

Shinewater Primary School

"Together We Shine!"

Eastbourne Search and Rescue Local Heroes Visit

To conclude Year 2s learning about Ernest Shackleton, the pupils had an exciting visit from Eastbourne's Search and Rescue Coastguard Team. The team spoke to the children about what would happen in today's world if a ship got in trouble out at sea, and how the team would rescue people who get into difficulty along the coast. The children had a brilliant time trying on the uniform, and using some of the rescue equipment. Alongside all the fun, they also learnt how to stay safe if they visit the sea this year! A big thank you to the Eastbourne Coastguards who came to visit us!

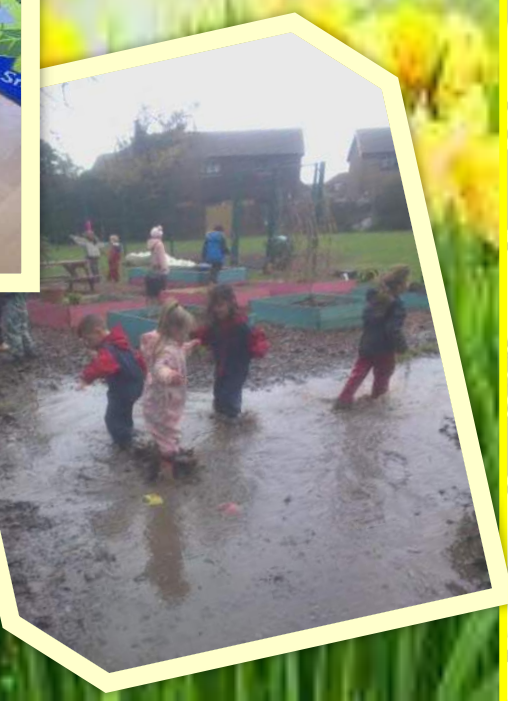


Thank you Miss Logan for organising this.



Little Sunshines Nursery News

Yet another busy and exciting term for our youngest children. The Nursery has done so many wonderful things! We celebrated Chinese New Year in style, made the most of the icy weather, welcomed our new Giant African Land Snails, had the best time in the woods with Miss Logan as well as all our day-to-day experiences. The children also learnt all about the important role of the Coastguard in our community



Squirrels and Hedgehogs in Africa

The Reception Classes have been finding out about the continent of Africa through the book *The Ugly Five* by Julia Donaldson. The children have looked at African instruments, music, food, weather, clothes and animals. Mrs. Costello came to talk to us about her trip to a Ugandan school and we discovered that there are some differences but lots of similarities between this country and England. All the work that the children produced is displayed outside the classrooms.



Year 1 and Katie Morag

This Term in Year One we have been on a journey from Tartan to Tropical! We began our adventures with a Tartan Day, wearing tartan and enjoying stories about a little girl called Katie Morag who lives on a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland.

We have described her two grandmothers in English and even baked some shortbread. We have learnt how to weave and put our new skills into practice, using a variety of materials. We have learnt to use atlases and were excited to find Scotland, Coll and even Eastbourne. We found out about the geographical features on the Island of Coll and had a go at sorting them into physical and human.



A particular highlight of this term was our tropical holiday. All the children changed into their holiday clothes and boarded an aeroplane to Bridgetown, Barbados. When we arrived the children had a relax on the beach, went snorkeling and also had a go at some hula dancing! We have explored the story of The Snail and The Whale and had a go at retelling the story using actions, pictures and words. What a lot to pack into 6 short weeks! Have a wonderful break and we are already looking forward to more fun fantastic learning when we return for Term 4.

Year 2 Explorers

We have had a FANTASTIC term in Year 2, learning all about 'Frozen Kingdom'. We started the term with our stunning start of dressing up as detectives, which led into our History and English learning all about Ernest Shackleton. Over the term we learnt about Ernest Shackleton's Expedition and we found out that on his journey he got stuck in the Weddell Sea! During English we wrote some amazing powerful descriptions about what life was like for Ernest Shackleton and his crew mates in Antarctica, and in History we discovered more about what life was like for Ernest Shackleton by asking lots of exciting questions! We found out that Ernest and his crew mates ate penguin stew!



We also conducted many Science experiments throughout the term relating to our topic of 'Everyday Materials'. We received a postcard from Ernest Shackleton and we had to help him find a way to melt the ice as quickly as possible using everyday materials. We had ice balloons which we wrapped in foil, a piece of fabric, a cotton jumper, a plastic bag and we left one out in the open. We found out leaving ice out in the open air helps it to melt the quickest!

