



So far this year we have been visited by the Romans and Anglo Saxons, as well as visiting the Celts at Butser Ancient Farm! We have even sailed the Titanic - before the disaster occurred!

As you might have guessed our Spring term is History led, with the children exploring the following enquiry questions: Year 1 - Are traditions fair for all? Year 2 - When is it ok to take risks? Year 3 - Where do we belong? Year 4 - What will your dent in the universe be? Year 5 - Who does our country belong to? Year 6 - Are we influenced by our history?

We are really excited about the possibility of setting up a Shamblehurst PTA having met with the group last week, I know there are lots of great ideas and energy! We'd love as many volunteers as possible - this does not have to be a massive commitment and can be an ad hoc basis.

Thank you to our Pupil Governors and Year 5 for organising Australia Day! I know the children are really keen on making as much money for WWF and not cause any headache or extra-costs. The colours of the Australian flag are blue, white and red, so coming in these colours is great! This was not planned, but the children felt they wanted to make a difference.

We are really grateful to Rachael McIntosh, doing a sky jump for our school, raising money for an outdoor library. The link to the Just Giving page: <u>https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rachael-</u> <u>mcintosh?utm_id=1&utm_term=r48yd2Ydb</u>

Very best wishes,

Mrs Jones

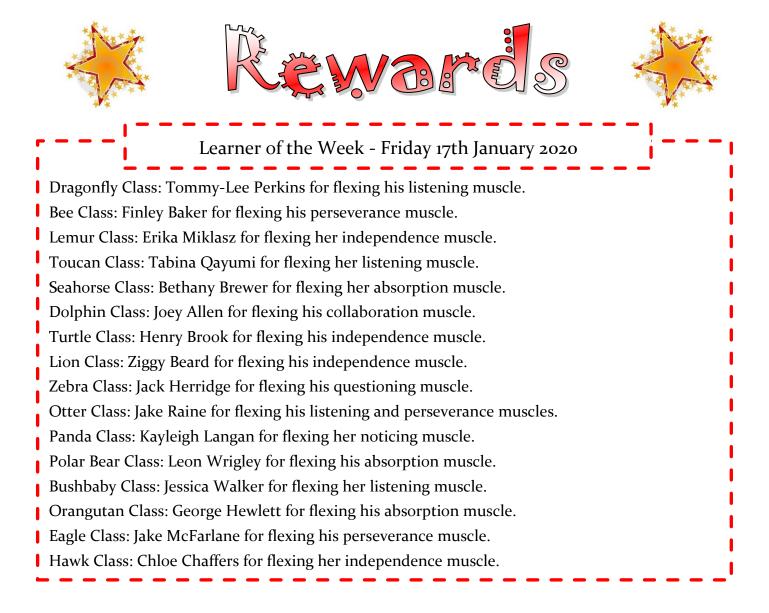


Learner of the Week – Friday 13th December 2019

Dragonfly Class: Thea Austin and Evie Gatehouse for flexing their independence muscles. Bee Class: Axel Valazques-Cox for flexing his independence muscle. Lemur Class: Lara Tew for flexing her independence muscle. Toucan Class: Lauren O'Leary for flexing her making links muscle. Seahorse Class: Harry Chubb for flexing his perseverance muscle. Dolphin Class: Minnie-May Ebejer for flexing her perseverance muscle. Turtle Class: Bella Fulford for flexing her collaboration muscle. Lion Class: Ziggy Beard for flexing his absorption muscle. Otter Class: Leon Bailey for flexing his perseverance muscle. Panda Class: Olivia Perry for flexing her capitalising muscle. Polar Bear Class: Oliver Koszlaga for flexing his perseverance muscle. Orangutan Class: Harriet Fairhead for flexing her capitalising and noticing muscles. Eagle Class: Oliver Johnson for flexing his making links muscle.

