



Newsletter – TERM 2 2021

Welcome to the second Newsletter of this academic year. Here we aim to share with you the achievements of this term and take some time to promote activities that you and your children might enjoy outside of school hours.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents,

It is lovely to be back. I have missed the Lenham Primary family. I have popped around the school and seen all the children and staff, as well as getting back to Zumba.

Christmas is one of my favourite times of year. It is my BIG thank you time. I firstly would like to say thank you to Mrs Culver, who along with Mrs Martin, Mrs Pike and Mrs Grieve has looked after the school amazingly. They have worked so incredibly hard and I am extremely grateful for everything they have done. I would also like to thank Mrs Downes for helping support the Senior Leadership team.

Secondly, I need to thank the wonderful Lenham Primary Staff, who have continued to teach fantastic and engaging lessons. The children are happy and excited and that is down to your dedication- thank you.

I must thank the PTFA who do an amazing job, thank you for your continued hard work. It is very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank parents for your continued support, the Lenham Primary family is not complete without you.

Finally, I need to thank our remarkable children. Thank you for your smiles, hard work, personal excellence, respect, resilience, friendship, understanding and inspiration. You make everyone very proud.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am really looking forward to seeing you all in Term 3 on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Mrs McCluskey



On Wednesday we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Catmull. We will miss her and thank her for all her hard work.

We will be welcoming Mrs Georghiou in January to rainbow. Mrs Humberson will work Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Georghiou will be working Thursday and Friday.

TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOWCASE

Year R

We started this term exploring Autumn. We went for a breezy Autumn walk around the school grounds spotting signs of Autumn and collecting leaves to make a Leaf man.



The following week we made bird feeders with seeds and meal worms!



For the rest of this term, we learnt about Traditional Tales and focused on a different story each week: Red Riding Hood-we loved dressing up and acting out the story in Granny's cottage role play area!



The Three Little Pigs-we drew pictures of pigs and decorated 'pig' biscuits! They were delicious!



The Gingerbread Man-Of course we baked our own gingerbread men!



Goldilocks and the Three Bears-We had lots of fun mixing porridge, drawing bears and making bear masks.

