



Year 1 Circus topic by Seth and Neve 1EH

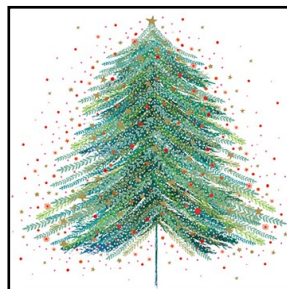
In Year 1 we have been learning all about the circus. This week we have been designing our own clown. We had to think about the types of clothes it would wear and what act it would do in the circus. We really enjoyed being creative when thinking about our clowns and they all look so funny!

1H Creation! By Isla and Barkley 1H

We have been looking at the creation story! First of all we made colourful pictures of the story using tissue paper. We looked at home for things in the natural world that looked beautiful and we talked about why we found them beautiful with the rest of our class! I found some spiky thorns and I thought they were amazing because they were so sharp! Mrs Hine showed us a magic bag which somehow turned into all the different parts of the story! It was incredible! We watched a video of the story and talked about all the different parts. Finally we listened to all the sounds and music showing all the fantastic parts of the story and we made up our own dances to show these! It was so much fun!

Christmas cards on the way! By Elissa and Carter 3S

On the 5th October 2021, 3S designed Christmas cards and the theme was Christmas trees. We looked at examples on the board to get ideas. We have sent them to a company to get made into Christmas cards that the class can buy to give to family and friends at Christmas. We really enjoyed sharing ideas and the cards are very realistic. We all put 'Merry Christmas' on the front of our cards. Look out for them soon so you can get ready for Christmas!



Year 2- Little Creature By Phoebe and Nathan (2L)

We have a crazy creature in the school and it is eating things like crisps, cake, pizza and other food. The food had boxes on them and we don't know how he opened them but maybe he did it with his teeth. He is very greedy. He lives in the Environmental Area. We now know his name he is called the Hotchpotch. He is very interesting and needs a home for winter. We are going to make a home for him



and he is going to come back to see what we have made for him. We are very excited about the Hotchpotch coming as we have not seen him before. Mr Bizley has seen him and managed to get a photo with him!

Mathletics and the Marvellous McKiernan!

Henry, in year 4, has just received his 12th Mathletics medal! This is incredible because it means he has completed 240 weeks of Maths in order to achieve so many



medals. He is really good at maths too— just shows practise makes perfect! Brilliant Henry!



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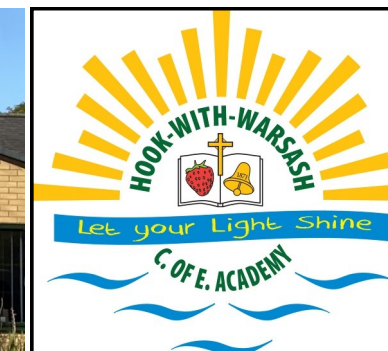
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Dorset trip year 5

By Ellen, Florence, Freddi and Kyle

Year 5 had a fantastic time away in Dorset. All of the activities were really fun but our overall favourite was a trip to Splashdown!

Some of our other favourite activities included: High Ropes, Paddle boarding, Kayaking and Walking to Corfe castle.

On Monday we did something called 'High Ropes' which involved climbing up towering wooden obstacles. We

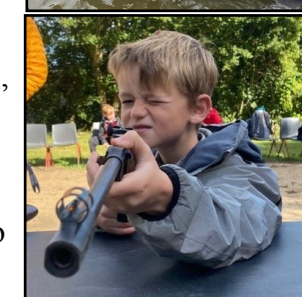
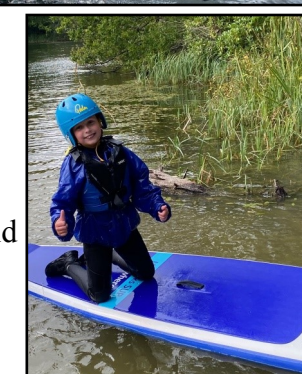
challenged ourselves to climb right to the top and then you had to jump off to grab a trapeze and swing! It was great fun swinging on the trapeze in the tall trees.

On Tuesday we went fishing off the pier into the wild sea at Swanage Bay. Ralph said excitedly "I caught a fish!" then Abigail happily said, "Yay I finally caught a wrasse!" and Samuel said, "The rag worms are disgusting!" Afterwards, on Tuesday afternoon, we went Kayaking and Paddle-boarding in a lake. Kyle loudly said "I saw a fish!"

On Wednesday we went rifle shooting and learnt how to light fires in Bushcraft. Sam shouted, "I got all the pellets in the black dot!"

In the afternoon we went to Splashdown. There was a ride called the Infinity, which is where you spin round and fall into really deep water. Jody said "It was fast and it was horrifyingly fun! I want to do it again!"

On Thursday the weather was too windy to walk to Corfe Castle so instead we went to the Tank museum. It had lots of facts of the wars. Then we drove to Corfe castle and bought some sweets for the steam train. On Friday we sadly had to say good bye to Dorset and go home to see our families. We had such an amazing time and want to do it again!





Welsh Open Winner! England's No 1 by Harriet S, Phoebe G & Poppy E (6P)

Phoebe, 6P, is now the top girls under 11's squash player in the country! Recently Phoebe entered the Welsh Open and managed to win, beating the Welsh number 1! We are all very happy for her and hope this journey leads to great things. We interviewed her earlier last week and asked her some questions.

Our Interview with Pheobe

How long has it taken you to get to this level of squash?

"It has taken a lot of hard work and training. I tend to go to squash sessions five – six times a week."

What inspired you to do squash?