Learner of the Week - Friday 10th January 2020

Dragonfly Class: Lyra Aitken for flexing her perseverance muscle. Bee Class: Emma Jackson for flexing her independence muscle. Lemur Class: Tommie McFarlane for flexing his independence muscle. Toucan Class: Jaydn Stubbs for flexing his perseverance muscle. Seahorse Class: Leighton King for flexing his listening muscle. Dolphin Class: Troy Ebejer for flexing his listening and collaboration muscles. Turtle Class: Nimmi Sherin for flexing her capitalising muscle. Lion Class: Zain Hmimmsa for flexing his absorption muscle. Zebra Class: George Gaiger for flexing his listening muscle. Otter Class: Andrew Bennett for flexing his making links and absorption muscles. Panda Class: Jacob Wyeth for flexing his listening and independence muscles. Polar Bear Class: Grace Spratley for flexing her making links and collaboration muscles. Bushbaby Class: Lukas West for flexing all of his learning muscle. Wolf Class: Niya Sherin for flexing her absorption muscle. Eagle Class: Alex Bound for flexing his revising muscle. Hawk Class: Myles Langley-Bliss for flexing his perseverance muscle.



Learner of the Week - Friday 17th January 2020

Dragonfly Class: Elliot McClean for flexing his independence muscle.
Bee Class: Tabitha Meridith-Chapman for flexing her imagination muscle.
Lemur Class: Isabella Hawkins for flexing her making links muscle.
Toucan Class: Joseph Griffiths for flexing his independence muscle.
Seahorse Class: Noah Blair for flexing his listening muscle.
Dolphin Class: Donnie Hewlett for flexing her independence and making links muscles.
Turtle Class: Emilia Sainsbury for flexing her independence and making links muscles.
Lion Class: Evie Fuller for flexing his absorption muscle.
Otter Class: Oplan Firth for flexing his empathy and imitation muscles.
Polar Bear Class: Aedan Norman for flexing his independence muscle.
Orangutan Class: Mya Holmes for flexing her resilience muscle.
Eagle Class: Georgie Cummerson for flexing her perseverance muscle.

Week Ending - Friday 13th December 2019

Key Stage One: Dragonfly Class - 99% Key Stage Two: Zebra Class - 98.7%

Week Ending - Friday 20th December 2019

Key Stage One: Toucan Class - 98.4% Key Stage Two: Lion Class - 99%

Week Ending - Friday 10th January 2020

Key Stage One: Toucan Class - 99.7% Key Stage Two: Eagle Class - 100%

Week Ending - Friday 17th January 2020

Key Stage One: Seahorse Class - 99% Key Stage Two: Lion Class and Bushbaby Class - 99.3%

Week Ending - Friday 24th January 2020

Key Stage One: Turtle Class - 99.3% Key Stage Two: Lion Class - 98.7%

Year 5 Saxon Day

On Tuesday 7th January, Year 5 welcomed Algar the Anglo Saxon to school. Throughout the day he taught us all about the history of the Saxons. We were able to practice our war cries in a mock battle and even had a look at what a Saxon King's burial would have looked like. It was a great learning experience for all of the children to see some Saxon artefacts in real life and was great way to launch our new history enquiry.





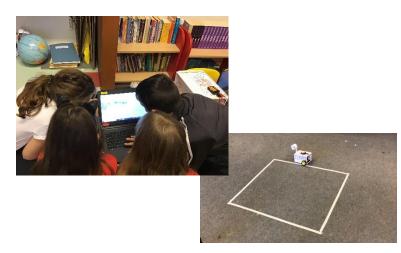
We have again sent out our monthly internet safety newsletter which contains some advice on the parental settings you are able to set on any new smartphones your children may have as well as any smart speakers like 'Alexa' or 'Google Nest'.

On Tuesday 11th February the school will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. Each year group will spend some time during that week considering how to stay safe on the internet with a particular focus on our online identity. We will also be having a parent information meeting straight after school on Friday 14th. Further details of this will be in a letter which will be sent out some time next week.

Year 5 - Mars Rovers

Year 5 have had work really well on their Mars Rovers over the last few weeks. They created the structures out of wood and have then used crumble boards to programme them on the computer.

So far they have shown great perseverance in getting them to move exactly a metre and most groups have successfully made their rover travel around a metre square. It has been great to see all of the children looking at their code and working on how they can solve problems and correct them!



