

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

24.05.24

End of Term 5



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

Mr Dean's Message

We have had a fantastic term here at Hamsey, full of adventures, learning and kindness. Our Create: Landscape project is in full-swing impressive artwork being produced across the school, along with some very thoughtful analysis. As I type this I can hear the instruments in full-use in Foxes Class, and I know that children across the school will be delving further into The Arts in Term 6. I cannot wait to see what they get up to.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 5 to Cuckmere Haven this week, and as always, they did us proud, demonstrating resilience, politeness and a sense of community adventure. The whole-school trip to The Depot was a great success and we all enjoyed being together as our Hamsey family.

Well done to Year 6 for their hard work with their SATs. They took it in their stride and I know they all tried their very best, supported by our wonderful Owls Class team.

Term 6 is always a busy time, so please make sure children get some time to rest and relax over the half term, ready for the last push of adventures and hard work before the summer holiday.

A plea from me - please support the PTA with the upcoming Hamsey Summer Fair on Friday 12th July. Further details to follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

IMPORTANT DATES



June 2024

- Mon 3rd - Term 6 begins
- Tues 4th - Dogs Trust workshops
- Mon 10th - Phonics screening week
- Thurs 20th - EY welcome meeting
- Thurs 20th - Vision/hearing screening
- Fri 21st - School photos
- Fri 21st - Y4 to Beechwood Hall
- Sat 22nd - Y4 Depot Climate Action
- Mon 24th - Sports Day
- Tues 25th - Y6 PATINA making
- Weds 26th - Y6 PATINA making

ATTENDANCE & LOST MINUTES OF LEARNING

**IN SCHOOL, ON TIME,
EVERY DAY, LEARNING READY**

Attendance:

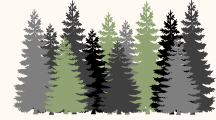
Please remember that unless your child is not well enough, they need to be at school every day.

Our current school attendance: **93%**
Out school attendance target: **97%**

Punctuality:

A reminder that the side gate closes at 8.40am. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child to the school office and complete a red slip to explain why you are late.

Forest School/ Outdoor Learning - Term 6



Date	AM	PM
6th June	Y2	Y4
13th June	Y2	Y4
20th June	Y3	Y1
27th June	Y3	Y1
4th July	Y6	YR
11th July	Y5	YR
18th July	Y5	-

Hamsey Summer Fair



Our fantastic PTA are working hard to organise our summer fair, with more details to follow soon. Please save the date of **Friday 12th July**.

The fair will be open to members of the public, so please spread the word far and wide and invite your friends and family.

If you are able to help with organisation, please speak to Mr Dean who can put you in touch with those in the know. Any help would be much-appreciated to support this event and raise money for the school.

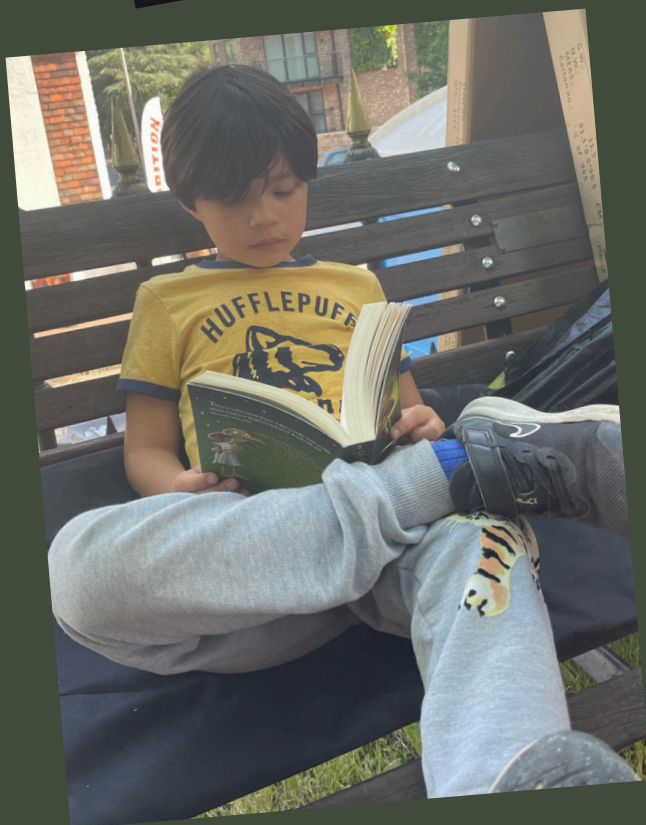


Thank you to those of you who shared your reading adventures with us!

