

NEWSLETTER Term 3 2020-21

Wow! This half term has gone quickly... Writing for the Christmas newsletter feels like just a week ago. Since the beginning of 2021, most of us have had to face the challenge of not going to school and working via Google Classroom.

As well as online learning, Class 6 have been baking, writing, drawing, sculpting, and birdwatching. We have been very busy!

We are now on Week 5 of the Year 6 Bake Off. We have baked bread, cookies and biscuits, cupcake cakes and chocolate themed treats and we are now moving onto pastry. We have had four Star Bakers and a total of 64 entries over the last 4 weeks - I can't wait to see who the next Star Baker is!

Being in Class 6, our classmates are the Ramsbury's Got Talent judges. Annabelle W, Ben, Daisy D and Ted are taking on the role this year. Well done to everyone who entered Ramsbury's Got Talent!

Wishing everyone a relaxing Half Term break!
Olivia Morris, Year 6 School Newsletter Ambassador.

Class R

This term, despite lockdown, we managed some great blended learning. Hats off to you all for your incredible work!

Class R focused on the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We learned to retell the story and act it out. Those at school and at home made an amazing effort. The story was retold in kitchens, bedrooms, living rooms and in gardens. Zac even went into the woods and retold the story using stick dens!

The children all made pig hand puppets thanks to Mrs Johal who made packs for children at home.



Below you can see Alfie concentrating really hard with the support of his mum. Despite having the same parts, some of the pigs were incredibly unique!



The children then innovated the story and made their own versions. We had a variety of wonderful videos sent in from home including 'The Three Little Ankylosaurus'. Not to be outdone, the children in school came up with

their own version as well 'The Three Butterflies and the Big Bad Chicken'.

We looked at different materials, their properties and their uses. We talked about what the best material would be for building a strong house and then we tested some of them by blowing. We agreed on a fair test - for each material, we had to use the same blowing device, from exactly the same distance each time.

Once again, methods varied. We had some mean-looking hairdryers, which blew away many materials and some hearty lungs, which blew away lots as well. When this experiment was complete, the children set about designing and building their own strong houses. We decided there was no way the wolf could blow any of them down so we are safe – but beware he could be coming your way soon!

Class 1

What a busy time we have had this half term! The children have been working so hard at home and in school and with such enthusiasm. It has been wonderful! Our learning has centred on our investigation questions: 'Is it necessary to look after our local wildlife?' 'Do animals need humans to stay alive?'. With these questions in mind, the children set about investigating the different ways that we can care for our local and garden birds and animals, especially during the cold winter weather when the ground is hard. In the very first week of the half term and our topic, we rather excitingly had to rescue and care for a hedgehog who was found on the school grounds!



There was lots of discussion as to how we might help care for the hedgehog, who we called Sonic. Thank you to Mrs Hinder for taking the hedgehog safely to the local animal rescue centre.

Class 1 also designed, made and evaluated bird feeders in our Design Technology sessions. There were some amazing results, from the children at home and in school. If you are able to have a quick peek over the fence into the Class 1 outdoor area, you will see many of the bird feeders hanging up and they enjoy the seed and water. The children were so enthused by their bird feeders they subsequently took part in the national RSPB bird watch. They have also been inspired by using their listening and reading skills to learn about Mya Rose-Craig, a young bird watcher, who has seen more than half the world's species of bird and who lives not too far away in Bristol.



The children have produced some wonderful pictures of robins, with the help of Mrs Frame virtually, from Scotland! Class 1 listened and worked carefully to create some lovely work. We certainly have many enthusiastic bird watchers in Class 1 now and the children are able to identify many different garden birds.

Class 2

I have loved seeing my friends in school and on our class spelling lessons. I liked doing times questions using elastic bands and counters. Poppy

There are not so many children in school so I've played with different people. I loved doing equations by counting in my head. Martha and I helped Mrs Hinder clear the shed so she could magically turn it into Captain Scott's Hut. We acted as the crew and it was fun. Daniel



I liked being Edward Wilson and Captain Scott because it was fun. It was brilliant. We made flapjacks and drank hot chocolate. Nia

I miss my friends, like Madison, but I like seeing them on the screen. Megan

I really liked using 2Go in Computing. I made the car race around the track and parked the car on the grass in the city. Sam

Computing has been really fun and the tasks on J2e Turtle were amazing. We found out you could change backgrounds. We could also make pictograms. Ben

Class 3

Class 3 have really enjoyed our World War 2 topic this term - it has been so interesting to learn all about our friend's families and their war stories. Although we have not been together physically, we have loved every opportunity of joining each other virtually!

One of our highlights has definitely been our virtual Whole Class Reading session where we read 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo – Miss Davis left us on a cliff-hanger every day! From science investigations, to the discovery of a World War 2 suitcase, to book projects, Class 3 have continued to keep our

enthusiasm and passion towards our learning alive during lockdown!

