

Written by the pupils for their local community to enjoy.

New Playground Revamp Creates Fun Times for Playtimes and Learning.

Hartlip have had a complete re-décor of their playground this term, with colourful, fun and exciting games and learning activities to be enjoyed by all ages.

Every class have been trying out the new paint job on the playground and it certainly seems to be a big hit with them all. A mixture of new games to learn which promote team games, fitness and agility at every level, and a great use of space as every well thought out area promotes active learning as can be used during lessons too.

Huge thank you to Mrs Barrett, who has worked so hard to get this achieved and thought about the perfect balance of fun and learning to make learning actively fun!



(Find out what the children had to say about the new playground, back page.)

An End of Term Message



Well, I held my breath for another term and I am delighted we have managed once again to keep school open for the duration of the term. This is credit to you all for working so hard with us, abiding by the restrictions in place and testing your children (and yourselves) if you are in any doubt that the usual circulating germs may just have the chance of being something otherwise. Thank you so much!

It is lovely isn't it to now be enjoying the lift of restrictions. You have seen us take our first lift in school, by no longer screening children's temperatures. This certainly makes the arrival process swifter and means that we are can start work faster, making the most of every day!

Our children are to be congratulated on how hard they are working. I have said before that as a school, we do not talk in terms of 'catch up' or recovery. As adults and professionals, we own this and give every minute of every day to supporting our children to do this without them even noticing!

The children are delighted with the new look playground and this is being well used both at play and in learning. We are grateful to Mrs Barrett for all her hard work in leading this project.

Our full range of extra-curricular clubs have been well received and we look forward to advising you at the start of term 6 what will be on offer then. These have afforded the children the opportunity to have longer with their friends and engage in something of interest to them. It has also given parents a little more time to catch up on things you have not been able to do. Let us hope for some pleasant summer days ahead affording us the opportunity to make use of our school grounds and Reflection Garden.

We are busy planning term 6. We look forward to welcoming 15 new children to our school community. They with their parents, will be involved in transition sessions throughout the term. At the same time, our children making a transition within school will be able to meet their new teacher, teaching team and class cohort. We make our transition programme thorough so that all children can make a swift and settled start to their learning when we commence the new academic year in September.

We are preparing for very special celebrations for our year 6 leavers. They too will be having transition sessions at their new schools. 46% of our year 6 children are off to grammar school this year. We pride ourselves on ensuring that each and every child goes to the right school for them so that they can continue to grow and flourish in the next chapter of their educational journey. Even last year's lockdown didn't stop us hosting the traditional Leavers' Service and End of Year Performance. This year will be the same and we've even got a residential planned! Watch this space!

Eagles and Peacocks have visited the forest this term and we are excited to invite you all in to school to enjoy a special spring celebration. You will at this receive your child's report when I am sure that you will be delighted with just how hard they have worked. We look forward to welcoming you more frequently in to school as restrictions ease and as we all become well-rehearsed with the procedures that need to be followed.

I commend each and every one of your wonderful children, in whom you should be rightly proud. They are a credit to you and our school community. They have worked hard and demonstrated clear resilience, strength and flexibility. We look forward to another busy term wrapped in celebration and happy memories. See you on Tuesday 8th June 2021!

Mrs Jerome

A Thoughtful Message From Our Governors.

Dear Mrs Jerome, members of staff and children,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of Term 5 – it does not seem that long ago that the Governors were proudly watching your Nativity play. Sadly the weather for much of the last term has been more appropriate for Christmas than summer but with better weather forecast and the vaccine rollout gathering pace, we can look forward to Term 6 with a great deal of excitement and optimism.

As the Governor responsible for monitoring ‘Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies’, I have been delighted to learn about your ‘Huff Puff’ minutes and the innovative and practical ways the school has been providing physical education to the children. As a keen sportsman myself, I cannot endorse enough the importance of regular exercise whether it be walking, running, skipping or better still, making use of the exciting new line markings in the playground.

There is a saying that, ‘when the going gets tough, the tough get going’ and I think that has been very true of everyone associated with the school over the last 12 months. We should be truly grateful for the talismanic leadership of Mrs Jerome during this challenging period and the unwavering support from all members of staff and parents to support the children’s learning.

On behalf of the Governing body, thank you to everyone for your ongoing commitment to ‘Learning to Live, Living to Learn’ and for making the school such a special haven. We also extend our very best wishes to the Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their transition to secondary school.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term and hope that you recharge your batteries so that you return full of energy and enthusiasm to enjoy the final weeks of the school year.

