

# NEWSLETTER Term 6 2019-20

## Class R



Class R have been fantastic and we are very proud of how they have adapted to their new classrooms. Since coming back after lockdown Class R have been travelling the world by aeroplane, boat and train, visiting numerous countries. In Brazil they stopped off at the Rio Carnival and made Carnival hats. They made boats to get them across the channel (some sank on the way!) Finian's held 84 Lego men and Reuben's 74! Their aeroplanes took them all over the globe, one of our class said he was going to visit every country in the world when he grew up. In China they stopped to look at the wildlife. They scuba-dived in the Pacific Ocean where they had their picture taken. They landed in Australia and made boomerangs. Then they returned to England and looked at London Bridge before becoming engineers and building their own super strong bridges. Madame Hanscomb took them to France and taught them the song 'Sur le pont d'Avignon' and told them that Avignon bridge didn't actually reach the other side so the children had lots of fun working different ways of completing the journey. A hot air balloon was our favourite suggestion! As one child said "It's not a proper bridge if it doesn't reach the other side!"

They are now exhausted and ready for their Summer Holiday. Class R you are amazing and we will miss you!

## Class 1

Class 1 have thrived being back together again and we have been thrilled to have them back in school. We have continued our wildlife adventures out of lockdown and this term have focused on the plight of bees. We received an extra special video message from Mrs McCallum and baby Wilf. They have been watching the bees in their garden and needed our help encouraging more bees. We are experts in clever plans and started by researching all about bees to make lapbooks. These are some of the things we found out: "Drone bees are all boys" Daniel. "Bees are really, really important for our planet" Sam. We didn't stop there. We wrote questions about what we wanted to find out about bees to extend our learning further and went on a fact hunt around the playground to gather information, just as bees gather nectar! Did you know that bees' wings create tiny tornadoes and that generates the power to lift even the largest bumblebee in flight?!

We finished off our learning in style on the field and made our very own seed bombs full of bee friendly seeds to take home and help encourage bees in our own gardens. We each wrote a set of instructions to send to the McCallum family so they can make some too!



## Class 2

It was really fun being a key worker because we got to play and do some fun work and all the teachers were really nice to us. We played lots of games like 'Erky Out'. Somebody is the counter and counts to 30 while everybody hides. Then the counter tries to find the other people. When they find somebody, they have to race back to base and if the counter gets there first, they say 'Erky out'. If the other person gets there first, they say 'Erky in' and their name. The TikToks were so good and I really want to watch them again and again.

By Violet

I loved doing George's Marvellous Medicine because Ollie and I made some medicine. We put water and food colouring in each bottle. I loved measuring the water because I always got my hands wet and it was really fun. I loved using my chalkboard because it was like school, but I couldn't see my friends and it was sad not seeing all the teachers.

By Beth

When we were in the marquee, it was fun being with all my friends. In our bubbles we made an ant town with a spa. I got ants in my bag.

By Nicola

When we were in the marquee, we had lots of fun because we built bug houses and did a nature project; we found lots of green things such as grass, leaves, daisy stalks and so on. We also washed our hands endlessly. As well as that, we ran round the field finding clock times.

By Evie



What the children enjoyed on the marquee days:

Emma: Making a bug town and seeing my friends.

Isabelle: Making a bug hotel.

Barnaby: Having fun with my friends.

Evie-Grace: Being outside and making a bug town. I also enjoyed doing the 'search for the time' treasure hunt.

Max: Running around every single hour. I like running.

Louis: Making pictures of animals using leaves and twigs to make their bodies and heads.

Hamish: Pretending to investigate and find fossils on the field.

## Class 3

Class 3 have loved being the smallest bubble at school during lockdown but our favourite part has been when the whole of Class 3 joined us on the field for two days of fun in the marquees. We loved chatting to our friends and playing Splat. We enjoyed spending time outside making bug hotels, 'campfires', nature art and dream jars. Orienteering and a maths scavenger hunt was definitely one of our highlights, it was so much fun racing against the clock!

During lockdown, we loved running through the sprinkler when it was really hot! It was so cooling! We have really enjoyed watching Mrs Frame teach new techniques using nature in art. We have liked completing maths investigation in school- especially the one about aliens! It was really fun trying to work out as many different ways as we could. We loved creating our own chapter books based on James and the Giant Peach, we were very proud of them. Some of ours were even 6 pages long! Most of all, we loved Team 3's dance to the Blinding Lights Challenge! It was very, very funny. By Ted, Alex, Erin, Arthur, Hamish, Maisie and Logan F



What the children enjoyed on the marquee days:

Lola: I have loved making the bug hotels and doing gymnastics.

Elsa: I have really enjoyed playing Splat and seeing my friends. We also did some weaving which I really liked.

Archie: I loved making a bug hotel. A worm and two ladybirds came to visit! I have also enjoyed playing Splat and seeing my friends.

Zara: I have loved seeing my friends and doing all the activities. We are making dream jars for Mrs Fry, so that she knows what our dreams are for Class 4.

Annabel: I've really liked being outside all day. I like getting wet! I've really enjoyed doing all the art work too.

Miss Miles: It has been so lovely seeing all their smiles and happy faces again.



## Class 4



Since half term, there have been a few more of our friends coming into school. We've had different classrooms, including the Great New Space and even a marquee on the field!