Finally, Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Coast Guard team of East Sussex! The children learnt all about staying safe at sea, how to 'abseil' wearing a harness, they got to try on life jackets, learnt how to save their friend if they were drowning at sea and got to try on the Coast Guard uniform, as well as look at the equipment in the Coast Guard vehicle and listen to the siren! A HUGE thank you to Miss Logan for organising this fantastic visit, the children had a great time! The children still don't believe that Miss Logan is a Coast Guard in Eastbourne as well as their Outdoor Learning teacher.



Year 3 Active Learning

Year 3 have had a jam-packed Term 3 full of amazing learning opportunities! The children enjoyed meeting Rebecca-Louise Smith on Zoom and found out some amazing facts about her Mount Everest expedition. The children were inspired by her story and have thought of things they would like to achieve in the future. In Art, the children have worked hard to recreate a painting in the style of 'Claude Monet. They have learnt lots of new skills such as; mixing secondary colours, using different watercolour techniques and how to use different brushes using acrylic paints. The children loved showing their grown-ups their fabulous artwork in our 'Shinewater Hall Gallery'! We love celebrating their learning and exceptional work with you all.



Year 4 Scientists

This term, Year 4 have been learning about sound in science. We learnt some new vocabulary including vibration, pitch and volume. We conducted a range of experiments to show vibration travelling through different mediums. Our favourite experiment, however, was creating our own 'telephones' made out of string and paper cups!

Our history topic this term has been the Romans. We started to investigate the reasons why and how the Romans invaded so many countries. We also looked the Roman invasion from Boudicca's perspective and wrote a narrative and description from the perspective of a child in Ancient Britain. We have particularly loved Design and Shine where we are creating recycled soft sock toys! We conducted market research and designed our products based on the findings!

Year 4 are looking forward to next term. We are rapidly approaching our Times Tables test in Term 5 so the teachers are encouraging all children to practice on Times Table Rockstars at home.

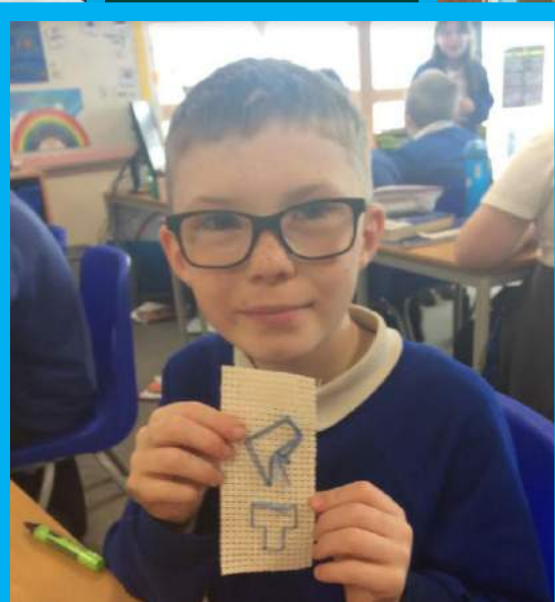
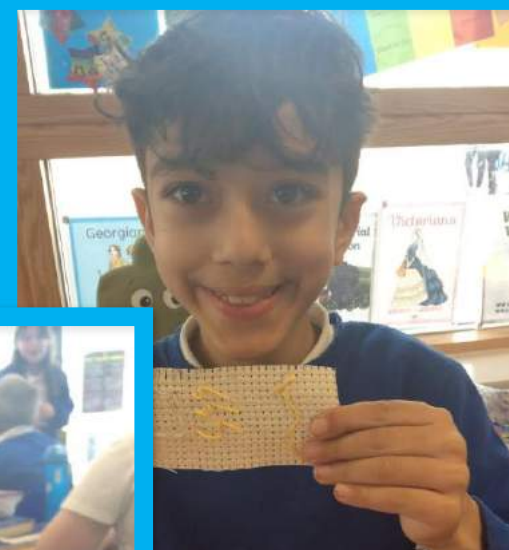


Year 5 and The Vikings

Year 5 have had a busy term learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings! In History, the children have learnt about the push and pull factors that encouraged the Anglo-Saxons to invade England and what life was like during the Viking times. In English, they have written fantastic diary entries as Gunnar from our class text: Viking Boy.

