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Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first edition of the Curriculum newsletter for this academic year. We had a very busy term with lots of trips and visits. We have also had a lot of sporting achievements this term, including tag rugby, cross-country and football.

Competitions outside of school have been a great success so far this year! We started the year with a tag rugby festival hosted by Seaford RFC, where 20 Year 6 children took part. We also took part in the cross-country qualifying event for all the primary schools in Seaford and we had runners from both Year 5 and 6 competing. We are awaiting the results to see which children have qualified for the next round! As for football, we have attended two U11 Albion in the Community tournaments for both the girls and boys. All children played with a superb attitude and clearly enjoyed the experience, with the boys making the semi-finals and qualified for the regional finals. Well done to all competitors, and we can't wait to see the children's sporting achievements in Terms 3 and 4.





Well done everyone!

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Please enjoy looking at the learning which has taken place in Terms 1 and 2 from each year group.

Reception



The Gingerbread Man

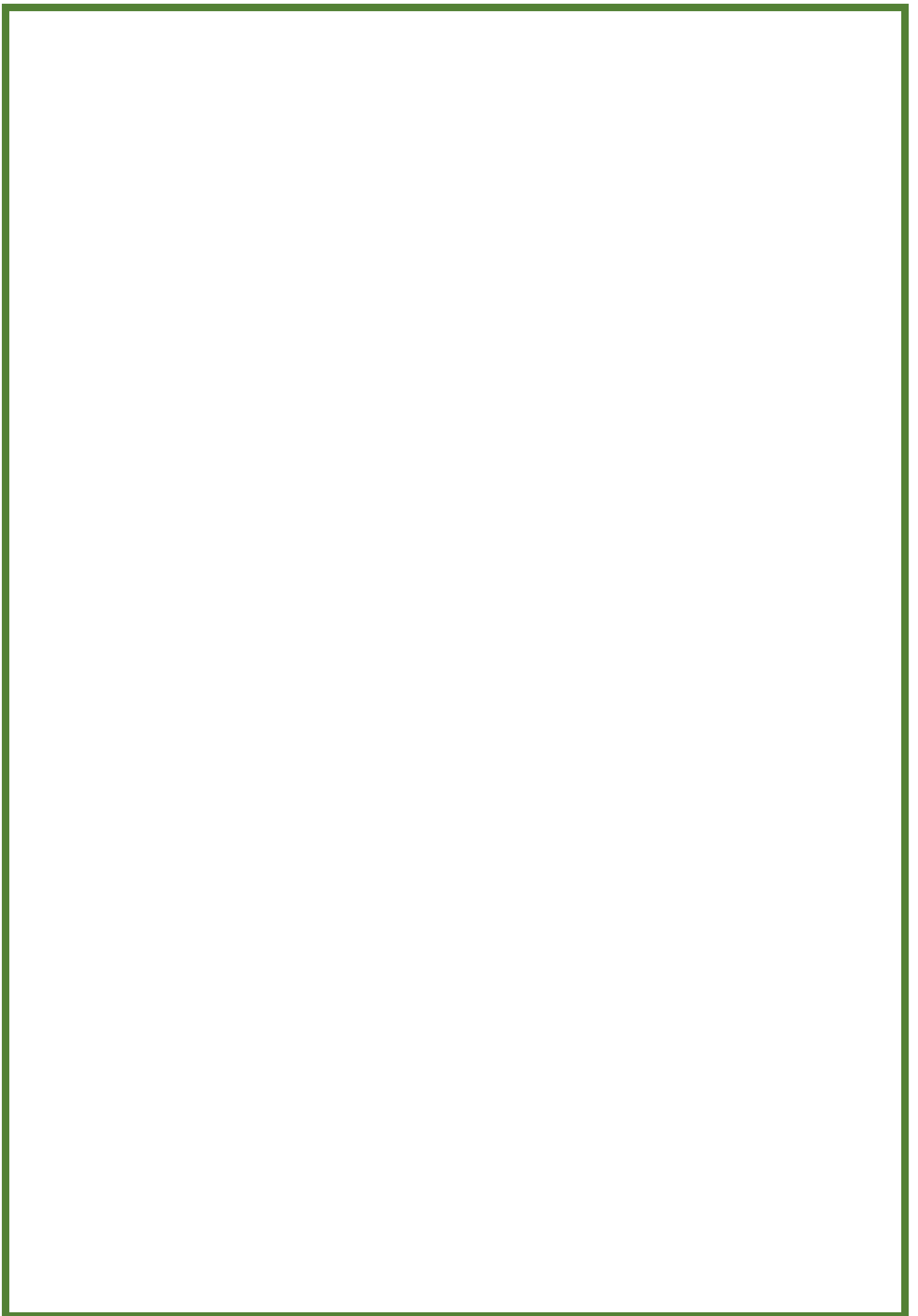
We enjoyed listening to the story and making Gingerbread Men. We were shocked to discover that 2 of the Gingerbread Men had escaped from the oven, so we made missing posters to help us find them. We also did an experiment to see what would have happened to the Gingerbread Man if he had tried to swim away from the fox.