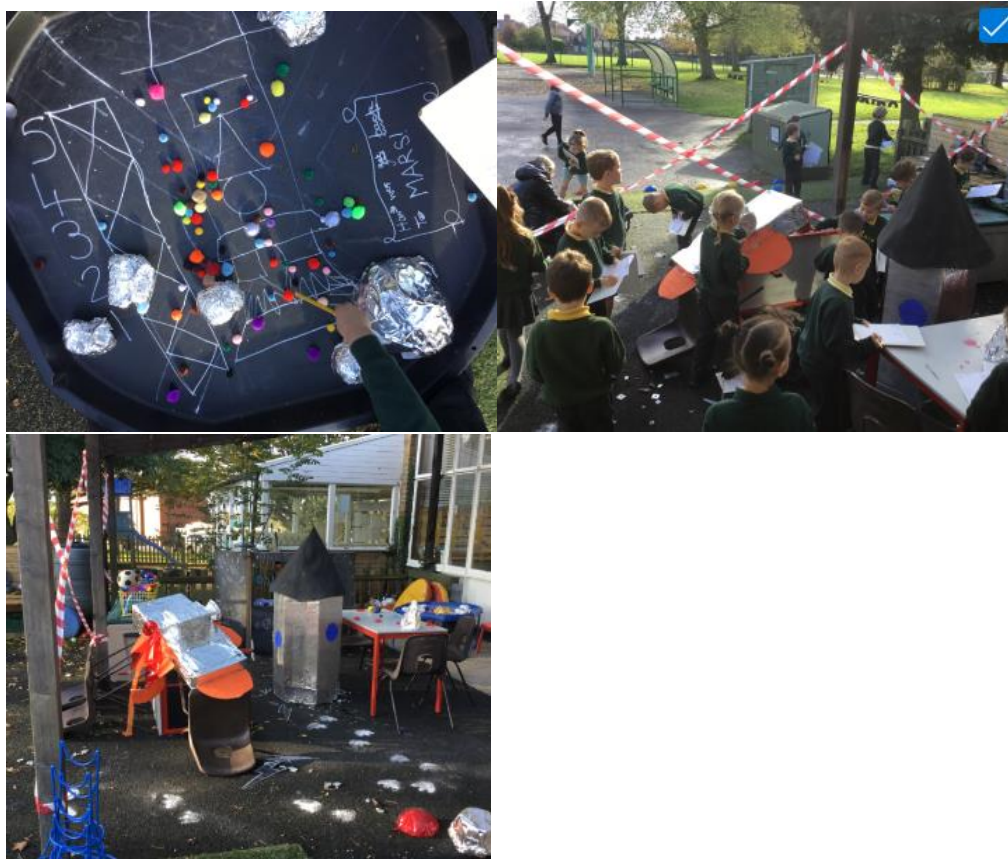


In Maths, we have been exploring the composition of numbers and building them in different ways.



Year 1

This term Class 1 have really enjoyed our 'Moon Zoom' topic! It started off with a bang, when the children investigated an alien landing outside Class 1! There were crashed rockets, footprints, slime and moon rocks everywhere!



An alien called Beegu came to visit our class! She was the star character in a book we studied and we also had the opportunity to make our own Beegus in class!



Finally, we made Mrs Martin and Mrs Miller very proud in our Prickly Hay Nativity, and we loved performing it for our delighted parents!

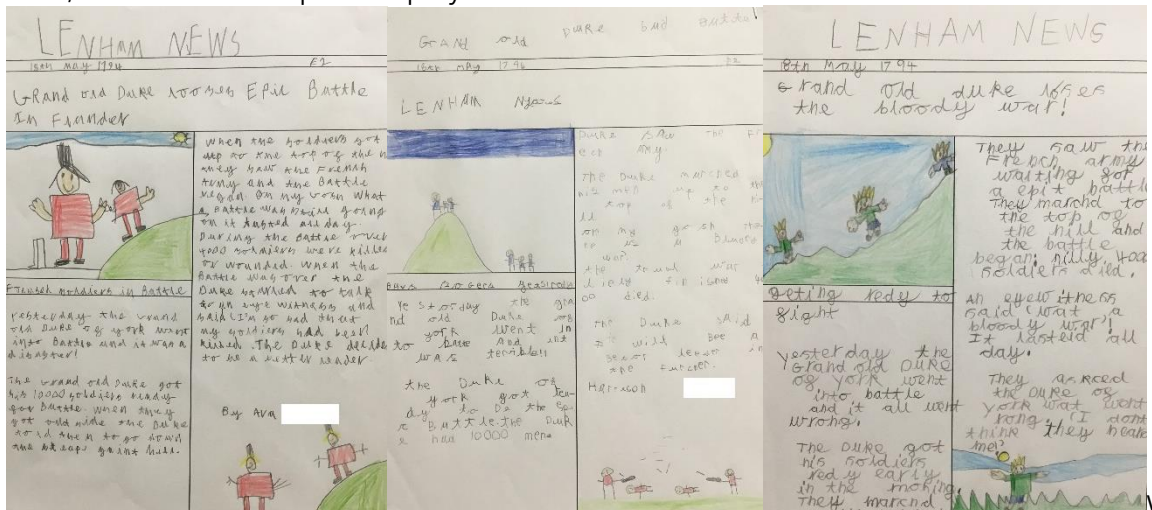


Year 2

We have really enjoyed our 'Beat Band Boogie' topic this term! We've had lots of fun creating a variety of musical instruments in our D.T lessons and singing lots of rhymes (complete with marching) in music.



In English, we created some fantastic newspaper reports all about The Grand Old Duke of York, which are now up on display in the main corridor!



We were lucky enough to have a special visit from a lady called Jo who works for the Fire&Rescue service. She taught us all about fire safety.



We ended the term with our wonderful nativity! Mrs Richardson, Miss Bishop and Miss Crossley thought we were superstars on the stage!