Mr Hill



Year 4 - Roman Day

On Wednesday 15th January, Year 4 welcomed some Roman visitors to school. With them, the Romans brought huge amounts of artefacts to share with us.

We learnt all about social toileting, sharing a toilet bench and having a catch up while doing a poo! We also learnt that rather than using toilet paper, which was very expensive and rough, they used a communal sponge to clean themselves after going!

It seems the Romans were fairly well behaved, as the punishments handed out if they weren't being quite brutal. The punishments ranged from wearing a sign around their necks stating their misdemeanour, to being flogged with an iron studded whip.

To end the day, the children took part in a Roman Drill, instructed by the Roman Legionary.

After their visit, the Romans left us with heads filled with new facts and lines of enquiry to follow up with! We had a truly fascinating day!

Miss Schofield



Year 6 Movie Night

Year 6 had a fantastic Friday evening watching Percy Jackson, The Lightning Thief, to help launch our new enquiry centred around the Ancient Greece. The children came dressed in cosy clothes and pyjamas, bringing with them blankets, pillows and sleeping bags and sat amongst the twinkly lights enjoying their hot chocolate, sweets and the movie. Children were able to develop their understanding of some of the Greek Myths explored in class and were able to put them into a modern day context.

A special thank you to Jake Parker's Grandma for supplying extra, home-made popcorn (this was incredibly popular and the children loved it).



German Lessons - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Year 4 have joint the German speaking community and have made a great start - well done all of you!

The German speaker of the month is Oliver Johnson (Eagle Class) who has been really engaged in discussions and has picked up the vocabulary and phrases really well. Keep up the good work!

Miss Bruening







Year 3 - Butser Ancient Farm

Year 3 went to Butser Farm for their school trip based around the History topic 'Stone Age' on Tuesday 14th January 2020. The children learnt many facts about the Stone Age and were able to be hands on with exciting activities such as waddling, chalk carvings and making bead strings, using the actual materials that were available in the Stone Age. Even though it was wet and cold, all children enjoyed the activities and were able to talk about this with great excitement.

Thank you to Butser Farm for their expert knowledge!









More photos have been uploaded to the school website



Senlac Ridge 1066

Battle cries loomed over the ridge, as the enemy tore down the hill. "There a coming" boomed the lookout man- but we already knew. Suddenly their shield wall split to reveal a mass of mounted warriors. Paralysed, frightened, horrified, I watched the enemy canter towards us.
Dust launched from behind the hooves of the horses. All of a sudden, a cloud of arrows flew into the air and descended down on us. The arrows were like Saintans dry battle torn hands coming down so he could drag us to the dark clasps of death. The horses were slipping across the slick blood that blanketed the grass green blades.
They both came at once, the arrows and the mounted men. I grabbed a spear from one of my fallen comrades, whom had an arrow jutting from his eye, and hefted it at a mounted warrior. He fell, cursing as his head smashed against the hard-as-hell ground. I whipped round, only to see a horse rear up as it kicked at my bloody face.
With a blood gurgled scream, I flew into one of my own. Our metal clashing as we collided into

each other. I leaped back up, seized an axe and swung it at the mounted warrior. He briskly bolted away. Suddenly I heard the sound of hoofs cascading of the weapons and armour that lay, dormant on the ground. I craned my head round and desperately lurched my axe at the chestnut mare. It hit! But only to get stuck in the creature's muscular chest.

The handle of the axe ricocheted off my helmet and flipped me into the floor, my head ringing with pain. The warrior jabbed his lance at me, but I would take no more abuse from this man so I latched onto his lance. He violently shook the lance and I seized my chance to kill this wretch. With one savage swipe of my sword, I ripped open the warrior's chest. Blood spat from my foes insides. I rolled as I hit the ground, my hair scraping against the glinting metal of sword. That's when I saw it, saw blood on steel.

The following events happened to quick for me for me to retell, I can only tell you about what I think happened, call it a biased ending, an ending of many, many things.