Performing

We performed our version of The Nativity to our adults at home.







Diwali

We learnt about the Hindu, Jain and Sikh festival Diwali. We tried lots of different food from India and made Indian rice pudding called kheer with Riya's mummy.



Visit to St. Peter's Church

We went on our first school trip to St. Peter's Church to learn about St Nicholas. We learnt that he is the patron saint of children and the giver of gifts. Reverend Arwen read us a famous Christmas story, The Night Before Christmas. We learned how to say Father Christmas in different languages too.

Year 1

Term 1 - Ourselves



Year 1 enjoyed using the forest school!

'My favourite bit is climbing and building.'

'I enjoy the team work that we do in forest school.'



Our forest school has been developed and Year 1 helped with some bulb planning in this area.

During our learning adventure about ourselves, the children used pastels to draw a self-portrait.



Term 2 – Destination Out of Space

We started our learning adventure in our rocket classroom and blasted off into space!

We created information books about the moon and the moon landing.



We worked collaboratively to make this display.



As a fabulous finish to our learning adventure, we designed, made and launched rockets.



The children really enjoyed Maths Week. It was great fun swapping classes and being taught Maths by different teachers!

Year 2

Term 1: Food glorious food



Trip to Morrisons

We had a fantastic trip to Morrisons. We explored different food counters and used our shopping list to buy food to take back to school.



I loved our trip to Morrisons, we used the tills. (Harry)

Pumpkin soup – soup making

After reading 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper, we followed a recipe to make our own Pumpkin Soup. We then wrote some instructions for others to follow.



Self portraits

After carefully sketching our self-portrait, we used oil pastels to draw and colour a piece of fruit – this was in the style of artist Margritte.

I drew and painted myself with strawberries on my face (Stevie)



Soup can printing



Inspired by the work of Andy Warhol, we designed a Soup Can, finalised our design on a

polyprint tile, and printed repeats of our design using bright coloured ink.



Term 2: Shackleton

In term 2, we learnt about the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica. We started by thinking about what equipment we would take on an expedition and why.



Forest school – Hunting for a polar bear.



We visited forest school to find clues for the missing polar bear.

'We found fur, scratches and footprints so the polar bear must have been down there!'
(Mikey)

Shackleton ship artwork



We practised creating different marks/pattern/thickness of lines to add detail to our drawing of the 'Endurance'. We then experimented with tones of blue to paint the background sea and sky.

Christmas

We have had lots of fun preparing for Christmas. We did lots of arts and crafts and performed our nativity.



Year 3

Year 3 children have loved learning about The Smugglers in their Learning Adventure in Term 1 and 2.



"I loved going to the Smuggler's Caves. I loved the movie part that told us what they did!"

Harry

"I enjoyed spending time with my class and the teachers. They looked after us when we were scared of the Smugglers! I also loved going to the castle." Maisie



Year 3 children had lots of fun on their trip to the Smuggler's Caves in Hastings and visiting the castle. They were lucky enough to go back in time to discover the deep dark secrets of the smuggler's caves. They explored the underground caverns and passages and tunnels. After this adventure, they also had the opportunity to explore Britain's' first Norman castle built by William the Conqueror.



In our Science lessons in Term 1, the children were learning about Keeping Healthy. They learnt about what makes up a balanced diet, different types of animals and about our bones and skeletons.

We are very proud of our Year 3 buddies who give up some of their play time to support younger children. Benjamin said

"We are here to be your friend".



During Art we have been exploring the work of Joseph Turner. We practised the skills needed to create a wash with watercolours in the style of his work. We then used these skills to extend one of his pictures.



"I really enjoyed the painting
And I was really proud of how
it turned out. I want to be an
artist when I'm older".

Georgia



"I enjoyed having to use my
imagination to extend the
picture and I loved the bit
that I painted".

Alex



Year 4

During term 1, we have been learning about the Romans. Take a look at our Roman shields.
We practised testudo formation and prepared for battle!



Using computers and library books we researched Julius Caesar and created a fact file. We have also explored the origins of Rome through the myth of Romulus and Remus. We reported on this with newspaper articles.



In term 2 we had the exciting opportunity to visit a primary source of history, in the form of Fishbourne Roman Palace!



We admired the amazing mosaics and could not believe the detail!



Our Roman workshop was hands on and interesting! We found out what life was like for rich and poor Romans.

We explored the museum and the grounds (despite the rain) and all in all, had a spectacular day.



Year 5

The first two terms of year 5 have been very busy and successful. The children have enjoyed a range of activities throughout the curriculum.



In term 1 we combined our knowledge of how the Tudor rose was formed with learning how to sew. As you can see, we have whole range of beautiful roses decorating the classroom.



"I enjoyed learning how to stitch and it was fun that we were sewing something Tudor themed."



In term 2 we used measuring, addition and subtraction to work out how to construct a model of a Tudor house. We then used a hacksaw to carefully cut the wood before we assembled the structure. After that, we had to design the walls and roof so that it looked like a Tudor house.



"I liked working as a team and making better friendships and also learning new things that I didn't already know."