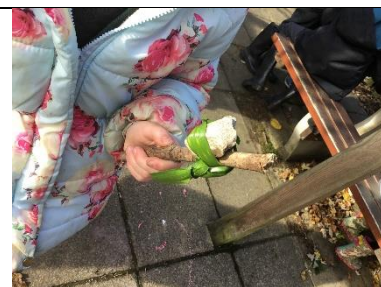


Year 3

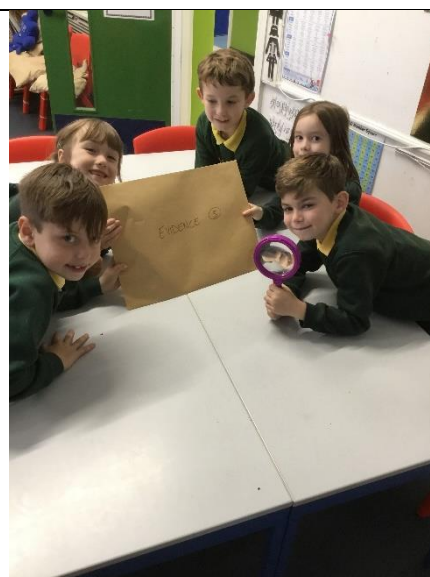
Year 3 have had a blast in the past!

We have been travelling 'Through the Ages', exploring and learning so much about how people lived and the changes that happened.

We started by becoming Stone Age inventors to make tools for cutting, mashing and peeling vegetables using only natural materials.



Class 3 really enjoyed becoming 'archaeology detectives' to examine secret evidence files about Skara Brae.



We have completed timelines to map the chronology and events of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and discovered so much about how the people and the world changed thousands of years ago!

In Art, we explored Stone Age cave paintings and drew our own to decorate our book corner.

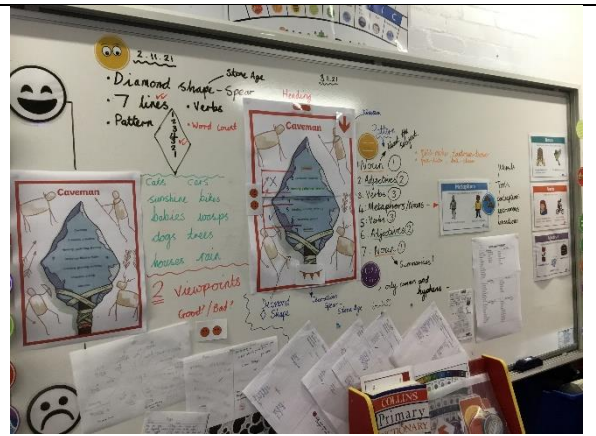


We sketched, designed and created our own Bell Beaker Pottery- They all looked amazing!