Kind regards,

Mr Noel Lander

Spirited Arts Week

Every year Hartlip take part in Spirited Art, This is a great time for children to be able to express their thoughts through using creative and mixed media forms, alone or in groups.

The classes have really enjoyed and soaked up the inspiration and thoughts behind spirited arts and taken part in finding different ways to reflect their artistic talents in research along the way.



Football Fun for Everyone

Children dress in sports wear to have a football themed day at school.

Although it was predominantly a football theme, children were allowed to dress in any sporty clothing for this themed day. It was wonderful to see which sport or activity the children were interested in, with a mix of ballerinas, some wearing snooker champion attire, rugby and martial arts all taking part in a game of football.



Round up from the classes this term. What have they all been up to?

Have a look at what each class has been up to this term. They've definitely made the most of their learning and their environment and had great fun along their learning journey.

Robins have been working out numbers and finding different ways of counting in multiples. The new 100 square on the playground has helped them to be able to learn this in an active maths style.



Maths lesson using the new 100 square



Learning about minibeasts. When they found a butterfly they made a ring of leaves to protect it .



Quiet story time.



Acting out their Talk 4 writing story map.



Some free time to choose when they can't wait to tell stories with dinosaurs, work out their numbers with Numicon and enjoy being creative with their building



In Blackbirds, the inspirational new playground has added to the wealth of practical learning in maths and performance in English as children extend the story of Not Now Bernard, reconstructing a sequel with a monster arrival into a Year 2 classroom. Children are being inspired by this to recreate their own story in the style of a newspaper.



In maths children have been using a wealth of resources to demonstrate their understanding of representing and sequencing numbers in different ways.



Constructing timelines in history.

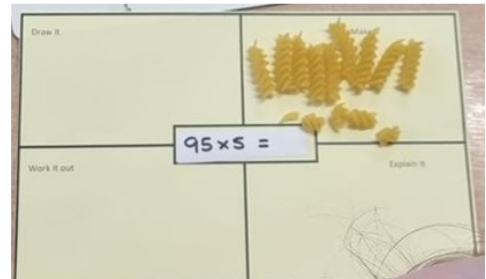
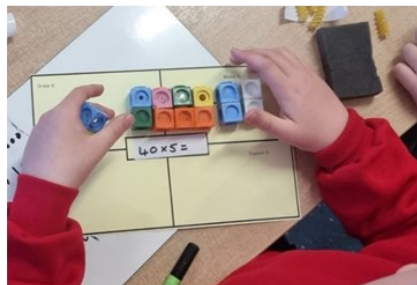
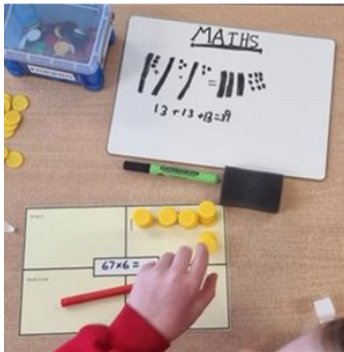
This term in peacocks' class we have been doing a lot of performances and presentations in English to learn how to express our ideas to an audience through actions and voice.



We have also been getting creative making lots of Hindu inspired art within our RE lessons. We started by making Rangolis which is an art form originating in the Indian subcontinent, in which patterns are created on the floor or a table top.



In our maths lesson we have been learning to use lots of different manipulatives to help us with our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



In Eagles they have been writing modern Romeo and Juliet themed play scripts with drama based activities to be able to become their characters and enable their amazing vocabulary to be informed by movement and character voice.



They have really enjoyed their science. Using all different electrical components to try out and design their own electrical circuits. They were all very keen to share their observations of what happened if they removed or added different parts and how these affected their circuits.



Such wonderful artwork this term looking at scale drawings of Spanish Armada ships. So many of the class really enjoy their art and are certainly very talented. What a lovely way to unwind after all the hard work they have been doing.



Kwik Cricket for PE has been fun this term as they have all been able to develop their ball skills and agility to become fantastic cricketers! Hopefully they will be able to take part in tournaments next year and develop their skills further.



It's Not Just Music!

At Hartlip music is so much more...

It's about how it makes you feel, how it makes you move and how much fun it can be for everyone. And Mrs White really does make it a wonderful experience for every child.

Every class has been busy this term singing, moving and playing instruments together.

