

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

I have been reflecting on the following two quotes recently- “Think of others more highly than you think of yourself” and “love your neighbour more than yourself”. These quotes are taken from the teachings of Jesus in the bible. Their relevance is as important today as it was in the times it was first written.

During this pandemic I have regularly written to the school community advising that “we demonstrate our care for one another, by protecting one another”. As the COVID restrictions are being relaxed by Government, I have found myself encouraging people to still be cautious by reminding them that although they may not be vulnerable, there will be others around them who are, and in that way they need to be willing to care for others, even if they do not feel they need to care for themselves in this way. In our current situation this is the best way we can support one another. The words from the bible quoted above, sum this up far more eloquently than I ever could and on a much higher authority than me! I do hope that you all have a lovely summer in which you are protecting others and being protected yourself. Enjoy the summer, relax, refresh, have fun and stay healthy. We can't wait to welcome you all back in September!

Kelly Martin

Head of School

UPDATE for September 2021

School will start at 8.30am once again and all children have to be in school by 8.45am at the latest for the register.

School will finish for all children at 3pm.

Once again, we would ask you to dismiss from the playground promptly at the end of the day to ease the numbers on the playground.



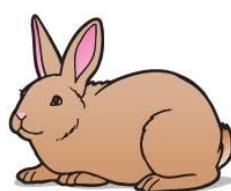
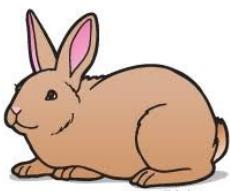
PUGWASH

The children had great fun at the 'Jaws n Claws' experience day. They were introduced to all kinds of different animals and insects including a snake, frog, tortoises, cockroaches but the favourite was definitely the giant bunny rabbit. They were very brave when they met the more unfamiliar animals. The children learned so much about the animals and asked lots of questions.

We have had a busy term learning about Summer. The children have been making Summer beach and underwater pictures, taking part in sports day activities, making healthy fruit smoothies and developing their imagination in an ice-cream shop role play area.

If your child is leaving to start Primary School, then we are going to have a leavers party on Monday 19th July from 1.30 -3.00. If this isn't a session that your child usually attends, then please do bring them along for this time to join in the fun.

We hope you all have a lovely Summer holiday. We wish the children all the best when they move on to their new adventure at Primary school



CLOWNFISH

Clownfish class have loved their Term 6 topic, 'Wriggle and Crawl'.

In English, they have learnt many amazing facts about minibeasts and created their own minibeast poetry. In art ,this term Clownfish have been observing and drawing minibeasts, creating art out of natural objects and making clay minibeast sculptures.

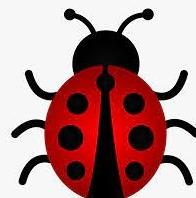
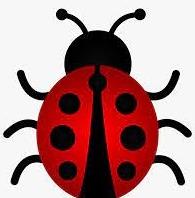
In science, we have been looking at animals and their habitats. Clownfish children have enjoyed going on minibeast hunts and learning about food chains.

Their favourite day this term had to be the key stage 1, 'Bug Ball'. The children and staff looked fabulous in their colourful bug costumes. From bees, butterflies and dragonflies to caterpillars, spiders and snails a great day was had by all.



SEAHORSES

This term we have loved learning about minibeasts. We designed and made our own 3D models using clay. We practised squeezing and shaping our clay first and learnt how to add details using the clay tools. We painted our models and added glitter and gemstones for eyes. Finally we varnished our models with PVA glue to make them shiny.



ORCAS

In Orcas class this term, we have been learning about Rivers and Coasts. The children wrote brilliant information texts about a river journey, pretending to be tour guides and leading water droplets from source to mouth. They also wrote persuasive letters to Miss Martin and Mr George Eustice, MP to fight plastic pollution. We are eagerly waiting for replies.

In maths, we have been learning about geometry, statistics and capacity. We held a capacity race, filling a jug to the exact amount and created symmetrical pictures.

Our Sports Day was great fun too. We represented Argentina and Portugal in our two class teams, competing against the teams from Barracudas and Cuttlefish. We learned about the countries too and were very impressed by the beauty and variety of scenery in Argentina.

It has been a great term and I am very proud how the children have all shown our I RESPECT values each and every week.



MARLIN

What a busy few weeks we've had in Marlin! Along with our transition PSHE sessions and forest school, we have also been practising for Sports Day. The children worked together in their lessons leading up to this; perfecting their javelin throwing and relay skills! We have also had some wonderful discussions during our PSHE sessions where the children discussed the next chapters in their lives, such as secondary school. Their insightful answers proved just how ready they are to move on to this new phase - we are very proud of each and every one of them.



DOLPHINS

Our topic this term in Dolphins class has been 'Body, Mind and Soul'. The focus in science has been how our body's circulatory system (heart and lungs) work, and the impact that exercise has on our heart. The children worked in groups to investigate this after deciding on their own predictions and came up with really interesting ideas to investigate. Some groups compared different types of exercise, some compared boys heart rates to girls and some compared different age groups. Each group then allocated different roles to their team members, some were responsible for being the 'guinea pigs' and doing the tasks the team had set, some timed the activities and recorded the results and some organised the activities. The children learnt how to take their pulses and took them before exercise and afterwards, then learnt how to record and present their results effectively. Many were surprised at the results they got, but learnt this is all part of working scientifically. Well done Dolphins, you are definitely scientists in the making!



NURTURE GROUP

We have been gardening around the school grounds, planting our sunflowers and verbena and caring for our hedge saplings. Unfortunately, the caterpillars enjoyed our cabbages and tomatoes too much and they have not done very well! We have also been trying woodworking skills and last week we made tripods strong enough to hold our weight! I would like to take this opportunity to set all children a challenge! See if you can spend at least one day a week in the great outdoors, over the summer holidays, it has so many benefits for mental and physical health!



Pre Loved Uniform



A reminder as we approach the end of term that St Michael's Hospice shop in Rye is stocking pre loved uniform across both Rye Primary and Rye College.

There are donation baskets in both schools if you wanted to leave any items as we break for the summer.

Rye College has a non uniform day on Thursday 22nd July so an ideal time for students to donate any outgrown items.

Alternatively you can continue to drop to:
31 Cinque Ports Street

All donations gratefully received!