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# Seaford Primary School



# Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have rapidly reached the end of term 1 and the pace at which it has passed is really quite incredible. Our new reception children have quickly established routines in both RS and RSQ and are fully fledged members of our Seaford Primary School family. Only yesterday, Mr Davey and I had the pleasure of visiting the shoe shop in Reception. Apparently, the shoes I was able to purchase were free (a bargain!). The boots offered were sturdy indeed and fit for the wet and windy weather ahead. Mr Davey was certainly impressed with his new footwear! It was a delight to be served by the newest members of our school community.

As always, it is a pleasure to share the children's creativity across the school. All our fabulous pupils have worked so hard to enrich their learning this term and work towards the ambitious targets set for them. It is only right and proper that we thank them all for their dedication, perseverance and enjoyment across this term.

## Year 6

Year 6 pupils have been busy exploring all the events linked to World War Two, asking and answering a range of historical questions. They have been busy building fact files about life in the 1940s. The children enjoyed the opportunity to visit Newhaven Fort to explore primary sources/artefacts and what they tell us about life during those times. It has been a delight to read their non-fiction fact files and creative writing linked to the text they are studying, 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. Huge congratulations to all pupils for all their hard work.



### *Life in the 1940's~*

*Unfortunately, the 1940's was incredibly difficult for some people, but also taught the citizens to be strong and brave. Some children loved living on the countryside, however, some really despised it. This report includes information about: vehicle and travel, clothing and fashion, appliances and entertainment.*

#### *Vehicles and travel:*

*During the 1940's, cars were very limited. Out and about it would be common to see a Cadillac or a Chevrolet. Many people decided to share cars! The majority of the people did this because, metal was scarce as they had to use it for planes etc. In the course of the 1940's, car lights would have had a cover with three slits across it to keep the light out.*

#### *Clothing and fashion:*

*Fashion was very different juxtaposed to today, they had to, "make do and mend!" which meant they had to put up with what they have had. For instance, making their own clothes. Did you know that they wore utilitarian coats, trouser suits, zipper front tracksuit and print cotton frocks with a smart look and a sense of style?*

*The extract above is by Millie*

### Year 5

Year 5 have been completing various learning tasks across the term linked to their exploration of the Tudors. They have, most recently, been putting together some rather fantastic Tudor Roses using their ever-developing sewing skills. The children have also been writing some wonderful newspaper articles based on all the information that they have built up about Tudor life. We were taken aback by the portraits of Henry VIII's wives which are now proudly on display within the children's learning adventure books (just some of the wonderful examples are included below). To draw together all their learning, Mrs McMullen and Mr Chapman have already spoken about how much Year 5 are looking forward to their forthcoming trip to the Tower of London. It looks set to be very exciting indeed!

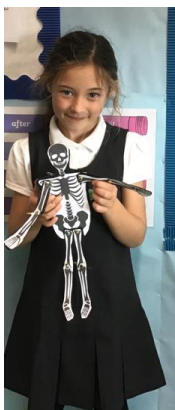


## Year 4



When visiting the class this week, we were reliably informed about the life and times of Julius Ceasar. As Roman General, he led many an invasion. Year 4 have been exploring his leadership and the impact that he had on the Roman Empire and beyond. As part of their learning, the children have been developing their artistic skills and forming Roman shields. Whilst there are only a few on display here, it is safe to say that they are all very creative and the children should be extremely proud of their creations. We are certainly proud of them. Like Year 5, year 4 are looking forward to exploring Roman ruins in their forthcoming visit in term 2. We are looking forward to hearing about it.

## Year 3



The world of Smuggling is very much at the heart of the topic in Year 3. The children had the most fabulous time exploring the caves in Hastings as well as Hastings Castle. There were all sorts of activities the children undertook including looking at different historical artefacts and asking questions about them. In addition to this, pupils have been looking at keeping healthy. In doing so, they have studied the different aspects of a balanced diet and also the human body, including the skeleton. They had lots of fun creating their own skeletons to help them find out how we move and how to keep our bodies healthy. We can see the fun had in constructing these!