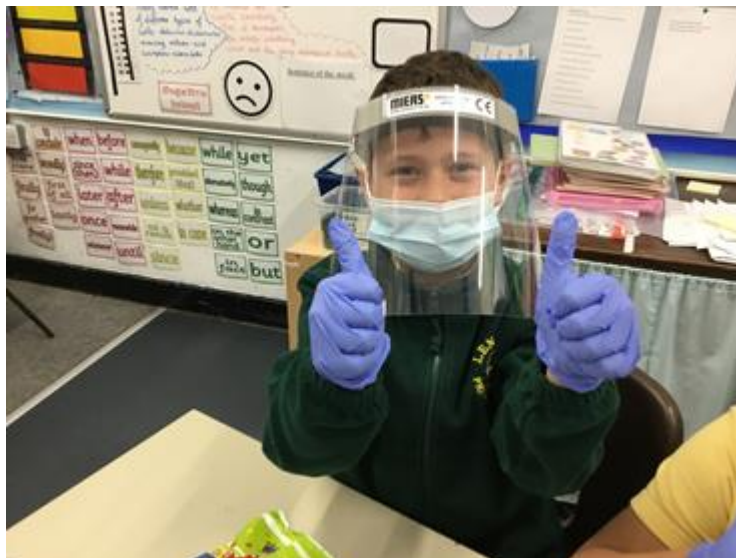
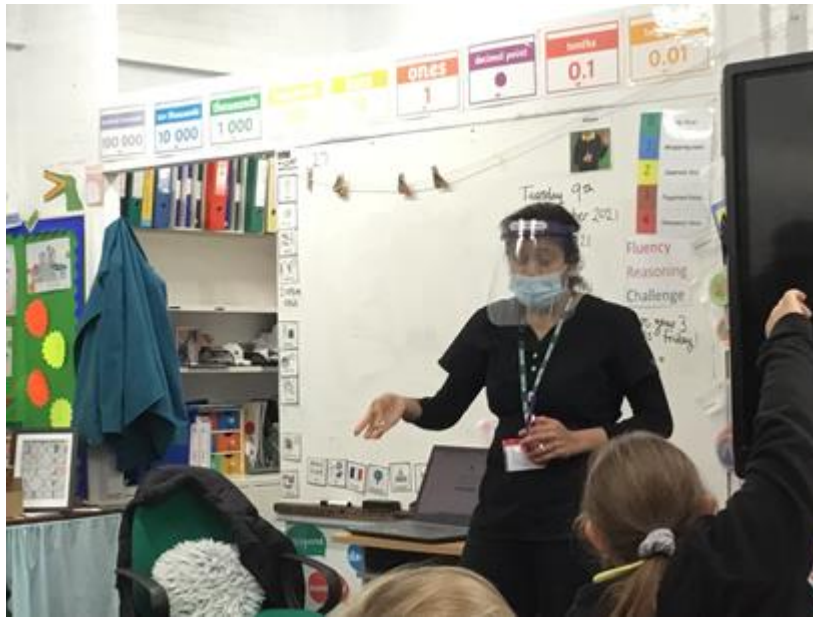
In English, we explored and wrote our own Stone Age diamante poems, learning the techniques and patterns for this genre. We also wrote some fantastic descriptive sentences based on the adventure story- Stone Age Boy.



Year 4

This term year 4 have been learning about the digestive system!

They started the term with a visit from the dentist:



They made sandwich board- style wearable digestive systems...



They used Weetabix to recreate how digestion works (including tights to represent the intestines!)



Here is a knitted digestive system that year 4 used to learn the scientific words for our digestive organs:



Part of the topic was also learning about teeth and how to keep them healthy. Year 4 used plaque revealing tablets to learn about tooth hygiene:

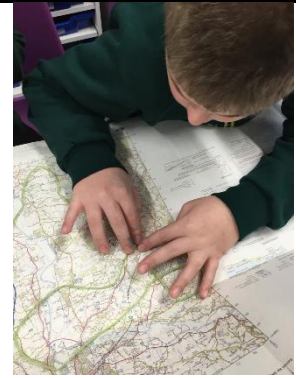


Year 5

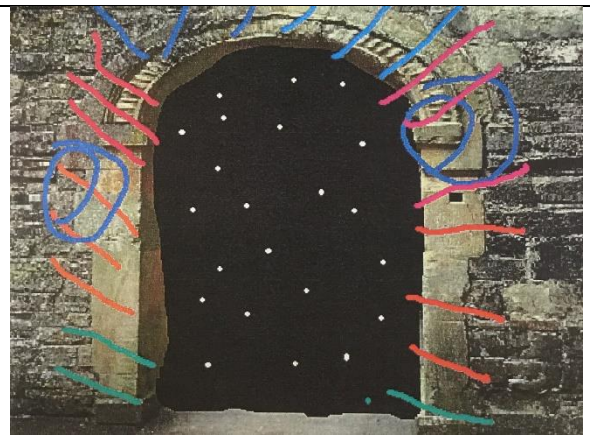
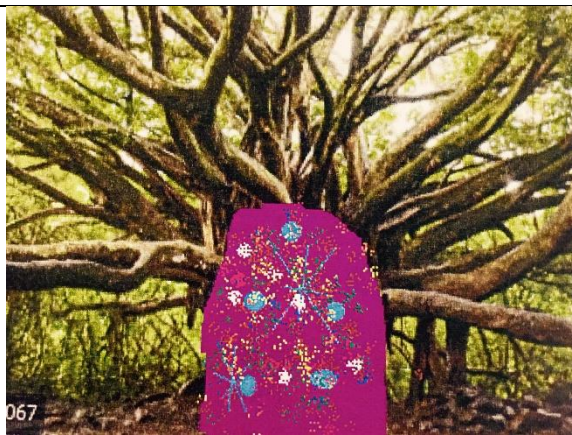
Class 5 have enjoyed lots of science this term with reversible and irreversible changes (fountain of Gold), dissolving sugar to saturation point, making circuits and finding out the properties of different samples from Alchemy Island. They have used the Periodic Table to identify the scientific symbols for Gold (Au), iron (Fe) and other elements.



