

DOWNSEND PRE-PREP TIMES



Leatherhead

Friday 19th June



Message from Miss Hodges

In what has been a very rainy week, the children have brought their own sunshine to school with their smiling faces and happy attitudes! I love being on the door in the mornings, welcoming the children and having little chats with them on their way into school.

Although in what is now our new 'normal' the children have continued to amaze me with their learning.

First Steps have been visiting the seaside through stories and small world play, making rock pools with their super cutting and sticking skills and painting pictures of the beach.

Rising Reception have been learning about sea turtles and how to make sure that we keep plastic out of the sea so that the turtles have a safe place to live. They have also used forks to create pufferfish artwork!

Reception have been diving into the deep blue sea, learning about sharks and I watched some very grown up children writing facts about hammerhead

sharks and how the smallest shark is only the size of a banana! Empty boxes have been coming in too, and I'm very much looking forward to seeing their 3D underwater creations come to life.

In Year 1 it has been harvesting time. The potatoes that we planted before lockdown, which Mrs Laverock has cared for at home were ready to be dug up and between Owls and Squirrels a bumper crop of 60 potatoes were discovered and sent home for cooking.

I can't believe that the end of this year is approaching (much more quickly than most of us would like, I'm sure) and it will soon be time to say goodbye to our Year One children. Mrs Laverock and I are busy organising a special celebration for their time here and will send more information out to parents as soon as we can.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that we get to see a glimmer of sunshine very soon.

Miss Amy Hodges

Potato Harvest Time in Year One

After carefully chitting and planting our potatoes in March, we were finally able to harvest them this week. There were over sixty potatoes and the children were able to take them home to cook and taste them – well done everyone!



Being kind and helping in Ladybirds

Ladybirds are really enjoying being back at school with their friends. They are helping each other to build amazing creations, reading to their friends and showing off their hard work.



Birthdays

We always celebrate birthdays in our celebration's assembly so a big Happy Birthday to the following children for this week.

Zac is 4 on 24th June



Don't Forget

Please remember to tune into Mrs Conlan's celebration assembly which is loaded onto SeeSaw.

Enjoy 😊

Useful contacts



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Teamwork makes the dream work!

The children have loved being in their bubbles outside this week. We have been focusing a lot on teamwork and feelings; knowing how others feel by the face they are making. The children have really enjoyed working together this week.



Five Fantastic Friends



Five fantastic friends in Squirrels class worked together to decorate these recycled trees found on the field. They used hoops and coloured balls for their decorations and helped each other to move the trees into height order. They also worked out that putting tress into tyres and resting the tallest one against a chair helped to keep them standing up. Great teamwork everyone!

Strong Friendships in Butterflies

It has been heartening to see the kindness shown by the children to their friends who returned to Butterfly class this week and it is clear that strong friendships have helped the children cope with a different school environment. The genuine happiness of being reunited with their friends has been wonderful to see and Mrs Hampshire and Mrs Tullett are so proud of them all.



Sharing Sandcastles

It has been lovely to learn about going to the seaside this in week in First Steps and the children enjoyed exploring a sand tray with lots of different shells inside. There was only one small bucket to build sandcastles with and the children took turns beautifully to share the bucket and make sandcastles. There was some lovely language happening and Henry asked Eryn and William, "please can I help you?" William found a big shell and wanted to share the sea sounds with everyone at the table. He passed it round for everyone to have a listen.



Working Together in Owls

Owls class working together to complete puzzles.



Events for W/C 22nd June 2020

Mon	All day	Mrs Conlan in school
Tues	All day	Mrs Conlan in School
Weds	All day	National Writing Day
Thurs		
Fri	All day	Mrs Conlan in school

Work of the Week



Busy Bees

Julian has drawn a beautiful picture of himself at the seaside with his family. He had to think carefully about what members of his family he had to draw and what features to do. He said, "this is my baby brother and I have drawn me with long hair." What a lovely picture Julian.



Owen has been very busy with his online learning this week and has enjoyed a range of different activities. He did particularly well with a shell sorting activity and he listened beautifully to Mummy's questions to sort the shells from big to small. Well done Owen!



Ladybirds

As part of our under the sea topic we have learnt about sea turtles. Luca has made this terrific turtle using a paper plate.

After learning about the effects of plastic waste on sea turtles and other sea creatures Luca said, "You never put rubbish in the sea because it might make the sea turtles sick and poorly."



Butterflies



Butterfly class have been learning about undersea creatures and as Tuesday was World Sea Turtle Day what better day could there be to learn about these amazing creatures? We learnt that they have been in existence since the time of the dinosaurs and they can live to be 100 years old. Work of the Week goes to Marceau for making a super paper plate sea turtle.

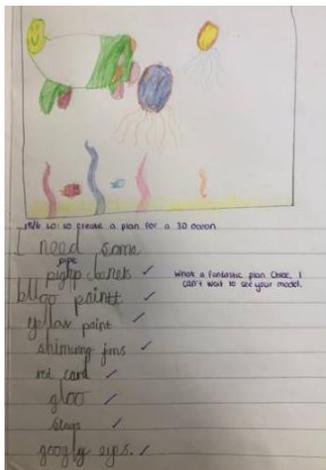


Foxes

For his lovely under the sea artwork this week. Leo made his picture even better by adding a merman.



Rabbits

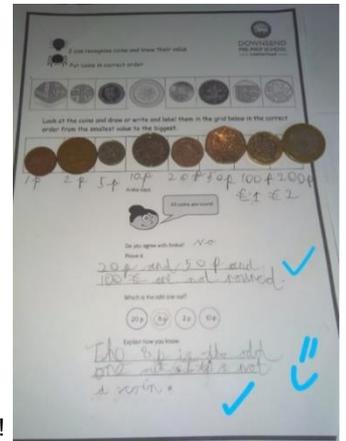


This week we have been learning about the Ocean. Chloe has been busy creating a plan of what she wanted her 3D ocean to look like, she took her time drawing a plan and included a range of different creatures we might find in the ocean. Chloe then used her phonic knowledge to help her write a list of resources she would need. Well done Chloe!



Squirrels

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning to recognise coins and know their value. Kit has ordered the coins from 1p to £2 and written each coin's value correctly. Kit also answered the challenge questions correctly to show his understanding. Well done Kit!



Owls



This week we have been learning about Claude Monet the famous artist and have used paper plates, paint and collage to create our own waterlily pond. Simona worked hard to make her pond look like the light was reflecting off the surface by using different shades of blue and green. Well done Simona!