Get Caught Reading

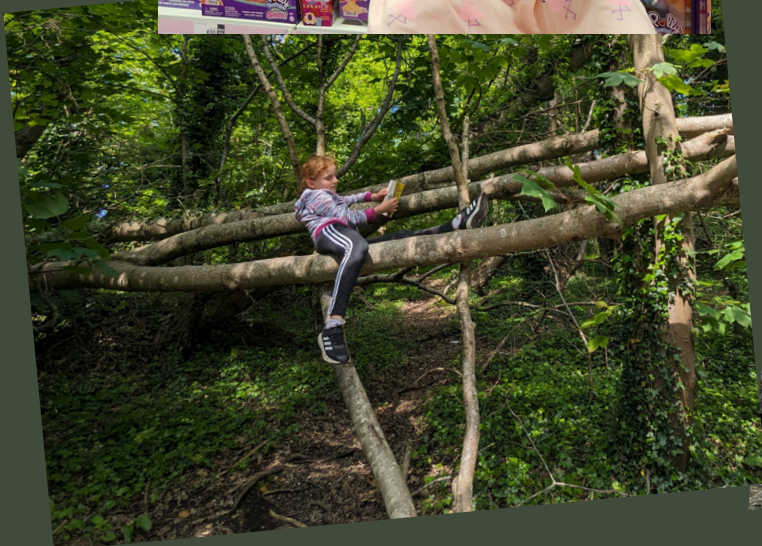


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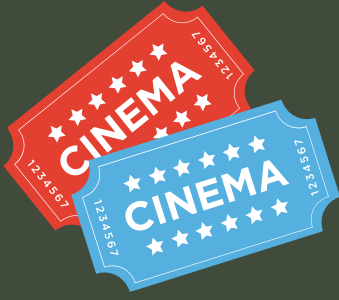




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Whole-School Trip

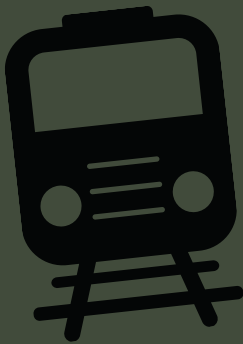


We had a wonderful adventure to Lewes this week! One of the many things that makes Hamsey so special is the way we work together as a team, and it certainly felt like one big family as we headed out on the train. All the staff were very impressed by how sensible and polite the children were and I am sure it is an experience that will stay with them. A BIG thank you to the PTA for making it possible.

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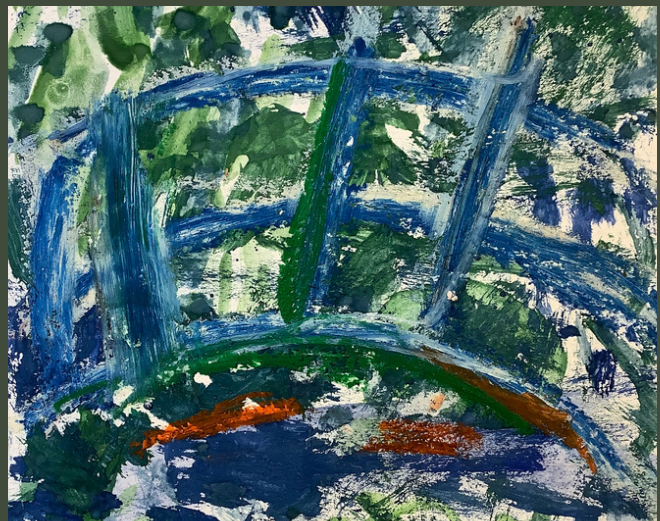
HEDGEHOGS CLASS



Wow, what a fantastic term Hedgehogs have had!

We have looked at a range of artists including Jules Annis, Helen Oxenbury, Van Gogh, Poppy Key and Monet. We have tested out different materials including watercolours, mono prints, oil pastels, collage, digital art and sewing.

For music, we've been singing along to the repeated refrains, using body percussion and learning all about different stringed instruments with inspiration from 'The Musical Storyland' series on CBeebies. We also studied Monet's 'Water Lilies' and built our own bridges based on famous architecture.



ALT analyse Monet's The Water Lily Pond. Date: 7/05/24

What do you see?
I see lillies, trees and a

Where is it?
bridge In a garden in Paris

How was the picture created?
oil paints

What might you see if you look down from the bridge?
frog

Musical Storyland – The Three Billy Goats Gruff 14/05/24

Name the instruments used and describe the sounds they made during the performance.

