



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Half Term Edition "The Scoop"

## Dragonflies Class



Dragonflies have had a busy half term settling into their new classroom and learning the new routines. We are getting to know each other and are having lots of fun. Derek and David from St. Mary's Church visit us weekly for our class assembly. We have also had a visit from Mr Taylor and Otters Class. Each Year 6 pupil has buddied up with 1 or 2 pupils from Dragonflies Class to help them in their first year of school.

## Hedgehogs Class



Our theme this term has been "All about Me". Our topic began with the children bringing in their favourite teddy from home to join us on a teddy bears' picnic. The children made fairy bread and had a variety of fruit to share. The teddies had a great time! Later in the term the children invited their grandparents to an afternoon tea. Year 1 decorated some biscuits and Year 2 made some

cakes. The children wrote questions to find out what it was like when their grandparents were KS1 age. We found out a lot of great information! Did you know that some grandparents used newspaper instead of toilet roll?!! We had a fantastic time with all the grandparents.



## Squirrels Class

This half-term our topic has also been 'All about Me'. We have been learning about our bodies, our feelings, our surroundings and our family history. We have even had a tea party for our grandparents to find out about how their childhood was different to our own. We have written



for a purpose by writing invitations and we have also developed our cooking skills by making fairy cakes for our guests to enjoy.



Sharing our photos from our childhood was interesting.

Year 2 has also been able to harvest the produce from their planting at the beginning of the year; cucumbers were enjoyed by all.



In our Art sessions we have been learning how to sculpt using clay; we've had many fun sessions trying out our ideas.

We have also explored Easebourne on a sunny afternoon.

Our next topic will be "Festivals".



## Rabbits Class

### Visit from Paul Ullson



We had a visit from Paul Ullson who taught us about the Stone Age, as we are learning about the Stone and Iron Ages. Some children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a drama about the Stone Age, showing how they would have hunted and how that would have made them feel. After break we got to look at and feel lots of different animal skins like otters, beavers, cows and sheep. The skins would have been used to keep the Stone Age people warm (clothing and bedding), but each animal had a different purpose for

example the beaver skin would have helped keep them dry. Then we did some drawing of a Stone Age spear head (made of flint). We also made models of a camp, like those in the Stone Age.

In the afternoon we did some drawing with charcoal and chalk. We were drawing animals that were like the cave paintings that were done during that time. By Jess



### Ukulele

Every Friday morning before break we have a Ukulele lesson. Our teacher is called Chris. Firstly, he makes sure the Ukuleles are in tune and then divides us into groups. We sing in harmony to warm up and to keep in time to the beat. We are starting to get the hang of it and also to play harder songs. By Jess and Ivy

## Badgers Class

### The New Easebourne Play Park

There are a lot of children excited about our new play park at the back of the school. Children all agree that they are really enjoying it and there is lots of cool stuff to do. We are very thankful to the Parish Council for making this park which will be enjoyed by lots of children for many years. Children are going to the park after school and some older ones come along later. Once the flowers are all planted along the edge of the play area, it would be good if we could be extra careful to avoid them so that they do not get damaged and have a chance to grow. By Zak, Harley and Freddie



### **Paul Ullson Brings Topic Alive**

Paul Ullson came into see Badgers and Rabbits for the 'Stunning Start' of our Stone Age topic. In the morning we all either watched or helped with a roleplay. Next, we felt some animal skin and fur. We felt sheep skin, fox skin, arctic fox skin, reindeer skin, beaver skin and two wild rabbit skins. After break we did some cave paintings and then we drew around our hand with charcoal and faded it out at our fingers. Our final activity was to make a three dimensional model of a Stone Age camp. We each made a tent and we had to add the other things like fire and people. If you were REALLY creative and you had enough time, you could add a pot over the fire, a river, footprints or even an animal.

By Harriet



### **TT Rock Stars Makes Learning Fun**

Times Table Rock Stars is the new on-line game to help children learn their times tables. Feedback from pupils is that it is a lot of fun and that it really does help them improve their knowledge of the times tables. Some of the features include: choosing your own Avatar (character) and then dressing him/her, choosing a name, playing games and collecting coins. There are 3 world player games. You can be a Wannabe, Garage Rocker, Busker, Gigger, Unsigned Act, Breakthrough Artist, Support Act, Headliner, Rock Star, Rock Legend and Rock Hero depending on your speed answering. Get involved. You'll love it! By Freddie

### **Foxes Class**

#### **Residential Trip**

Foxes and Otters went on an exciting trip to Gaveston Hall. When both classes arrived at school, we put our luggage in the hall. Then we all waited in our classrooms whilst the driver and teachers loaded the coach with our belongings, when they had finished we found seats in the coach.

When we arrived, we looked around the chalets and then had free time. Next we were told our day groups and then had a site tour. After that we had outdoor games. On the second day of our trip a man called Roger came in and taught us about orienteering. We paired up and went on a hunt using only a map and a small device to find our way to each station. On the third day we experienced rock climbing, archery, den building, pond dipping, swimming, a river walk and Kubb. Mr Culley won the archery.