"My dad is very enthusiastic about young people playing the sport, so I was bound to start playing. Also, by the time I started by brother was already amazing at it so I had an expectation to live up to."

What skills do you think it requires to be good at this sport?

"First off all, you need to have strong hand-eye co-ordination. Secondly, you have to be agile and quick to be able to change directions on the court."

Do you have any goals for your future in squash?

"It would be wonderful to play on the PSA (Professional Squash Association) world tour. Even better, I could be the world number 1 (hopefully)!"

Phoebe now has nationals coming up soon, this means everyone in England who is good at squash can play. She is ranked number one and is expected to win. Wishing you the best of luck Phoebe!



Save the Rainforests! By Pippa & Tom (4E)

Year 4 have been learning about rainforests. We have learnt a lot. Teachers are very proud of 4E and 4S. We have started writing facts about the rainforests.

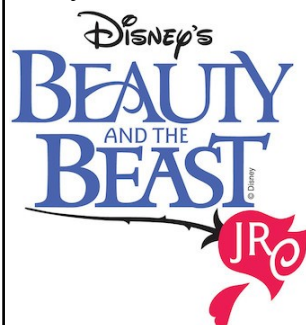
We have also been writing stories about orangutans and their homes being destroyed. We are also going to be making videos about the rainforest, this is to help save the animals. Some year 4 children have stop using palm oil or reduced how often they use it. We are trying to save the rainforests because the trees clean the air for us and they would slow down global warming.



We Love Chocolate! by Elizabeth NN & Amelie J 3H

In year 3 we have been learning about chocolate. Who likes chocolate? We do!! Most people we know love chocolate-we even got to taste the chocolate!!! Anyone who couldn't eat dairy was allowed to have some sweets instead. Did you know cocoa beans grow in Africa? As well as learning about how chocolate is made we were able to design our own chocolate wrapper!" What is your favourite chocolate? *Amelie*: "Mine is white chocolate. *Elizabeth*: "Mine is dark chocolate! I also like chocolate orange."

We have been looking at adverts about chocolate and we have been making posters and writing letters to Mr Willy Wonka. We have loved our first topic in Year 3 – chocolate is the best!!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST DVDS

Looking for ideas for Christmas? How about a DVD of the amazing show that your children put on in July?

Against the odds the school put on a fantastic show and the DVDs are still for sale at £16 each,

Visit: <http://www.carltanvideo.com/shop/4593263733>

Wednesday DVD: Performed by year 6, year 1 and year 3

Thursday 5:45 DVD: Performed by year 6, year 4 and 2H

Thursday 7:30 DVD Performed by Year 6, year 5 and 2L.



Swimming is Back!

Year six were excited to start their swimming lessons back at Holly Hill this term. They have been going a few weeks now and this week we received a lovely message from the manager which we thought you would like to read:

Message from the Swim Manager at Holly Hill Leisure Centre

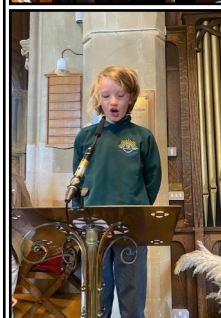
Your children swim with us on a Friday afternoon and today they were great! We have had councillors and regional manager in today on a site visit and they have said your children were exceptionally polite and well mannered. We just wanted to pass on our good feedback.

Harvest Festival By Grace & Rory (4S) Dorothy & Hugo (2H)



On Monday 4th October and Tuesday 5th October, the infant and junior children went to the church to celebrate Harvest Festival and sing songs giving thanks together. This is what year 2 had to say about the service:

"Each child in year 2 read a section of a story about Harvest



Time. We sang some of our favourite songs including 'Big, Red Combine Harvester'. We all used the microphone in church– which can be really scary! Year 1 read prayers and year R did really well walking to the church for the first time and joined in the singing brilliantly!

(Dorothy & Hugo 2H)

Year 4 led the Juniors' Harvest service and we thought it was so much fun to be in the church with all the children together. We did a lot of singing and we read our scripts which told a story about all the food in the world and how we could share it out

together with people that don't have enough food. We sang 'Father God', 'Conkers', 'Turn back the Clocks' and 'You Shall go out with Joy!' Our favourite song was 'Father God' because everyone got excited when we got to sing it.

There was a big pile of food that was collected at the front of the church and lots more back at school. This was taken to the local food collection bank and the 'Lockwood Care and Well-Being Centre' in Locks Heath.

Year 6 and the Patchwork Quilt



Year 6 also donated a quilt that the children had made at the end of last year. Each section of the quilt had been designed and made by the pupils out of upcycled material. All of the pieces were combined to create a beautiful quilt which was donated to the Lockwood Care and Well-being Centre. At the end of the services we had a collection and in total we raised an amazing **£499.65!** This money is being donated to the Trussell Trust who are working to stop UK hunger and poverty. This is a message of thanks that the school received from the Day Care Centre:

Thank you so much for today, the Centre are truly overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity of the donations. The clients

attending today were extremely grateful too, and we will be sharing out the donations with them over the next week.



The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes By Harry and Victoria (6J)

This month Year 6 have been focusing on the poem 'The Highwayman' written by Alfred Noyes as their topic for English. We wrote our newspaper reports on his crimes, his death and his love for the landlord's daughter- Bess. The poem celebrates the love and courage of its central characters, but they are both killed after 'Tim the Ostler' told King George's men where to find them. There are lots of interesting similes and metaphors in the poem including where the writer compares the road to a "ribbon of moonlight".

We have really enjoyed learning about this poem. Brooke SR said:

"My favourite part about the Highwayman was memorising all the verses and stanzas." Harrison H said: "My favourite part was typing up the newspaper on Publisher."