"I loved how beautiful and realistic my group made our house."



Our whole class reading book for these two terms was *The Devil and His Boy* written by Anthony Horowitz. The children loved it!

"I researched Moll Cutpurse and Ratsey, and found out they were actually real people!"

In term 2, we learnt about William Shakespeare and studied his play *Macbeth*. This was another favourite amongst the children.

"I think *Macbeth* is absolutely, superbly great!"

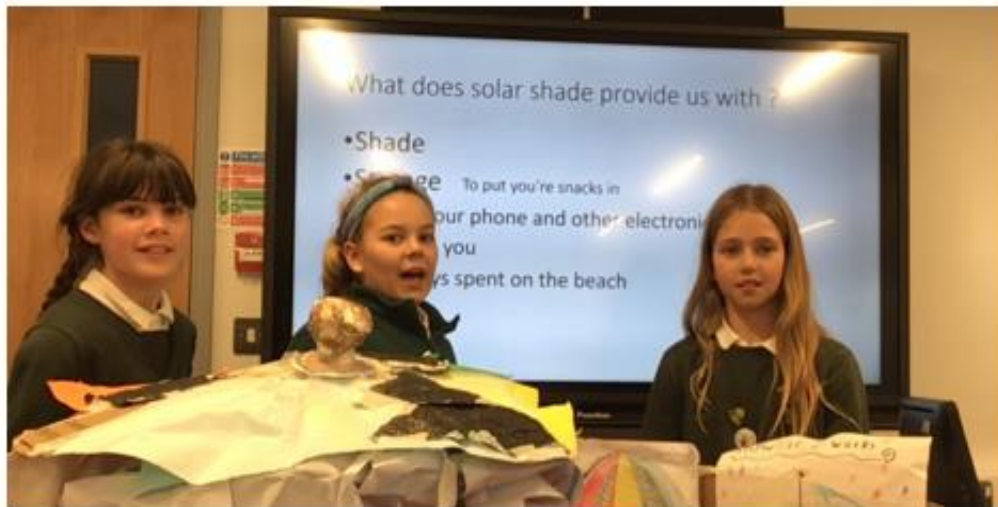


In Maths, we are working on developing an understanding of how and where Maths is used in the real world. This is something we are continuously revisiting with the children to remind them of how important Maths is.

Year 6

The majority of Year 6 have settled in well to their new routines and Year 6 expectations. This is the year that we have to prepare to transition to Secondary School, so Year 6 pupils are focusing on their attitudes to learning and working hard to obtain and remember all the skills they have acquired over the years at Seaford Primary School. So far, they have worked extremely hard and we are proud of their efforts particularly those that are listening carefully to their individual targets and are responding with maturity and resilience!

ROAR 2023



This year we entered our Year 6 pupils into a competition called 'ROAR 2023'. Its intention was to promote an entrepreneurial spirit for all students, unlocking their innovative DNA. We asked the children to create a 'World Changing Idea'.

The competition provided an excellent education opportunity to all students to build confidence in speaking, listening and teamwork skills. It enhanced our curriculum in literacy, maths, science, DT, citizenship and RSHE and drove an entrepreneurial spirit across Year 6.

Above all – it was fun!

They had to work in small teams and create a prototype of an invention that they had designed thinking about its impact on civilisation. They had to consider how it would impact the lives of others, how it would be constructed, detailed and also consider an advert and jingle to go with it! They then had to present their ideas to their class and a winner from each class was selected via a private ballot.

Shortly after, David Skinner, the Roar officer from Uckfield and District lions club, attended our school to select a Seaford Primary winner and their video was shared locally in our district by the ROAR team.

Last week, we found out that the winners of Seaford Primary- Jemima Keysell, Scarlett Hiles and Kaarina Anderson-King from 6TR came 1st in the South East district.

We are so proud of them! Well done girls!

Year 6 have taken part in a range of sporting events outside of school including rugby, football and cross-country competitive activities over these two terms. It is a great to see such enthusiasm for these sporting events

Mr Chapman was particularly impressed with how the children worked as a team, supported each other and enjoyed the events. In the Girls' Under 11 tournaments, at the Sussex FA Ground, Worthing, Sukie was top scorer with 4 goals. Ellis and Finn were also noted as having stand-out performances during the tag-rugby festival.

Performing Arts Club started in term 2 and the children attended after school on a Friday, started to practice for the Christmas play creating scenes and taking on acting, dancing, and stage production roles including using the lights and sound.

We look forward to performing this to parents on Thursday 14th July 2023 at 9.30am on the last week of term.

Our Christmas play is titled 'The Christmas Truce' and is a Christmas musical re-telling of the story set in WW1. German and English soldiers are reminded of the importance of humanity and at a time such as Christmas; the war ended for a short moment and they played a game of football. We are reminded of how war effects family and friends and we see how people come together through love and kindness. Our play signals the ending of our topic of War as we head into our second topic – Natural Disasters for terms 3 and 4.

Here are a few photos of our play during rehearsals – the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking on all the variety of roles in a musical performance! Well done Year 6 – you really worked hard as a team!