On the last day we packed all our belongings and put our suitcases outside, then we had some free time until the coach arrived. We then boarded the coach and went back to school, it was an amazing trip. By Grace and Lucy

#### **Stonepillow "The Big Sleepout"**

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, we (Lily and Phebe) went to Chichester Cathedral with Mr Cully, Steve, Emily, Van, Mrs Thomas, Theo, Tam and Adam.

By the time we arrived Rhys had already had his face painted. Firstly, we built and tested our cardboard forts which we were going to sleep in for the night. We were each given a house number and then we put our clothes in. Next, the boss of Kiwi Recruitment came around and we had a competition to see who had the best three cardboard forts. Then we had dinner. It was either veggie chilli or meaty chilli with the option of chips. Then we had some homemade brownies made by Van, (Tam's mum).





to go on for like hours! Soon it turned off and we tried to go to sleep.

In the morning, we all crushed our shelters and went to Costa in East Street. Rhys had a cup of tea but everybody else got hot chocolate, we also had a bacon bap. After that we collected our stuff and went home. It was a fun experience but would not want to do it every night. By Lily, Phebe and Rhys

Soon after that we played some games including noughts and crosses, the hand tapping game and HIDE AND SEEK, (it lasted about 2 hours- the longest game there). Later that evening, we had dessert. It was chocolate roulade or raspberry roulade. Then we had a church service where we were thanked for coming. After that we had some people play music for us, followed by a story from a man that had been homeless for 11 years. Then we went to bed. There was a generator that seemed



## Offers Class

### Gaveston Hall Residential Trip

This term we were extremely fortunate to go on a Year 5 and 6 residential to Gaveston Hall, which had facilities such as: goats, play park and huge grounds with a lake. While we were at Gaveston Hall, we experienced lots of fun activities which included: falconry, swimming, rock climbing and much, much more.

On Thursday afternoon, we split into three groups with three different activities: a new outdoor activity called Kubb, which Mr Taylor taught us, swimming with Vincent and a river walk led by Mrs Bedford and Mrs Pilcher, where we got to walk along a beautiful river along the edge of Gaveston Hall grounds. In some places, the river went just over the top of our wellies, so there were plenty of soggy socks!

We also got to try a variety of food at Gaveston Hall. Every night we would have evening entertainment and both classes would have separate stories before bedtime.

On the first night we got to have a quiz night and the quiz master was Mrs Ashcroft, asking loads of interesting and tricky questions, which was lots of fun. Another evening, we had 'Gaveston's Hall's Got Talent', which had lots of amazing acts including: Ruby and Tam from Year 6 doing the cup song, Sian singing 'Personal' by Harvey and other girls doing gymnastics in the background.

We all had an amazing time, but came back very exhausted!

Ruby, Imogen and Sophie – Otters Class

### Bat in the Bin

On Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, Kitty was doing her Travel Tracker; when she looked down to see a small bat in the bin. We never imagined we would have a real bat crawling about in our class bin!

He was in a bad condition, so Teddy and Theo W went onto the RSPCA website and told Mr. Taylor to phone their number and he phoned them on loudspeaker, so we could all hear. They did not answer the phone, so we called the local Bat Conservation Trust. They said to put the little bat in a shoe box or something similar and cut some air holes for him to breathe. We added a milk bottle lid with 3 drops of water. But we were told, by Gora Neogi, to call a man called Martyn Phillis and an hour later, Martyn arrived to take our beloved "Cucumber" away.





We had daily updates from Martyn and on Thursday, we had an email saying that Cucumber had put on a whole gram (he now weighed 4.6g) and was ready to be released that night. At 6.45pm, Mr T and some Year 6 children came to watch, as Martyn released the tiny bat back into the wild. We listened to the clicks ('barks') that the bat made when he was picked up and because they were registering 55 kHz that told us that he was a Soprano Pipistrelle bat. Martyn released Cucumber and we watched as he swooped across the playground and into the forest. By Isla, Teddy and Leah



## MRC Experience Day



On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Year 6 went to MRC (Midhurst Rother College) to see what it was like there. We had two lessons at MRC, art and geography. In our art lesson we focused on an artist named Sonia Delaunay. She creates wild patterns using bright blocks of colour. We had a go, with a partner, to see if we could master the art. At the end of the session, we put all our work together to make one big pattern. After our art class, we went down to the cafeteria and ate biscuits, while the students

looked down at us, like giants. We also had a guided tour from some of the pupils who already go to school there. We saw some lessons and VI



formers, as well as a huge periodic table with all the elements in the cabinets. Then, we gathered together to do some geography. Our work was all about using a compass and the correct directions. We were then challenged to think of a country for every letter of the alphabet, "Q" was really hard! Then we went back to school, satisfied with our trip. By Adam and Kitty



## Orchard Class

The Orchard's first trip was to Amberley Working Museum on Thursday where both the children and adults got to experience the many interactive exhibits Amberley has to offer, including riding a narrow gauge railway and building their very own wheel.

We enjoyed going on the terrific train, it was great because they used some of the trucks in a James Bond film. Our favourite bit was pushing all of the buttons and getting to use the old telephones.





