

Newsletter Term 3 2019

Ramsgate Holy Trinity C.E. (Aided) Primary School



Dear Parents and Children

As another busy term comes to an end, it's hard to believe how much learning has gone on in just six weeks!

Let's Find Out: Yr R has had a very exciting term after they discovered that something had crashed on the school field! The children decided it was a spaceship with a friendly martian from another planet. This led to us learning all about space! We thought about how we would get there, what it might look like and we watched videos of Tim Peake during his space mission. We also learnt about the planets in our Solar System. The children received several messages from the martian to help him find his way home which led to some wonderful writing from the children in the form of banners, posters and letters. The children all did a wonderful job as he is now safely back home!



Matisse Artwork: Mrs Egan is delighted with the wonderful response to our Matisse Art Competition this term. The children have brought in some amazing entries. The winners are: Ella L (Year 6), Daisy (Reception) and Harrison (Year 2).



Moon Zoom: Class 1 has been learning all about space this term. They have read stories about space and written their own stories. They enjoyed finding out about space - looking in lots of non-fiction texts and on the internet. They used all their knowledge and wrote a Space Report which they read to Class R. They also enjoyed making moon buggies, rockets, astronauts and space prints. As a celebration, the parents were invited in to see all their hard work. They even made some edible 'Space Rocks'!



Towers, Tunnels and Turrets: Over the course of the term Year 2 children have been learning about Towers, Tunnels and Turrets and once again their zest for learning has impressed Mrs Hilton. They have extended their learning by producing high quality homework pieces which they then presented to Year 3 and to each other.



The children have been as enthusiastic in their Literacy and have thoroughly enjoyed inventing their own characters and taking mysterious journeys through tunnels- all fictional of course!

We had the pleasure of inviting one of our grandparents in to share their knowledge of engineering and the work of Isambard



Kingdom Brunel; thank you so much.

We are very much looking forward to next term where we will be exploring our new topic of 'Wriggle and Crawl.'

In the meantime please encourage your child to consolidate their learning through our computer programme 'Purple Mash.'

Predators: Year 3 has enjoyed learning about weird and wonderful predators this term! We have learnt about how animals have been 'born to kill' and have created our own ultimate predators! This was greatly supported by home research and lots of children enjoyed presenting projects about some fascinating animals they had discovered.

Bottoms, Burbs and Bile!: This term, Year 4's topic has been all about human digestion in all its glory! We have looked at the structure and different types of teeth and have even created abstract art pieces based on teeth. We have learnt all about the different stages of digestion, re-creating the passage of food on its journey through an old pair of tights! Our topic finale was to work in groups to create one gigantic gut which we intend to display in the activity area shortly.



This term Year 6 has read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. The children were captivated by this moving story and used it as a starting point in lessons to really improve their reading. In PE the children have been working on their hockey skills, culminating in some competitive games at the end of term. Year 6 has been researching, The Great Exhibition of 1851 - and have pitched their Victorian inventions in Queen Victoria's "dragons den".

Joint PE Activity: Year 5 and Reception have had great fun in PE activities this term. The children in Year 5 have been really helpful to their younger peers sharing their expertise and experience.



Tudor Banquet: This term Year 5 has learned about the impact that the Tudor dynasty had on England in the 1500's. The children explored how Tudor exploration meant that new foods were brought back to England and have examined the accuracy of maps drawn at the time by comparing them to modern day maps. They have also written biographies about significant Tudors and discussed the possible reasons why Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church. The children started the term with a food tasting activity and finished it with a Tudor style banquet. Thank you to all the parents who kindly provided food for the banquet.



Greensleeves



Tudor Dancing



Tudor Jokes



Tudor feasting

Now for a few reminders from Mrs Price:

Medicines

We want children to be in school, healthy and happy! To meet this end, we are more than willing to dispense prescribed medicine at school, as long as a request form has been filled in. We ask though that parents consider these points before filling in a form:

- whether the medicine is prescribed - if it is not (e.g. calpol), please administer before and after school.
- if the prescribed medicine needs to be administered 3 x per day - this can also be administered by the parent (e.g. before school, after school and just before bed).

PE Kits/ After School Club

If your child brings home their PE kit following their sports after school club (e.g. because it is muddy), please can you ensure that they bring it back the next day.

Healthy Eating

We are very happy for children in Years 1-6 to bring in a snack to eat at break-time. However, these must be healthy. Healthy snacks do not include crisps, sweets or chocolate bars.

We also ask that packed lunches do not include chocolate bars or sweets.

Thank you.



A note about Fitbits

We are aware that a number of children are wearing these to school now, and whilst the benefits of raising fitness awareness are clear, there are a number of issues that I would like parents to be aware of.

- These are very expensive items, and the school is unable to accept any responsibility for their loss or damage.
- Children will need to remove their Fitbit during PE and any organised sports they may be involved in at lunchtimes.
- If children are distracted by their Fitbit during lessons, they will be asked to remove them.
- Smart watches are not permitted in school, and any children wearing these will need to hand them into the office before school, to collect at the end of the day (as is already common practice with mobile phones).

Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that children should not be bringing in toys or games to play with at lunch and break times.

We do hope you have enjoyed reading about what's been happening this term, and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on

Monday 25th February for another exciting term.