They have also improved their mapwork skills by finding routes across Alchemy Island using 6-figure grid references and recognising contour lines as indicators of slope.



ICT has also been enjoyable this term and the children have used programming to make routes around Alchemy Island, created game boards and artistically enhanced photographs to give the effect of magical portals. They loved creating their own avatars to place on the map of Alchemy Island.



Year 6

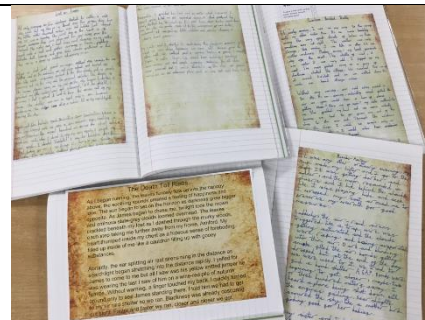
This term's topic has been 'A Child's War' and what a busy term it has been! The children have enjoyed a WW2 Evacuee experience day, with fantastic costumes on show, and received letters from home which they then replied to. They tasted mashed potato chocolate spread (it's not as bad as it sounds) and vinegar cake (which luckily didn't taste of vinegar).



Year 6 have excelled themselves in DT this term and shown such creativity in designing and making their own mini Anderson shelters. After constructing a wooden frame, the children used a range of materials to create their finished shelters which look amazing.



In their English lessons, the children have produced blackout poetry, short stories which describe an air raid in the Blitz and diaries in role as evacuees. They have also used their research skills to learn about The Battle of Britain, propaganda, rationing and the life of Anne Frank. If that wasn't enough, they have even created their own WW2 themed websites using Google Sites and used circuits in science to send messages in Morse Code!



The term ended with Year 6 showcasing their learning in their class assembly. Fantastic job, Year 6!

Next term, we travel to the polar regions for our Frozen Kingdoms topic.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS



Open Afternoons for prospective parents

Mrs McCluskey led the tours with the help of some amazing Year 6 tour guides. The afternoons were well attended by 48 families who are considering Lenham Primary as their choice of school for September 2022

Kent Fire and Rescue - fire safety workshops

On Thursday 11th of November, Jo from Kent Fire and Rescue, completed fire safety workshops with every class across the school. The children were engaged in learning about fire safety in the home and what to do if you need the help of the fire service.



Children in Need 2021

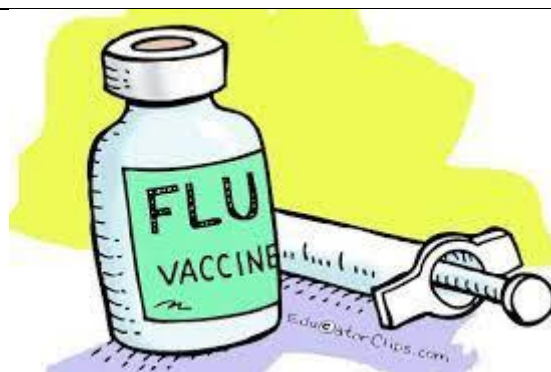
On Friday 19th November the whole school supported this year's Children in Need campaign with a 'Fancy Dress Friday'. There was also the option to wear pyjamas to school too (this is always a popular choice).

We raised £234 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to all parents and children for supporting of this event.