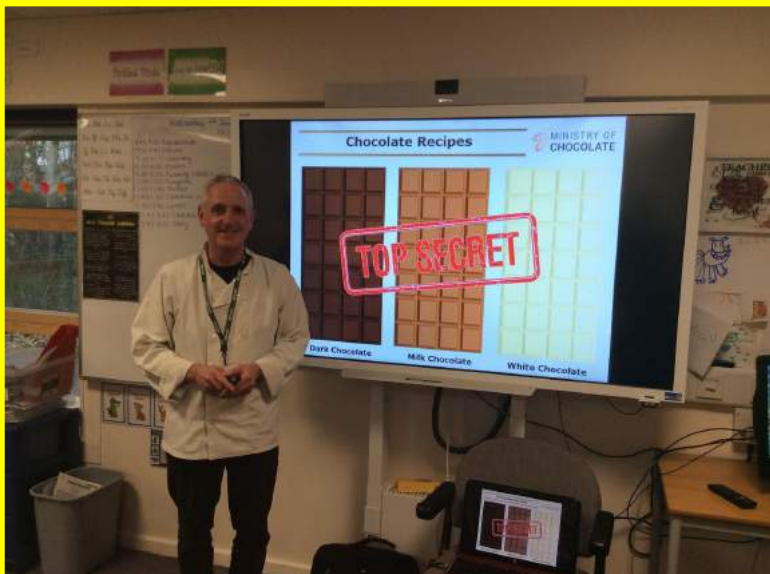
In Art, the children have created wonderful bookmarks inspired by traditional Viking artwork! They had to be Resilient Rhinos, when learning the new sewing skills but they all persevered and should be very proud of their achievements.

We hope you have a restful half term! We can't wait to see you all for term 4!



Year 6 Action Packed Term

What a term Year 6 has had! We started off our 'From Bean To Bar' Learning Adventure with a Chocolate workshop led by Level 10 Chocolatologist, Carl from the Ministry of Chocolate! He spoke to us about the geography and history of chocolate (dating right back to the Mayan people) and gave us the chance to handle cocoa pods, taste cocoa nibs, test dark and milk chocolate using all our senses and...even create a chocolatey treat of our own!

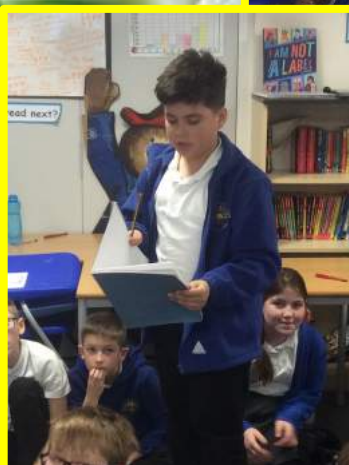
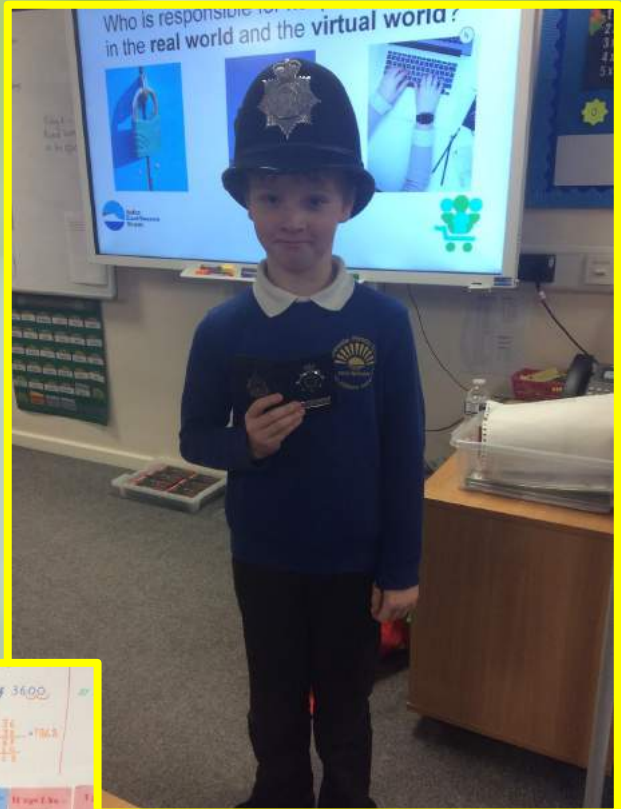


Towards the end of January, we welcomed the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Jane King. She spoke to Year 6 about her role, giving them the opportunity to ask lots of questions. We were fascinated to hear about the different responsibilities and challenges that she has taken on. We were also very interested to find out the history behind the formal dress of the High Sheriff - the hat is decorated with ostrich feathers and traditionally, the buttons on the coat were made from the studs of soldiers' boots!



