

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter



10th February 2023

Term 3, Week 6



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

### MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 3, and what a term it has been! It's been lovely to have so many children coming to share their learning with me each day and to see them taking such pride in their creative learning adventures. We have experts on sewing, varmints, volcanoes, tsunamis, Edvard Munch's 'The Scream', polar creatures, maps, atlases, and much more!

Our Digital Leaders from Owls Class helped lead an informative assembly on Safer Internet Day. All classes worked on a range of activities related to this year's theme, *'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'* Children from across the school then shared the important messages they had discussed in class.

As part of our focus on Children's Mental Health Week, we Dressed to Express on Thursday. Only at Hamsey would this include a 7-foot tall inflatable dinosaur and a sequined unicorn!

I wish you all a fantastic half-term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th for the start of Term 4.

From Mr Dean

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### FEBRUARY 2023

- Mon 20th - Start of Term 4
- Mon 20th - Final Y4 Swimming Session
- Tues 21st - Shrove Tues/ Pancake Day

#### MARCH 2023

- Weds 1st - Badgers to Cumnor House
- Thurs 2nd - Teacher Strike Day 2
- Fri 3rd - Hamsey World Book Day
- Thurs 9th - Fire Brigade Visit
- Weds 15th - Teacher Strike Day 3
- Thurs 16th - Teacher Strike Day 4
- Fri 17th - Skipping Workshops
- Weds 8th - Hamsey Online Safety

### TERM 4 TIMETABLES



Mon: Foxes PE

Weds: *All classes* PE

Thurs: Y4 & EY Forest School

Fri: Hedgehogs and Badgers PE

Please send your child to school wearing appropriate PE clothing on their PE day/s and in warm waterproof gear for their Forest School day. Thank you.



## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of all our pupils is everyone's responsibility at Hamsey. All aspects of school life are carefully monitored to make sure that everyone in our community is safe. We talk about the PANTS rule with our children - please make sure you talk about it at home too.

Please continue to be vigilant about what your child is accessing online and who they are communicating with. There are lots of reports in the media of children being targeted online and also of children being unkind to each other. We work really hard in school to keep the online safety message at the front of children's minds.

If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact the single point of advice (SPOA) on 01323 464222.

Please do come and speak to me if you ever have any questions or concerns.



## ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS SESSIONS

We invite all parents and carers to join us for a Parents Online Safety Awareness Session on Wednesday 8th March at 2:15pm.

In this ever-changing world of technology, young people are overtaking adults in finding new social media sites that can confuse adults and make them feel a little apprehensive. The Online Safety Workshop will help to answer all those questions you have about your child's safety online. We will also look at a range of resources that are being used in schools and some that can help to support you and give you a better understanding of children's online lives.

### Wednesday 8th March - 2:15pm - Hamsey

Parents and Carers are also welcome to attend the Online Safety Workshops at our other Skylark schools:

8th March: 9:00am at Iford & Kingston School

21st March: 9.00 at Barcombe School; 2:15 at Plumpton School

Online



## FOREST SCHOOL



Wow it's been a chilly one! We've certainly tested our resilience this half term at Forest School. Thank you for sending the children in with plenty of warm layers and waterproofs which has enabled them to get the most out of their sessions. Thankfully, the cold weather has given us a good excuse to get the fire on and warm up!

We all took part in the Big School Bird Watch in our first session; supporting the important work of the RSPB as we built bird hides and made bird feeders before retreating into our hides to observe with binoculars and spotting sheets. We've also been busy planting daffodil bulbs and look forward to seeing these grow.

Across the year groups, children have had an opportunity to work with a bow saw, using it safely in pairs to saw wood and communicate with a team mate to turn wooden cylinders into cubes to make dice with knives and mallets. Then we've made elder beads for necklaces and bark boats, done plenty of den building and explored ice, lots of mud and of course our 'Danger' project through fire safety, tool work and taking managed risks whilst considering our 'personal responsibility'.

Badgers children went to Chailey Common, where we were lucky enough to work with the Sussex Wildlife Trust, supporting with some local conservation work, coppicing, sawing and building leaky dams to slow the flow of water through the Ouse catchment. We had a fabulous day working hard - it certainly made our packed lunches taste good!

From Katie, Forest School Leader





## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

There was some truly fabulous outfits to be seen on Thursday with all the children expressing themselves. We had a whole-school fashion show on the playground, complete with some pumping tunes and a makeshift runway. The theme this year - Let's Connect - is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. Hamsey CP School is a wonderful community, and you as parents and carers are part of this.





## FITNESS FRIDAY

We started our day of fitness activities with a whole-school high intensity dance workout. It was a great way to wake everyone up and get our bodies warm.