Flu vaccinations

On Wednesday 24th November the Kent and Medway immunisation team were in school to vaccinate those children who requested a flu vaccine.

164 children were vaccinated during the day.





On Tuesday 7th December the **Family Trust** were in school to treat the children to a performance of 'The Come on Inn' as part of our school wide Christmas celebrations. The performance was well received and, although, held virtually the atmosphere was great and the enjoyment was clear to see.



The anti-bullying ambassadors have had a few meetings over the weeks and are up and running. Let your children know that we will be on the field/playground with rainbow lanyards around our necks. When we come back from Christmas we will be having an assembly.

By Peggy and Annabelle

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

was held on Wednesday 15th December. Fiona, Anna and Keeley prepared and served a delicious Christmas menu for 163 children and staff. Plastic free crackers were sourced and purchased by our PTA for the children to enjoy.

The children really got into to the Christmas spirit with a wide range of jumpers being worn.

We raised an amazing £82.00 for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper fundraising campaign.

Thank you to everyone for organising, preparing, cooking, serving, wearing and donating to make this a great event.



PRIDE VALUES AND REWARDS

This term we have focused on the **R - respect and resilience**, school value. The most popular way to be rewarded was to show respect to our school environment by tidying away after an activity. Certificates were also awarded for showing resilience when facing a new challenge and showing respect for others. In total **218 certificates** were awarded across the school.

Next term the school will be focusing on the **I – inspiration**, school value.

HOUSE POINTS FOR TERM 1

The house with the most House Points this term is

DALEY

Well done to all the members of Daley house. You will be enjoying a Non-Uniform day on **Thursday 6th January 2022** for this achievement.

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

A few weeks ago, Mrs Porter and I had a very interesting visit to Rainbow class. The children were enjoying the topic of Fairy Stories and were learning lots of new skills through the resources that had been set out for them.

In the indoor classroom a group of children were engaged with the creative resources and were using scissors, paper, glue etc. Other children were in the home corner and some were exploring the dressing up resources.

Outside a small group of children were engrossed in the writing area on the blackboard and were using chunky pens to make marks and write letters. Some children were quite involved in the themed 'The Three Little Pig' resources. Straw, sticks, and bricks were set out for the children to explore and their names were hidden in the straw on small laminated labels. The children enjoyed the challenge of finding and recognising their names. A den had been set up with blankets and two children were inside. A group of children were also building with the big blocks making a 'McDonalds'. We were offered tea and refreshments at the drive through although I think the charge of 'a million pounds' was a bit steep. Outside the children also had the opportunity of an exciting climbing area, gutters and pipes and a mud kitchen to explore.

We were made to feel very welcome by the children and staff and we thanked them when we left. We look forward to our next visit later in year.

Mrs Sweetland

Early Years Governor

PTA NEWS

🎄 Christmas card fundraiser 🎄

Thank you to all the parents who purchased the cards, mugs and calendars that were individually designed by your children. We had a great response and the designs looked amazing.

🎄 Christmas Shopping Event 🎄

We have had a good response to our infamous Christmas Shopping Event. The gifts have all been wrapped by Santa's Helpers (member of our PTA) and were placed in the hall so children could choose their gifts in time for Christmas. The gifts had one of the following tags on them so that gifts for 'Him' and 'Her' were easily identified.



🎄 Christmas crackers for Christmas Lunch 🎄

We have been more than happy to supply crackers for the Christmas lunch this year. We were asked by the school to try and source plastic-free crackers and we are pleased to say we were successful 😊. We hope that all the children enjoy their lunch and cracker!

🎁 Class presents 🎁

As has been a tradition for a few years now, the PTA have asked each class what they would like as a Christmas present. The items, up to the value of £50 per class, have been purchased by the school and will be given to the classes this week. Obviously, we can't share what the gifts are, (🧑 the man in the big red coat isn't due just yet), but we are sure that the children will all appreciate and enjoy them. 🎁



Come join us!

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The ongoing pandemic has had an overwhelming effect on some families and Kent County Council are actively trying to recruit new foster carers to help support our vulnerable children and young people.

If you are interested and require any further information, please call the number above.