



Newsletter – TERM 3 2021-2022

Welcome to the third 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

I cannot believe we are at the end of another term!

This term I have completed learning walks, looked at books and enjoyed talking to the children about their learning. I have been amazed by Year 5 and 6 with their writing, the use of vocabulary is fantastic. Year 4 have been working incredibly hard on their times tables with lots of battles taking place. Year 3 have had some great discussion in RE this term. I also had the pleasure of teaching Year 3 and was incredibly proud of their resilience. Year 2 have been working on co-operative learning and I've seen how well they have worked together, especially in Forest School. Finally, I have enjoyed reading with Year 1 and seeing their emotion dancing in PE. Finally, I had to check that Rainbow were ok after an alien landing. I discovered they were learning about Stu from Lifted.

I've even managed to sneak in some Zumba with Years 2, 3 and 6!

All the children and staff have worked incredibly hard this term and have been inspirational.

I hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22nd February.

Mrs McCluskey

TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOWCASE

Year R



We have had a fabulous term learning about Winter, night and day and Space through our Winter Wonderland and Starry Night topics. We have learnt about the seasons why we have night and day and discussed our own bedtime routines. We loved learning about the Arctic

and how we can protect its animals from global warming.

In English we wrote story mountains, speech bubbles, facts, labels and even began to write some adjectives. We have used fiction and non-fiction books and short films to teach us about Winter and Space. We even had an alien crash land in our outside area!

We have explored different materials, forms and textures and created some wonderful winter pictures, space pictures, rockets and even control panels. We have enjoyed our Frozen castle and space station role play areas and small world spaceships and arctic snowy scenes.



But our favourite day of term 3 was when we all made our own snuggle pets!



Year 1



We began our 'Childhood' topic with a special trip to the 'museum'! This was really the school hall, where we looked and learnt about lots of old toys, clothes and artifacts from childhood in the past. The nice lady from the museum (Mrs Miller) gave us lots of information!



Class 1 learnt how to read a story map and use it to re-tell a familiar story. We learnt *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy. Knowing this story really well helped us to make changes and write our own versions!



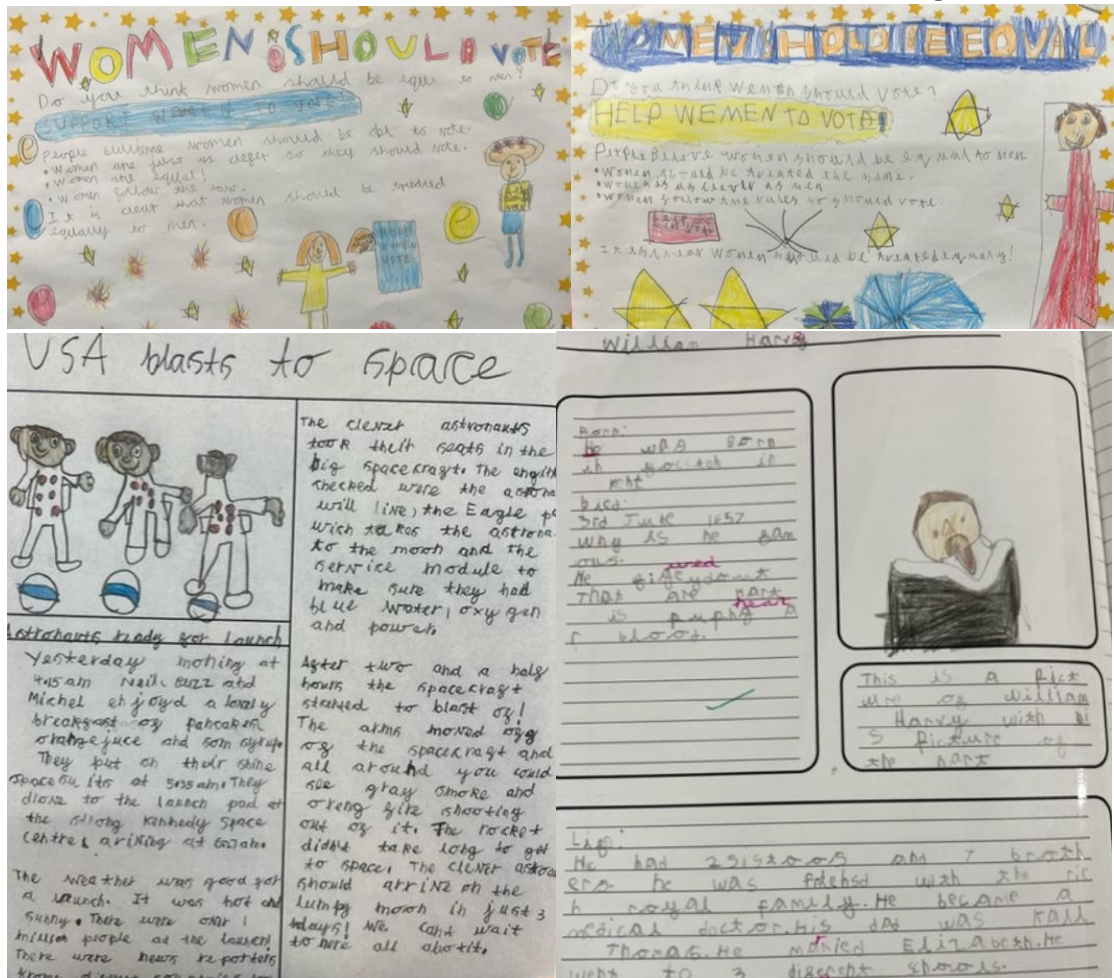
We had a lot of fun learning about the magic of colour mixing! We found out about primary and secondary colours and how applying different quantities of each can affect the outcome.