### Year 2



Year 2 have been studying Food Glorious Food. Autumn is always a very exciting time of the year in school, especially when the children begin making their now famous vegetable soup. The flavours from the soup permeate around the building and certainly make our tummies rumble as the smell of carrot and coriander reaches our offices. We read the most wonderful instructions for making soup which means that we are now able to try creating our own over half term!

Where our food comes from is central to the topic. Knowing this, the team organised for the children to visit a local supermarket to learn how food is processed. Safe to say that working the checkout was one of the favourite tasks. The children had a fabulous time and were fantastic ambassadors for our school throughout their visit demonstrating immaculate behaviour and manners throughout.

### Year 1



Year 1 have developed their understanding of their senses this term which culminated in a 'senses day' this week. Much excitement was had when the children walked around the school grounds to find out what they could hear. Not a sound could be heard as the children walked past the school office until, and much to their merriment, they heard the security pass beep and the chime of the telephone.

In class, it was really impressive to hear the children drawing on terms like 'sour' and 'bitter' to describe the smell (and, where appropriate, the taste) of different fruits, vegetables and herbs. Congratulations to all the children.

## Reception



Reception pupils have been very creative throughout the term. They have explored the school grounds, finding different plants in forest school (for example). The Elves have been writing to the children across the term, providing clues about some very important stories. Recently, the children have looked into the story of the Ginger Bread Man and the Little Red Hen. This work included some very important baking. As I have mentioned, Autumn in school includes lots of cooking. Safe to say that the delicious smell of gingerbread and the making of bread has flown around the school. The children's cooking skills have been very impressive indeed (as have the final results). Congratulations to all the children in reception on their first full term in school.

## Year 6 Girls' Football



Last Friday, our Year 6 football team played in a tournament in Eastbourne. Mr Chapman has shared that the skill and technique the girls demonstrated was very impressive. However, the most important quality they exhibited was teamwork and enjoyment. We are ever so proud of their commitment to the game and look forward to the competitions in the future. Well done girls.

## School Council



Having said a huge thank you to our school council from 2021-2022, we have formed our new group of representatives for 2022-2023. Across the school we had the most amazing applications from the children who wanted to be considered for the job. Decisions were made by their peers in a class vote. However, may I take this opportunity to thank all pupils for the effort that went into formulating the applications, for their passion regarding school improvement and our school charity work too.



Our new council representatives have met twice this term and have recently consulted with their classes about events which they would like to run for Children in Need at the end of November. They will write to you shortly about these arrangements. The council did want to send out a reminder about the no-idling campaign which we ran last year. The fantastic banner on the school gates put together by Isabella, Phoebe and Rose is a lasting reminder to us all about how we can help to reduce carbon emissions and help preserve our environment which is a cause close to all our pupils' hearts.

#### Attendance

Just a reminder that our school attendance target this year is 96.5%+. Your child's attendance at school is hugely important for them now and for their futures. As a team, we review attendance weekly. If a pupil's attendance drops below 95% their individual record is reviewed to track attendance patterns. Attendance is very much about a partnership between home and school; we are here to support. Should you ever wish to talk to a member of the Senior Leadership Team about this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### Harvest Festival

May we take this opportunity to thank you so much for the very generous donations we received for Harvest Festival. All the food parcels have been collected by the Seahaven Foodbank who will use them to support families/individuals in the forthcoming weeks.

As we draw this newsletter together, we would like to wish you all a wonderful half term. Seaford Bonfire celebrations are set to take place over the next week and we do hope that you have a happy and safe time if you are planning on joining in with these. **We are back in school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** with Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October being our Inset Day. It will be a delight to see the children on the Tuesday in readiness for an action-packed term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr Davey and Mrs Crees