Today the children have taken part in:

- Football
- Obstacle Races
- Dressing-up Races
- Joe Wickes Workouts
- Yoga
- Skipping
- Running
- Jumpstart Jonny Workouts







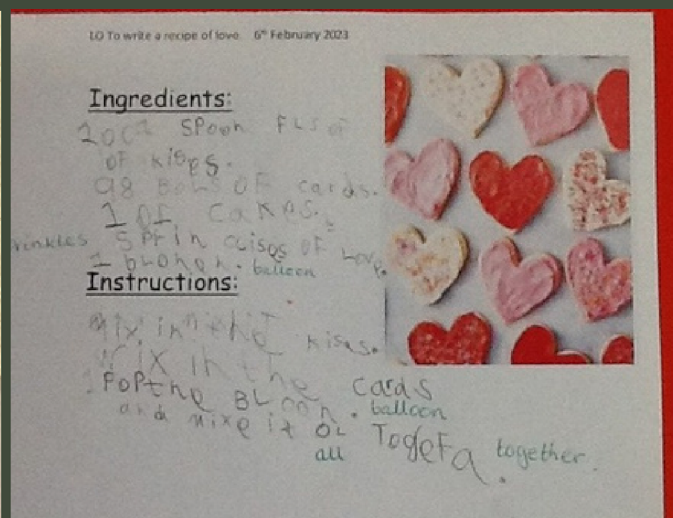


# HEDGEHOGS CLASS



We have had a lovely term exploring different stories recently. We really liked 'Tea Rex' and designing the dinosaur a menu to enjoy. Year 1s have had great fun exploring animals and their habitats and even designing their own animal to survive in the arctic. Reception have continued to explore the natural world during Forest School, experimenting with different games and tools in the wild and having great fun splashing in muddy puddles!

We explored Valentines Day and talked about people in our lives who we love and how we can show this. We used loose parts to make hearts, wrote our own love recipes and made cards with lots of glitter. We produced some fantastic independent writing.





# FOXES CLASS



Foxes have been explorers in our Geography-based project this term. We have visited Africa, Antarctica, The Arctic and South America! We have learnt about different climate zones and the small changes we can make to protect animals and the environment.

In Art, we have explored the work of Edvard Munch, looking at his famous piece, 'The Scream'. We have worked on our sketching skills and used our analysis ideas to say what we like and dislike about an artwork.





# BADGERS CLASS



Badgers have had an adventurous end to Term 3. We went to Chailey Common where we became Explorers, Eco-Warriors and beavers! Our mission was to save the heather plant in the environment by cutting down birch trees that were growing in the way and using this wood to create dams in the nearby stream to slow down the water flow.

We had to be careful and wear protective gloves because there was DANGER – we used saws and loppers to cut down the trees and strip away the small twigs. We learnt that beavers would have previously completed the job that we had to do but there aren't any in this environment currently. Maybe some will be introduced again into the environment in the future... We wish you all a fantastic half term holiday and if you have time do go to Chailey Common - Romany Ridge area to look at the dams we made.





# OWLS CLASS



Last Friday, Mr Everitt led the class through lots of Maths challenges for NSPCC Numbers Day. Thank you to the children who created outfits with numbers for the day! We have really enjoyed taking part in PSHE activities for Children's Mental Health Week, with a focus on staying connected to each other.

It has been such a pleasure to teach the children how to sew as part of their DT work this term. The children analysed soft toy designs and then designed and made their own, including making a sewing pattern and selecting materials. Our creative Hamsey children always impress us with their diversity of designs and their determination to make their ideas come to life! We have one more sewing session before I can share photographs of our final soft toys, but here are some photographs from our making sessions. I would like to say a big thank you to the parents and carers who came in to help us. 😊

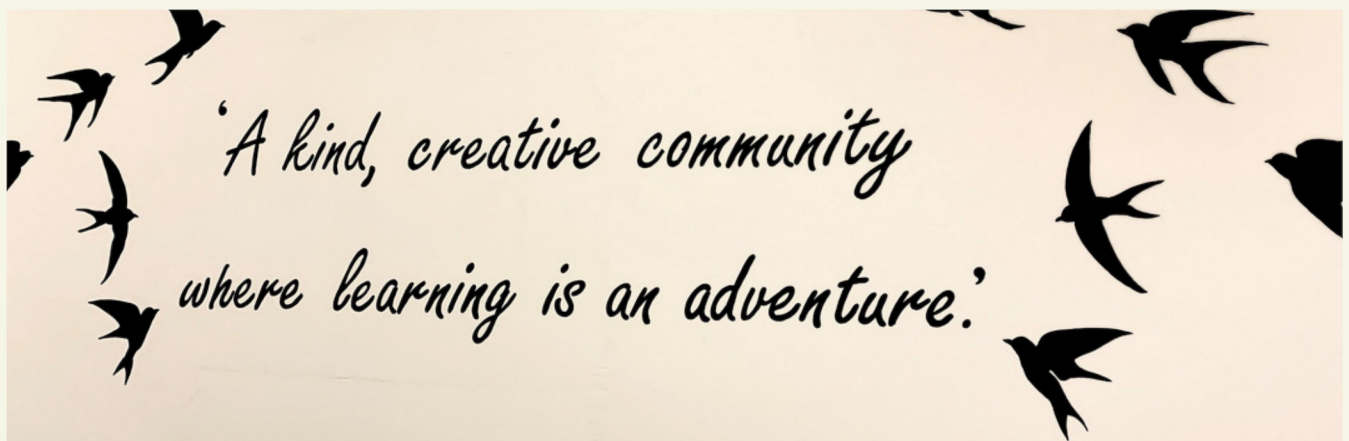


# CLASS REPS

We are always looking for ways to improve our communication. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else as your Class Rep, please complete the [Google Form](#) in the letter which is part of this week's Friday Bulletin. We are looking to appointing two reps from each class.

In Term 4 I would like to invite class reps to meet with Mr James and me so that we can listen to your ideas and address any concerns you may have. Further details of this are to follow.

Thank you.



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