Next term Mrs Miller will be undertaking a placement at another school as part of her teacher training. We wish you lots of luck Mrs Miller, and we can wait to see you again in Term 5!

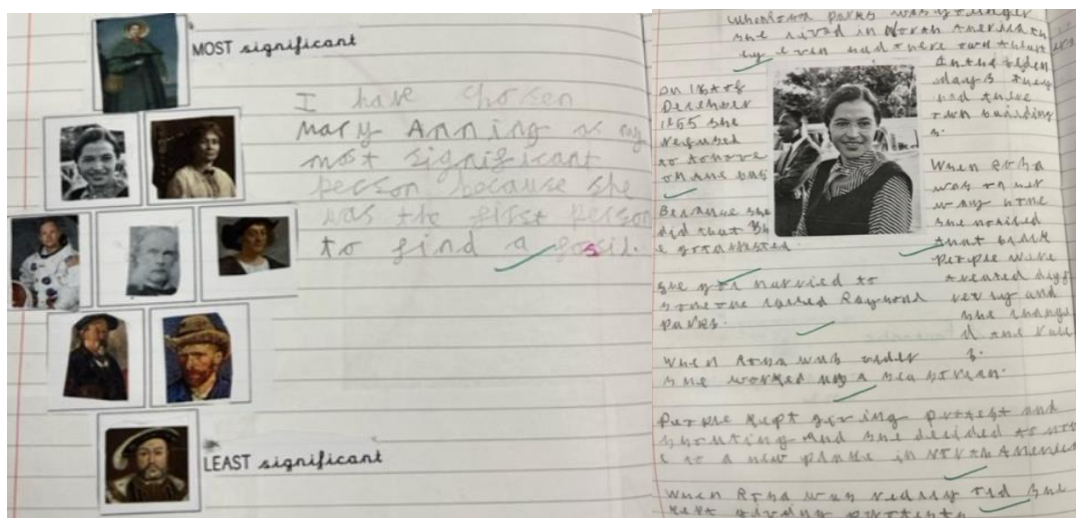


Year 2

We have really enjoyed their 'Movers and Shakers' project this term! In English, we created a fact file about a local significant person (William Harvey), created our own booklets all about Christopher Columbus, created some fantastic persuasive posters AND written our own newspaper articles all about Neil Armstrong!



In History, we have explored the lives of lots of famous significant individuals across the world.



In D.T, we have designed and created our own memorials for different significant individuals. Below are some pictures of a Neil

Year 3

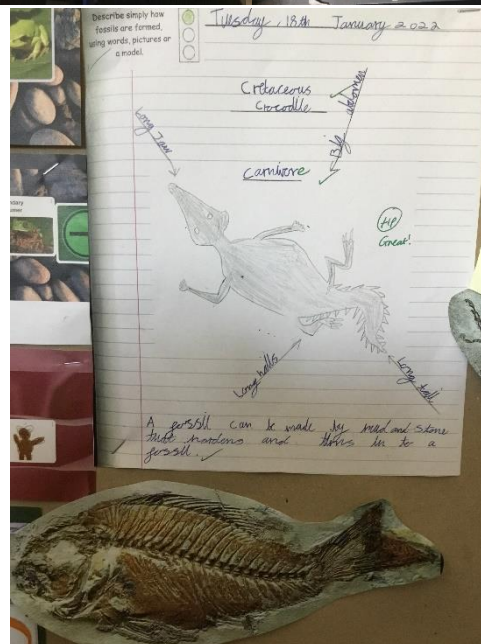
Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Predator!' topic this term- So much so that we have decided to continue it into Term 5. There is a whole lot more exciting learning planned!