Our work this term has included writing poems about endangered animals and different teachers in school have read their favourite poems to us, including Miss Price. We have also enjoyed a virtual Art lesson from Mrs Frame - we created some beautiful water colours. This week, we have concluded our work from the beginning of the year on tropical rainforests and going paperless by writing persuasive letters to Boris Johnson, asking him to help save our environment.

Many of us have taken part in the Virtual Wiltshire Schools Games competition and the School Cluster Sports Festival. In the Virtual Wiltshire Schools competition Andrew won two gold medals for Tennis and Hockey. In addition, Mrs Fry won the standing long jump for the senior section! In the cluster competition Andrew, Clem, Jude and Barney won medals and t-shirts. There were lots of us who also took part so well done everyone! The highlight of this term so far, were the two days that all of us were back together in the marquee. It was great to see everyone for real rather than on a computer screen! We played bingo and won sweets, we enjoyed a fun quiz and we hunted for places on the field that Mrs Creed had taken photos of, which was very challenging as the photos were close ups of random things such as a WEED in the middle of the field!! We finished our 2 days with a massive water fight. It was fantastic fun and unsurprisingly we were very wet, but it was worth it!

We can't wait for when we can all be back in school together and we are looking forward to being in Year 5.

See you soon,

Barney, Dan and Finley Class 4



## Class 5

This term has been a strange time for all of us, and an even stranger time in Class 5. Some of us have been in school, some of us have been at home and some of us have been a mixture of the two! Being at home has meant many of us have been on long, interesting walks around our beautiful local area and exploring on our bikes. At various points through the term you'll have seen members of Year 5 swimming near Mill Lane and the Seven Bridges in Ramsbury, in Cowbridge jumping off the bridges, building dens in various parts of our local woodland, observing tadpoles on their journey to becoming frogs, riding horses and taking part in every sport possible. We are an active class.



Our learning has continued too; we've had a 'virtual camp' where our leader 'Captain Danger McGerrity' set us challenges to build shelters and cook food. Scarlett thinks her banana and Biscoff toasted treat was the highlight of her camp, even though she burnt one side of it.

We have, of course, continued with our Maths and English studies, recording our work online on Google Classroom using a variety of different programs.

A highlight each week has been the live Google Meet sessions where we have been able to see the other children in our class, we shared jokes and stories of what we have been doing and also did a little work together.

Last week we were able to spend two days all together for the first time in a long time as we all came into school. We took a class photo and then we had great fun, bingo games were won, quizzes and treasure hunts done and we finished it off with a fantastic water fight. We had Boys versus Girls, Ramsbury Residents versus Outsiders and, best of all, Class 5 versus Mr Jones! It was a great way to finish the year together.

Have a great summer.

Class 5



## Class 6

This term has been slightly unusual but we have been very busy in Class 6. Since June, we have been rehearsing scenes for our 'Lockdown Lion King' production. We have been making headaddresses in the form of lions, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, gazelles, elephants and hyenas and have learnt lines for songs and speaking parts which we are going to perform in the marquee in the last week of term.

We have also been studying the book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio, which is about a boy with Treacher Collins syndrome. His name is August and for his whole life he has had to deal with people being unkind about his face. It is a book which has given us many things to think about and we have really enjoyed reading it.

As it is our final term at Ramsbury School, we have taken part in other Leavers' events such as shirt signing, and we have written 'Tributes' to Ramsbury School which we will perform in the marquee this week. As we were unable to go on our watersports trip to Rockley, the water is going to come to us and we will be having a very wet afternoon on the field, armed with our water guns. Finally, we will be saying goodbye to our buddies in Class R with a picnic on the field.

By Ruby and Kate.



## GOVERNOR'S CORNER:

Hello from Governors Corona, I mean corner!

Term 5 and 6 has sadly been tarnished by a global pandemic, but I have still found plenty of lovely things to write about!

The Key Workers' children have been welcomed and cared for while their parents continued to work through lockdown. It was a very unsettling time, but we all found comfort in finding out 'Who's in the barrel?' and many other fun videos. Teachers and children adapted to the rules, and the compromises that were enforced have been overcome.

The spirit of Ramsbury Primary School continued outside the school setting. So much wonderful

work has been completed by pupils on Google Classroom in their homes against all odds.

Out of the classroom, children have also been showing their Ramsbury spirit. Families turned out in force for the village treasure hunt to support the Legion - rain did nothing to dampen the competitive atmosphere. Children have been spotted picking up litter on walks and riding their bikes. Over 300 tadpoles were adopted across the village during lockdown and many have been released into the village conservation area or local ponds.

Reception, Class 1 and Class 6 have had a very happy return to school – the corridors (although marked with tape) regained the sound of happiness chirping from all the classrooms. Wellbeing is a focus, as mentioned in the last newsletter, and the priority has been peer-to-peer social interaction for those who came back for two days in the marquees, with thanks to Ian Smith for coming to our rescue!



The time away from school will be addressed in September and it will be all (sanitised) hands on deck to rectify the impact of missing time in school.

On behalf of the parents and Governors I would like to thank Miss Price and all the staff at Ramsbury Primary School for going above and beyond to maintain stability, routine and take care of our children during this extraordinary time. Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you ALL in September!

## PTA

Our PTA have raised enough funds to replace the flooring in all of the children's toilets over the summer holiday, so thank you to the PTA and the parent body! Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Kerry Edwards who is stepping down from being the Chair, after having two successful years at the helm – thank you Mrs Edwards!