Robins have been exploring sounds through songs and music about minibeasts. They had fun playing instruments to 'The Grasshopper Dance' and 'Flight of the Bumble Bee.' They love singing 'Caterpillar'! Ask them to sing it for you and do the actions!



Blackbirds have been exploring pitch- they have been playing xylophones and chime bars and made patterns of high, middle and low sounds.



Peacocks have made a great start on the ukulele. They have learnt to strum and play the strings separately to create tunes. They loved playing 'The Thumb Brush Strum'!



Eagles have continued to make music using recorders, drums and other percussion. They have learnt three pieces to accompany their play of Romeo and Juliet and also learnt about folk music. They've had a great time learning a traditional Morris stick dance.



Zak's Hedgehog Diary



Final one until we can see which ones re-visit later in the year. Term 5 update - May 2021

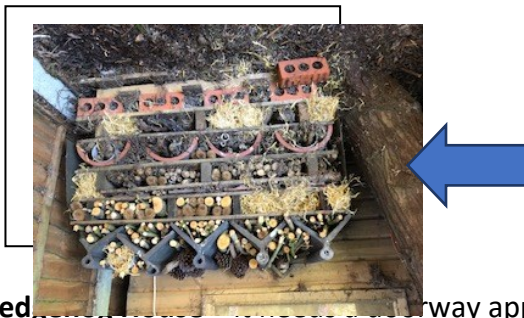
Having released all of our hedgehogs in March a couple of them have set up home in the hedgehog houses that we've hidden under the trees in the garden. The others have wandered off and found themselves another cosy spot to set up home.



Hedgehogs like to build their nests at the base of thick hedges, under bramble bushes, garden sheds or piles of rubbish. If you don't have anywhere like this in your garden, it's really easy to build a safe and snugly home for hedgehogs (but it needs to be out of sunlight).

Why don't you make a home for hedgehogs during Half Term!

Build a log pile, bug house or compost heap. One of the best features for encouraging all kinds of wildlife – and so easy to make. It will encourage insects and provide nesting opportunities all year round.



We used a pallet as the base for our bug house and there's definitely a hedgehog living inside the pallet at the bottom!

We stuffed it with straw and hay so it's got somewhere warm and cosy to snuggle up.

Build a Hedgehog House ... way approx. 13cm and a dividing wall inside to stop predators getting in and keep the hogs warm. It's a good idea to have an air vent to stop condensation and to cover the roof in a waterproof material. There's loads of ideas on Google that can help with ideas! <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home>



Spring has Sprung!

Now is the time of year when female hedgehogs will be making their nests getting ready for their babies to be born. If you see a hedgehog out and about in the daytime – as long as they are alert, and walking with purpose – leave them alone as they may be gathering moss, leaves, straw and grass for their nests.

If you see a hedgehog sat out in the sunshine – it's a sign there's something wrong – they don't sunbathe! If the hedgehog appears lame and confused or is visibly injured – please place the hedgehog in a box, keep it warm with a towel and ensure it has a dish of fresh water and contact a local rescue to ask for help.

Hogs are great at hiding and easily get hurt

Check before strimming. Many people tidy up their gardens and use strimmers to cut back long grass and weeds – please check before doing this as hogs won't run away and many are badly injured, suffer horrific injuries or even die if they are caught by the strimmer line.

Be careful with bonfires. A hedgehog might be snuggled up under piles of debris – either build it your bonfire on the day of burning or move it before setting it alight to avoid a tragic end.



Finally - Don't squash me!

We're no stranger to seeing a squashed hedgehog on the road – especially in Summer months. Each year up to 335,000 hedgehogs are estimated to die on British roads.

If you see a hedgehog crossing the road – they will not run away – please don't run them over!

Hopefully Hartlip will be able to have some visits from some new prickly friends next school year.



Forest Day for Peacocks and Eagles



Congratulations !

Year 2

Huffing and Puffing through Term 5



Fantastic working out and keeping fit goes year 2.

Year 2 have gained the most minutes this term with by being super active with 27,645 minutes!

Great work year 2 keep it going.

Trophy Winners for Term 5

Congratulations !

Radiant Reds



Radiant Red tam leaders holding winning trophy

So close between Brave Blue and Radiant Reds but Radiant Reds win by 70 points.

Brave Blues are the overall winners this term in the house point system with a fantastic 987 points.

All totals were fairly close this term which show just how hard all children and teams have been working.

Beautiful Art from Talented Artists.

Children proudly showing off their art they produced in art club this term.



The children enjoying their newly refurbished playground.



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