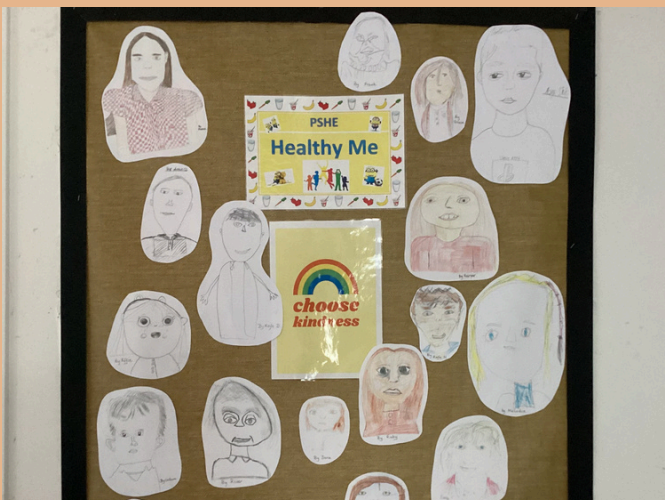


# BADGERS CLASS



Badgers have had an incredibly busy start to the summer term. We have been studying portraits by Leonardo Da Vinci, Vincent Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo to name but a few. We have created our own 'Self-Identity Portraits' and written 'I am...' poems all about ourselves. We have been reading 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl and have enjoyed inventing 'gobblefunk' words in our English lessons and drawing our own favourite dreams. We have created our own warm and cool colour 'BFG' illustrations in the style of Quentin Blake, Roald Dahl's favourite illustrator.

In science, we have been exploring the topic 'Sound'. We have enjoyed experimenting with 'balloon chatting', sounds under water, coat hanger clanging and vibrating rice sound waves! Unsurprisingly, we are making ear defenders very soon!





# OWLS CLASS



A huge congratulations to Year 6 for their incredible hard work and determination during the KS2 SATs exams! It truly felt like a mountain conquered; we are so proud of each and every one of you.

Year 5 had a brilliant time at Cuckmere Haven, taking part in kayaking, paddleboarding, and raft-building alongside Year 5 children from across the Skylark Federation. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and bravery throughout the activities, showing true Hamsey spirit and setting a wonderful example for others. As always, we were so proud of how they represented our school.

Year 6 had an exciting visit from the PATINA team, who introduced the theme of this year's parade: 'A Night at the Museum'. Storyteller Jon Norman-Mason took the children on a fascinating journey through time using artefacts from Lewes Castle Museum. Year 6 then worked with PATINA artist Sally Edwards to design their Bronze Age-inspired costumes, which they will create with her help in June for the PATINA 'Moving On' parade.





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## Hamsey School Charter

- We are kind, gentle and forgiving.
- We celebrate our school community and the world around us.
- We value our learning and creativity.
- We feel safe to be who we are.
- Our pro-social choices create a safe space for everyone.
- Our learning behaviours are:  
curiosity, determination, independence, pride and respect.

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