The claymore smashed into my head, throwing my helmet into the abyss. Warm blood trickled down my scalp as I soared above the dozens men below. It felt like hours before I met with the cold, damp earth.

Disengaged, humiliated, defeated, I watched as my vision ebbed shut...



By Freddie Gaiger - 5LS, Orangutan Class



Australia Day

On Friday 7th February 2020 we have having an Australia Day (nonuniform). Children can wear Aussie colours, come as animals, flag, etc. We are kindly asking for a £1 donation which will go to WWF, which will support the animals in Australia.

Children from Year 5 have made a video, which you are able to watch here:

https://www.shamblehurst.co.uk /australia-day-friday-7thfebruary-2020/

Year 1 and Year 4 Trips Please ensure trip reply slips are returned promptly - thank you!

Calling All Volunteers

At an afternoon play date on New Year's Eve, a group of parents wondered 'whatever happened to school discos?' And the seed of a new Shamblehurst PTA was planted. We want our children to have many happy memories of school, both in class and as part of a wider school community. We believe we can play a part in that for everyone by providing financial support to the school for resources such as tablet computers, books and science equipment, as well as experiences, such as the chance to hear inspiring professional speakers, or chill out in a new courtyard garden. (And yes, dance your first slow dance at the school disco!) *** Fancy joining us? ***

At this very early stage, ahead of becoming a registered charity, we'd love to hear from anyone who is interested and has some skills, time and energy to give, in any capacity.

To express your interest, email: adminoffice@shamblehurst.hants.sch.uk

We really hope to hear from you!



January has been pretty wet with lots of rainy days which has made it tricky to get outside as much as we'd like, but thankfully the children are coming into school well dressed for the weather, so we have been out discovering our site in the wet and the windy conditions.

Key Stage 2 have been looking at animals that are very good at camouflaging and 'hiding in plain sight'. So they have been challenged to use their own camouflage to hide themselves on the school grounds in plain sight of their partners. There were some incredible efforts made by groups to conceal themselves but I have to say Year 6 probably did the best job! Key Stage 1 have been looking at some of the winter trees on the school grounds and their challenge was to make a giant tree using their bodies with roots, trunk, branches and leaves all included. Toucans class did this brilliantly!

Classes have just started looking at rope skills and how to build a ladder using paracord and sticks from the wooded area. It's been amazing to see how children have coped with the tricky skill of making the ladders and although we haven't used rope or sticks strong enough to climb up the technique is the same and shorty after school clubs will be making ladders and swings strong enough to climb and enjoy.

As well as these main parts of sessions children have also taken part in Wildlife of the Day, Animal News, 10 seconds, Hide and Sneak 2.0, hiding not hiding and question of the week. Before Christmas Isa Baskal and Tyler Hill found a Hedgehog curled up in the wooded area, the Hedgehog was taken home and very well fed for a few weeks and in January I was able to bring it in to show the boys how she had grown and how healthy she was thanks to them finding her. With the weather turning a little colder mid-january she has now hibernated in our garage and will wake up healthy and ready for Hedgehog business in Spring!

Another amazing act was the saving of a Queen Buff Tailed Bumblebee, found by Anna Noyce and Annabel Fowler. We believe the Queen was confused by the milder temperature and came out of hibernation only to be caught by 2 really cold mornings. She was safely moved to Emma's Garden where she will hide herself away until the warmer Spring weather arrives. Well done girls!

There have been lots of amazing individual efforts during the month but some children have impressed so much they have been given Outdoor Learner of the Week; KS1 - Ryan Jacob,
 Imogen Bonwick, Noah Blair & Jayla Parnell. KS2 - Andrew Bennett, Anna Noyce and Annabel Fowler, Austin Fountain and Cody Levy.



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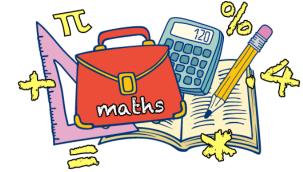
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National Young Mathematicians' Awards

Some of you might be already aware of this national competition which runs in conjunction with the fantastic mathematicians from the NRICH Project, at the University of Cambridge and which offers a unique opportunity to stretch four of our more-able pupils.