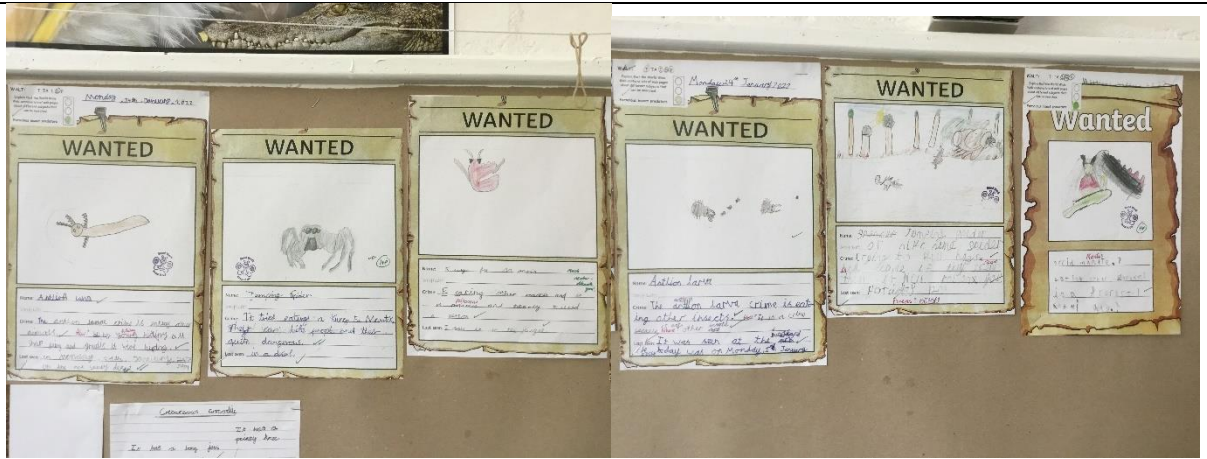
We have explored the features and the diet of animals and discovered what defines them as 'predator' or 'prey', and also where they may be in a food chain or flow diagram. Class 3 loved using padlet to create some of their own food chains after exploring some examples:



We have learnt about prehistoric predators, sketched detailed diagrams and made our own replica fossils using the mould and cast method:



Our learning continued onto exploring carnivorous plants- creating some detailed scientific diagrams of the plants' features and writing detailed explanations, as well as researching ferocious insect predators-creating some fantastic 'wanted' posters:



Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed the debate: Who was the most dangerous predator- A crocodile? Or an alligator? Make sure to ask your child what we found out!

In English, we have been working so hard exploring predatory animals, researching them and then presenting this information in their amazing leaflets- These are absolutely fantastic and ready to be shared with those who want to learn more about these predators.



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about mountains and rivers this term. They have used grid references to locate UK rivers and mountains, such as Scafell Pike in the Lake District and the source of the River Thames.

We also learned about the water cycle! Year 4 have written a tour in their English lessons, as if they were talking to a water droplet and showing it around the different areas of the water cycle. They

learned about evaporation, condensation, collection and precipitation in Science lessons.

Here is the experiment year 4 carried out to demonstrate the different processes of the water cycle - a 'water cycle in a bowl'!



Lauren from Our Stour visited year 4 at the end of the term to talk about the local river, the River Stour, and discuss the animals that live in it. We also discussed how to look after our local river environment by being careful with our kitchen and bathroom waste.



Year 5

Year 5 have been investigating life during the reign of Henry VIII, and the events that led to the execution of Anne Boleyn.

In art, we studied Tudor portraits before painting our own miniature portraits and designing our own Tudor costumes.



We investigated the crimes that Anne was accused of, and created 'evidence' to be used in our own trial. We presented this

evidence at the trial, before the jury convened to decide upon the verdict. The jury decided that Anne was not guilty, with a vote of 16:12.



In our English lessons, we wrote scripts for TV news reports of Anne's trial, before writing a newspaper report of the event.

We have loved our PE sessions with Charlton Football club. We have not only been taught new skills, but we have also learned the importance of healthy lifestyles.



Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been learning about the polar regions of the Arctic and Antarctic within their Frozen Kingdoms unit, learning about geographical features and the animals and plants which inhabit these regions as well as the human impact due to climate change.

They have produced some fantastic writing including non-chorological reports about animals from the Antarctic, descriptive writing about an imaginary storm which contained amazing figurative language and finally a newspaper report about The Titanic.

Studying The Inuit, an Arctic indigenous tribe, and the work of Kenojuak Ashevak has inspired their artwork and this term the children have produced their own drawings, paintings and soap carvings!