Aston: you have notes or notes you can put it up in the air

James: The smaller instruments play more lighter, happier songs

Aston: Cellos are big they have to lean on the floor

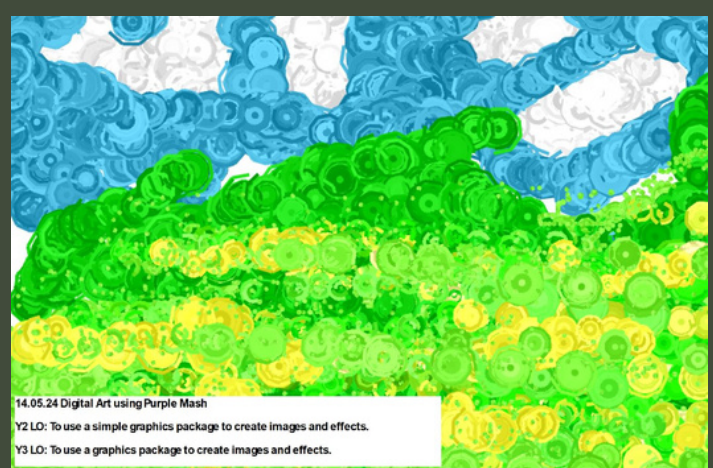
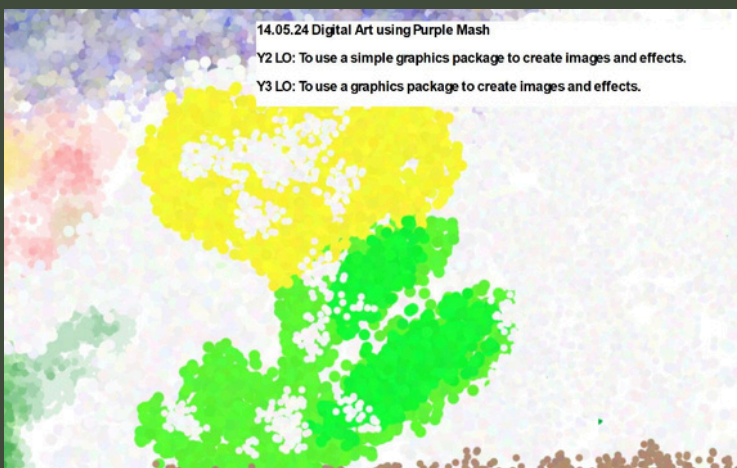
Aston + James: The double bass is really deep and it makes creepy rounder music.

FOXES CLASS



Foxes Class have had a fantastic term! We have really enjoyed our science topic about plants. The children observed what happened to the seeds we planted when deprived of warmth, light or water. We also had a great lesson identifying parts of a plant and making them out of objects from around the classroom.

The children have channelled their creativity in our music and art sessions this term. We have learned about the music of George Fenton and Howard Shore and have analysed pieces of music, talking about how they make they feel and why. In art we had a go at our own prints inspired by Japanese Ukiyo-e woodblock printing and created Pointillism-inspired digital landscapes, some of which you can see below.



BADGERS CLASS



Badgers Class have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Create: Landscapes' project. We have been studying lots of different artists including Jules Annis (our Artist in Residence), Eric Ravilious and David Hockney. We have created our own landscapes inspired by these artists and focused on the elements of line, texture and colour. In music, we have created and performed our own compositions and studied rhythm, duration, tempo, melody and pitch. We have listened to music by Anna Meredith, STOMP, Beethoven and Bob Marley. We have even been dancing to Greek music, changing our movements to the tempo!

We have also been painting the signs for the wildflower trail at Beechwood Hall. We are so proud of them and are really looking forward to exhibiting them at The Depot on Saturday 22nd June. Please come and join us from 11:00 - 3:00.



OWLS CLASS



A HUGE well done to Year 6 for completing their SATS tests this term! We are so proud of all your hard work leading up to the tests and for handling the SATS week with Hamsey **pride** and **determination**! Year 6 enjoyed a delicious SATS breakfast on each of their test days. This was a lovely opportunity to sit together and get into a positive mindset for the day ahead. Following the test days, Year 6 pupils from across the Skylark Federation gathered together for a SATS treat, where lots of sporting and crafting fun was had!

This week, Year 6 were visited by the PATINA team who revealed that this year Year 6 will be dressing up as MUSHROOMS for the 'Y6 Moving on Parade' with the theme: Welcome to our Table! The children had a very informative presentation from Greencuisine Trust who talked about the importance of local and home-grown food for both our planet and health. They were shown some incredible mushrooms which we were delighted to hear were grown here in Cooksbridge! The children then got to work designing their costumes for the parade along with their PATINA artist, Leigh. The children will make the costumes in Term 6, ready for the PATINA parade on 5th July.



OWLS CLASS



Year 5 had a fantastic adventure day at Cuckmere Haven taking part in a variety of watersport challenges! This included: raft building, paddle boarding and kayaking!

Mr Dean (who braved the waters with them!) was very proud of the Year 5 children. Once again, Hamsey's ethos of kindness and inclusion shone throughout the day as the children worked together and encouraged each other.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Year 5 for being so supportive of the Year 6 pupils during their SATS preparation and final exams. Year 5 were delighted that all this SATS preparation meant more music and art for them as we began our Create project on Landscape!



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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.