Every year hundreds of schools take part in this competition and this year Shamblehurst Primary School has been represented by the following Year 6 children: Lucian Hart, Madison McIlroy, Thomas Cole and Alfie Hawkins.

Our team were successful at battling through two out of three rounds and everyone was really impressed by the way in which they tackled the challenges and how great they were at considering and checking their answers.

Congratulations to you all and a massive Thank You to all parents and grandparents who supported them!

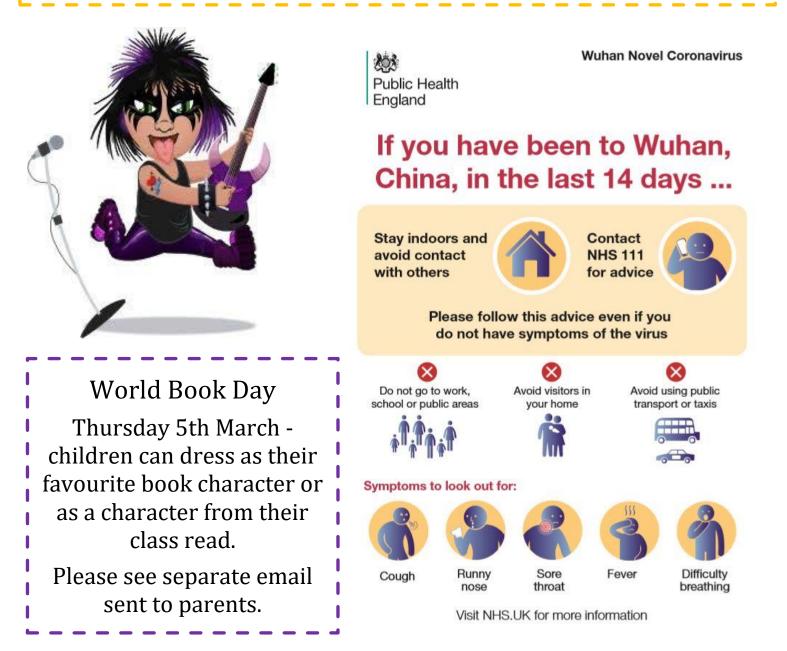
Mrs Thompson

Times Table Rockstars

This week in assembly we have relaunched Times Table Rockstars. This is a brilliant package the school has bought into to help children practice their times tables in a fun way. Every child from Year 1 up should have their own log on so that they can also play this at homes well online and also on the app which can be downloaded on AppStore or Google Play. If you are unsure of this log on, your child's class teacher should be able to find this out for them. There are a variety of game types the children can enjoy which will earn them coins. With these coins they will also be able to buy things for their avatars like costumes and hairstyles.

As well as this, the children are able to compete against each other and currently we have a competitions running between Year 5 and 6, Years 3 and 4 and also Years 1 and 2. These competitions will finish On 14th February so we will be able to tell the children who the winners are in our final celebration assembly of the half term.

Mr Hill



Ladies Southampton Football Club Visit

On Tuesday 21st January, we had a visit from Southampton FC Women's manager, Marieanne Spacey-Cale and captain Shannon Sievwright.

Marieanne inspired us to be the best version of ourselves and explained how important getting an education is alongside playing football. She shared her career highlights, winning 6 FA cups, 98 England caps and scoring 21 goals for England. Shannon then invited us to their FA cup game at St Mary's on Sunday. Some of the girl's football team asked Marieanne and Shannon questions about their match day preparations, training schedules and tips on becoming a footballer, finishing off with photos and autographs.

Shannon showed the children her goal celebration and asked them to join in at the game if she scores. The assembly created a buzz around school with lots of children eager to get tickets to the game. It was great to see lots of Shamblehurst children sat amongst the women's teams record attendance of 4510 fans at St Mary's Stadium, most of them experiencing their first football match.

The girls football team saw their role models in action and are keen to use Marieanne's inspiring words at their tournament after half term.

Mrs Kelly