Here are some of our highlights:

I liked making paper aeroplane spitfires and making the shadow theatre. Isla

I had fun making the beautiful art. I also liked making a poster about Sam Beaver King because I got to learn very interesting things about him. Emma

I enjoyed reading Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo because there were so many cliff-hangers! I also enjoyed learning about spitfires. I enjoyed making my presentation about Sam B King and learning how he tried to make things fairer for everyone. I also enjoyed using watercolours for my Blitz art. Oliver

I liked science and learning about light by doing the experiments. I really enjoy the live lessons and maths and spelling games. Rishi

I liked the sketching and all the other art. I also enjoyed all the books because they have lots of cliff-hangers and I love cliff-hangers. Peggy

I liked making the shadow puppet show! Caspar



I enjoyed the whole class reading as it was very fun and there were many cliff-hangers and I enjoyed seeing all of my friends. Beatrice

I love 'Free Write Friday'. I chose to write a newspaper! Shyanne

Class 4

It has been a busy term for us in Class 4, both in school and at home. We have been learning about ingenious inventors whose inventions



changed the world. We have been so impressed with the imagination and determination the children have shown with their own creative ideas. Class 4 is definitely full of future innovators!

Inspired by the amazing achievements of famous inventors we have designed our own cracking contraptions, written Wallace and Gromit comics, created robot collages, made mandalas and challenged ourselves building paper bridges. We also learnt how to be entrepreneurs and ended the term with a Dragon's Den project! The children were asked to develop an idea for a unique invention and prepared a presentation to pitch to our 'Ramsbury Dragons'.

This term, we also welcomed Mrs Bint into our class team! Although we are missing lots of you in school, we have enjoyed having the chance to get together for our online group and whole class zoom meetings. Mrs Fry has really enjoyed hosting a 'Multiplication Bingo Championship', with the 'Home Team' taking the victory in the final round this week. Children have also enjoyed playing spelling games and story time. Despite the challenges of lockdown, Class 4 have done an exceedingly wonderful job at all the tasks given to them this term!

I have loved our Dragons' Den topic and I loved making my product and the inventions. Emma

I have loved our topic of Inventors and

Inventions, especially making bridges and designing my own cracking contraption. I wish we could actually build them! I am curious about how things work so this has been a lot of fun for me. Alex



My favourite thing has been art - I enjoyed looking for things in the house to make the robots and making the mosaic, which was fun. I also now love using PowerPoint slides and finding different backgrounds and pictures! Zara

Class 5

In Class 5 we have had a lot of fun.

This term in Art we have completed a contrasting project where we compared Ramsbury with Ghana using pastels to shade, tone and give definition. In English we have been writing our own Ramsbury or Ghana fables after focussing on two stories 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and 'The Boy that cried Wolf' and discussing the morals behind the stories. Music was really enjoyable as we listened to a song 'A keelie' and then composed our own version in groups before making our own gyil (xylophone).

In Maths, our focus has been fractions and we have been enjoying sharing pizza, as examples of equal parts (Mrs Pollock always has more equal parts than Mrs Davies!). In Science we dissected a lily and then produced labelled botanical illustrations.

Finally, we have studied co-ordinates and finding different locations of interest in Ramsbury on an ordinance survey map. We are also the Wiltshire Schools Champions of Sumdog Maths for Term 3, 2021! It was a huge team effort!

A fun pack term full of amazing activities.
By Jude and Zeb (In-School Crew)



This term has been a roller-coaster ride because I can't see my friends in person but I can chat to them online. At home I've been enjoying doing Google Classroom, Sumdog, Scratch coding, Virtual Sports and loads of other things. I also made Ghanaian pancakes for my mum, which she loved. Everyday at lunchtime I go out with my Dad and Mum to do exercise around the field. I have taken part in Ramsbury's Got Talent with my piano piece, 'Sunrise On the Matterhorn'. I've enjoyed being at home but I miss my friends a lot.
By Andrew Luo (GC crew)

Class 6

In Class 6 we have been studying the book 'Wonder'. We have talked about how some people can feel 'different' and we have collected and written inspirational quotes (precepts) about how everybody should feel included and how our differences are what make us special.

Here are some of our favourite quotes:

Kindness is a key opening up a door of possibility.

Why blend in when you were born to stand out?

Diversity is a beautiful tapestry, even though every thread is different.

The things that make me different are the things that make me me!

Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon.

We have been so inspired that we are writing our own 'novels' based on the book. Mrs Haynes says our writing could pass as professional!

Some of us took part in a virtual workshop by degree students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama last week, where we learnt how music can bring a film alive. We even created our own body percussion to accompany a scene in Moana!

We have been busy baking for our weekly Class 6 Bake Off. This week is pastry week and Mrs Ritchie has set a high bar with her profiteroles! Last week (Chocolate Week) there were joint winners for our Star Baker award: Annabelle T and Daisy C won with their incredible cup-shaped chocolate cakes. Can you believe that these cups are completely edible...?!



Our Year 6 RGT judges (Annabelle W, Ted, Ben and Daisy D) have finally managed to watch all 56 of the entries for our talent show and are looking forward to the final round after Half Term. Mrs Haynes and Mrs Pegg were very pleased to see that Florence and Luna have made it into one of the entries! 🥰

And finally, we are all very much looking forward to our end-of-term quiz, which has been written by Luke and Ben. We just hope it's not too difficult!