Year 6

Throughout this term, Year 6 has had a series of visits from Dave Law, a retired police officer who is now a Prevent Project Support Officer working with the Safer East Sussex Team. We have looked at a real example of a hate crime, what stereotypes are and what positive relationships look like. Dave taught us some very useful techniques for avoiding potentially risky situations and people and we learnt about unhealthy relationships and how to deal with people that may seem to be our friends but really are not! We also looked at the law around social media and cyber-bullying.



Year 6 brought their 'From Bean To Bar' Learning Adventure to a close on Monday with a Great Debate. The children were given the following question to consider: 'Chocolate: Are we sacrificing biodiversity for pleasure?' The children researched one side of the argument and then wrote and presented speeches to articulate their views which they did brilliantly. The final part of the task was for the children to decide whether they were for or against cocoa farming. Year 6 could not decisively claim to be either - with many opting for a balanced view saying that it should continue but with some changes to promote fair trade, to increase biodiversity and to reduce and reverse the environmental impacts of deforestation. It was a great way to finish off our topic!

E-Safety Information-Be Kind

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face.



Dr Linda Papadopoulos (Internet Matters Ambassador) provides tips on how you can help your child to be kind online in this YouTube video such as teaching them how to be inclusive and think about how they would like to be treated online themselves:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BqKi3J7g6Q&t=9s>

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or see something that worries them) then they should not reply or engage in conversation with them, but that they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

Unicef have a comprehensive area on their website, which talks about what Cyberbullying is and how to stop it:

<https://www.unicef.org/end-violence/how-to-stop-cyberbullying>



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Childline also have a lot of information about Cyberbullying, including advice to those that might be bullying:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>

We're often asked how long children should spend on their devices each day. Childnet have created a blog discussing why it is difficult to specify a limit and what you should consider. You can read it here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/screen-time-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>



 Childnet

Sporting News from Mr Birch

Some of our year 2 children got the opportunity to take part in a multi-sports festival at Eastbourne Sports Park! There were lots of different skills such as parachute games, balancing, running, hoops and more! They were so fun, even Mr Birch and Mr Gibbons got involved in the stations! A big thank you to the Sussex Downs College leaders and students for taking us around and being excellent with the children.



A huge congratulations to our KS1 football team for making the play-offs in the KS1 football festival last Tuesday! After winning their first game 4-0, they played some very good teams and secured a place in the play-offs! What makes it even more amazing is that this was their first experience of playing other schools! Their team spirit was brilliant and every player worked so hard, even in the freezing cold weather. Couldn't be more proud of the team, they were definitely Teamwork Tigers!

Bedrock Vocabulary Champions

Congratulations to our Bedrock 'Word Champions' for January:
Leo G-R in 5HE, who scored the most points in the school and
Cassius in 6LS, who made the most progress!

Your achievements are an **inspiration** to us all!

Shinewater Pupil Alex is the Team Mascot for London Irish

Alex in 3LC has had a wonderful experience being the match day mascot for premiership rugby team London Irish. They played rivals Harlequins and won. He had an amazing day and one he will never forget.



A Message from Miss Logan

The children made the most of the heavy rain we had last month, and got suited and booted for lots of muddy play in Outdoor Learning! There is no such thing as bad weather...only the wrong clothes!



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Other helpful websites:

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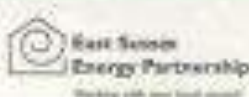
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Finally...Make Lunch...Free Lunch



16th February 2023

Pull up a seat, you are welcome!

We all know that life is getting expensive and feeding hungry kids in the holiday's costs a lot.

So, come and join us for lunch! There will be a warm welcome, a hot nutritious meal for the whole family, a craft for the children and a chance to sit with a cuppa for the adults and it's all free!

Where:

St Barnabas Church
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When:

Thursday 16th February
**Register from 1145,
food served at 1230**

For more information: 07835 597688 or makelunch@rolcc.uk.

**Julie and the team would love to
see you soon**

MakeLunch @ St B's is a local initiative with Transforming Lives for Good (tlg.org.uk). The project is overseen and supported by River of Life Community Church Eastbourne.