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Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our fourth curriculum newsletter of the year. We have enjoyed a very busy few months with lots of trips and visits. Here are a few highlights from each year group. We have also had a lot of sporting achievements this term, including the Year 4 girls football team. They did so well by finishing 3rd in the qualifier at Eastbourne Borough, and then qualified for the next round which was held at Brighton's training ground! Year 6 athletic team recently took part in a tournament at Seaford Head. They did very well with some children qualifying for the next round. Well done everyone.



Year R



“This is the best day of my life!” Willow

The reception children have loved their Learning Adventure-Growing. The most eggsciting part was hatching 7 ducklings.



“You need water and sunlight to help the bean grow.” Jamie



The children found some magic beans and planted them in the classroom. Instead of watering the beans they had to smile at them! It wasn't long before an enormous golden beanstalk started growing across the classroom. It ended up in the cedar room and led us to a big pot of jelly beans which we shared!

The children grew their own real beans too and this time they did water them.



Year 1



Year 1 have had lots of fun with their Learning Adventure- Once Upon a Time. They experimented to see if they could blow down the Three Little Pigs' houses! They built a house of straw, a house of sticks and a house of bricks. Guess which house they blew down?!

“My favourite part was when the house of straw blew down. We used a fan.” Joshua



The children designed and made a tower for Rapunzel using different materials.



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“My Rapunzel tower was made out of Lego. It was really tall. I designed it first and then made it.” Josh





**“My favourite part was Mrs Cruickshanks African pudding. She is a really good cook.”
Zachary**

Year 2 have loved learning about Africa. They have studied Ndebele art learning how to use strong geometric patterns, thick black lines and bold colours to represent different African animals. They also made Ndebele bracelets. They all really enjoyed South Africa Day when Mrs Cruickshanks talked to them about living in South Africa. She also cooked some special food for them to try.



Year 3



As part of their science curriculum, Year 3 visited Herstmonceux Science Centre. They had a fabulous day learning about forces through lots of 'hands on' investigations.

"I liked the bit in the park where we could climb up the DNA system." Lily



The children have also been busy learning about the process of fossil formation. They made their own fossils using a dough made out of salt, coffee grinds and water.

"I liked making the fossils because we had to try and make it look like the real thing with gaps in. In real life the animal drops to the bottom of the sea and disintegrates. Stuff falls on top of the animal making lots of layers. The animal rots away and it makes the fossil." Frida

"We made fossils so that we could understand how they get formed when they are buried in the ground." Clover

Year 4

Year 4 have been designing and making Viking longboats as part of their Learning Adventure, The Anglo Saxons and the Vikings.

Viking longships were also called dragon ships and were designed to sail in shallow waters. They were also made from overlapping wood planks which made them easier to repair at sea.

“When I put my long ship together I had to change the shape because it wasn’t fitting together very well.” Evie-Rose



“The Vikings used long ships to travel across the world. It was hard work. It would have been good exercise because they had to row. The sails were red and white stripes.”

Year 5



As part of their learning adventure, **Around the World in 80 Days**, year 5 have welcomed visitors from our school community who have grown up or lived in different countries.

The most recent visit was from Noah's mum who came in to talk about her life growing up in Latvia.



"I liked dripping the wax through the canter."

Bertie

In Art, year 5 have been learning about batik.

Batik is a technique where wax is used as a resist to a dye or paint. The wax acts as the line and makes a pattern on the fabric.

The children looked at lots of different African batik before sketching their own designs on paper. They copied the design onto cloth and then used hot wax in a canting tool to trace over the lines. They used paint to create these wonderful hangings.

"I liked learning about Batik and all the different African designs. They use the ideas to make clothes." Oliver

"You put hot wax on the fabric. When it dries, you put a newspaper over it and iron it. The wax soaks up into the newspaper." Elli

Year 6



We are very proud of our year 6 dancers who performed at Let's Dance at The Congress Theatre, Eastbourne last term.



Year 6 enjoyed 3 days at Blacklands Farm. They took part in lots of outdoor and adventurous activities including, kayaking, crate stacking and abseiling.



Easter Bonnets and Eggshibitions at the end of last term were fantastic! Well done everyone.