Year 6 have also thoroughly enjoyed their PE sessions with Charlton Football Club, taking part in a range of activities to develop

accuracy and agility as well as discussing the benefits of sport and how to lead a healthy lifestyle.



PRIDE VALUES AND REWARDS

This term we have focused on the **I - Inspiration**, school value. The most popular way to be rewarded was to inspire others to share ideas and show what they can achieve. In total **263 certificates** were awarded across the school.

Next term the school will be focusing on the **D – Determination and courage**, school value.

HOUSE POINTS FOR TERM 1

The house with the most House Points this term is

Storey and Steadman

Well done to all the members both houses. You will be enjoying a Non-Uniform day on **Thursday 24th February 2022** for this achievement.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Maidstone Borough Council's Homelessness Service has funding available to help tenants from the private rented sector, people in social housing and owner occupiers avoid becoming homeless. The Service is able to:

- pay some rent and mortgage arrears
- help with debts on utility bills and Council Tax
- provide support to help you stay in your home.

If you are a Maidstone resident and at risk of losing your home, please visit **www.maidstone.gov.uk/housing** for advice, information and details of how to contact the Housing Advice Team.

Please contact Maidstone Borough Council as soon as possible if you require support.





Kent Teacher of the Year Awards 2022 – *let's recognise the people who make your school great!*

Nominations are welcome for all members of your school community - senior leaders, teaching staff, support staff and volunteers. The **deadline for Kent Teacher of the Year 2022 nominations will be mid-day on 28th February 2022**, and the nomination form can be found here: <https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/ktoty/>



*Ramble
to the
cross !*



SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
Starting St Mary's
Church, Lenham,
3pm to leave 3.15 pm
All welcome



Spotting trail
Treasure hunt
Eggs to be found
"Little-legs"...
alternative walk
Food at 430 pm

The poster has a blue background with a yellow sun in the top right corner. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of a church with a steeple, set against a backdrop of rolling green hills. The text 'Family Breakfast Service' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, it says 'SHORT INFORMAL SERVICE FOR ALL AGES'. Further down, it states '9.30am, 1st & 3rd Sundays each month'. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'YOUNG, OLD AND IN BETWEEN YOU'RE WELCOME!' in white, sans-serif font. On the right side of the poster, there is a red vertical banner with the text 'St Mary's Church, Lenham' in white, sans-serif font.

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St Mary's Church, Lenham

Term 3



Hello and a big welcome to our new families!

What an amazing first term we have had at our new home, with all the children. It's been a real pleasure getting to know you all, and we would just like to take this moment to say how well-mannered all the children are and welcoming they have been to us... so thank you.

This term we have been really busy, we have spent time chatting and learning about each and every one. We've also done some clay modelling, and then had fun painting them. We have explored our new toys, and enjoyed playing lots of games such as; dodge ball, pool, football board and darts.

Next term we will be starting to enter spring, and we cannot wait to explore and be outside a lot more. We also have some fun planned activities ahead.



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook "Safe hands Afterschool club"

What They Think...

"I like eating and playing here"

"I like playing all the games with my friends"

"I like the people, and that it's always fun with lots to do"

Just quick note

It's really important that you please let us know if you no longer need us on a day that you have pre booked for your child, or if you have decided to collect them. We also need to be aware if you may be running late for pick up, or if someone else is going to be collecting your child. If someone else is going to collect your child, someone we haven't met then we will need a password; so please remember to let us know of the password and the person collecting. Our number that we can be contacted on between 3pm-6pm is 07470262695, also feel free to leave a text message as well, that will be picked up when the phone turns on at 3pm.

Now all accounts have been set up, invoices will be sent on the 1st of each month and payment will be due within 7days.

Head over to our website www.safehandsafterschoolclub.co.uk where you can find our policy's and lots of other information.

IT'S OFFICIAL and its super exciting ... we will be running holiday club at Easter and 2weeks throughout the summer holz!!! Prices start from £35 a day! Speak to a member of team now to save your space!

Spaces are still available for after school club sessions. We would also love to hear your feedback or if you have any concerns please email safe hands (safehandsafterschool@gmail.com), or contact Mel on 07958521517.

Reconnect

FREE ICE SKATING & FAMILY FUN

FREE ACTIVITIES
FOR CHILDREN
& YOUNG PEOPLE

TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

11AM - 3PM

BOOK YOUR SLOT ON ARRIVAL

@ LOCKMEADOW, MAIDSTONE

Children under 8 to be supervised on the rink by an adult.

Gloves to be worn when skating.

Free fun activities including arts and crafts, balloon modelling, face painting and more.

Book your free 20 min skating slot on arrival at the entrance.

Parking available at Lockmeadow at your own expense.

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