



Forward March!

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*With God's help
we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of the children. They have worked so hard and with every changing demand made on us by a new and challenging curriculum. The many values that have been on display throughout the year have particularly come to the fore as we end the term – resilience when tackling a particularly tricky problem whether it is in class or a problem between friends; courage in coping with changes; love and honesty towards all members of the school community; appreciation and happiness for each other and all the opportunities they are given within the school – which all strengthen their character and their ability to make the most of every aspect of school life.

It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, achieving a Great SIAMS inspection, sporting competitions, creative arts, winning the Diocesan art competition and to the numerous fun and fundraising exploits of the 'Friends of The March'.

We achieve so much because we work together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this year. It has been a year of changes and they have embraced this with goodwill and continued to provide the best education for the children.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing. Many thanks and we look forward to working more closely with you from September.

It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Year 6 over the year. They start in September as children but by the time they leave in July they are young adults.

Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I know that they have all had a great start here at The March and that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. We would all also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Pople and Mrs Farquhar for all their amazing help over the years, you will be missed as teaching assistants but wish you both all the best for your next journeys and adventures.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th September!

Mrs Metcalfe

Head Teacher



Reception Class' Highlights of the Year 2016-2017



We have had some very magical moments over the year in Reception. The children became fascinated with bible stories and the Creation story in particular. They decided to experiment with colours colliding together. It was great fun, the resulting picture looked amazing and EVERYTHING was covered in splashes of colour!



There have been so many highlights at Forest School, but these pictures capture a moment when confidence is gained and children are exploring their own limits.



What could be nicer than creating your own food, the way you like it, eating it and sitting round a campfire with your friends



This was a very exciting day when the Fire Service came to Reception class. We



were allowed to try on the fire suits which were enormous!! The firemen let us climb into the cabin and then they showed us just how far they can squirt water from the hose – right across the field!!



We've had some super days with children in other classes too. Year 6 helped us re-enact life in a castle for our topic, Did Dragons Exist?



And of course there have been moments of real success- making an egg tower so the egg doesn't fall off and break!!

And times when it just doesn't go right!



And of course, it goes without saying, some magical muddy moments!



Class 1's Highlights of the Year 2016-2017

We have had so much fun in class 1 this year. We are going to tell you about our favourite topics that we have done and some of the exciting activities we have taken part in.

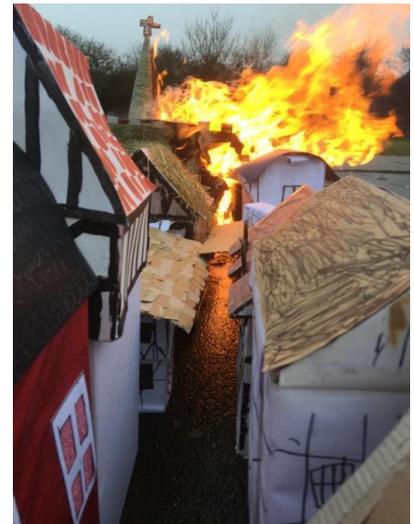
The first Topic we did was Dinosaur Planet, we really enjoyed measuring Dinosaurs on the field. Did you know that a Giganotosaurus was 42 metres long!!



Before Christmas our topic was Moon Zoom. When we came in to school we saw some white and blue tape across the gate to the forest school area. We were very excited and we didn't know what had happened. Then we got an email from Professor Pong. He told us that there had been a spaceship crash somewhere near our school. So we went to the forest school area and we found a spaceship!!!

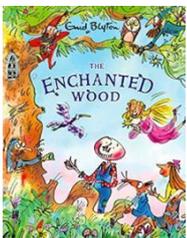
Splack was the alien who crashed the spaceship. He left us a message in our classroom it was all sticky and slimy! He was not very good at writing because he wrote all his words backwards. Splack asked us to help him get home so we made some spaceships. Then we learnt about the planets and stars. We went to the hall and there was a science dome. We went inside and a man showed us lots of pictures of stars and planets. There were witches on broomstick flying around!

After Christmas our new topic was Bright Lights, Big City. We learnt about London and we enjoyed the story of 'Katie in London'. Paddington Bear came to visit and we helped him learn about London. Then we learnt about the Great Fire of London! We made houses and set fire to them in the playground so we could see how quickly the fire would have spread. It made us feel sad and emotional because we had made the houses and they all burnt, but it made us understand how people felt during the Great Fire. It was a little bit exciting as well.



Some of our other favourite things this year are...

When we learnt about Superheroes we all dressed up as our favourite superhero and Mrs Renouf took some photos of us so that it looked like we were flying. Then we designed our own costumes and did a fashion show for our parents. It was really really really really really fun!



This term we have loved listening to the story of The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton. We met lots of new characters. We really liked Saucepan Man because he was really deaf and kept hearing the wrong words! Once a little boy called Rick told Saucepan Man his name and he thought Rick had said stick! He said 'Hello Stick' and we thought that was really funny! He also kept looking for cats because Moonface had a squeaker that sounded like a cat!

We have loved Forest school and going to the toy museum in Brighton we thought it was exciting going on the coach.

It was amazing, wonderful and fabulous in class 1 and we are sad to leave.



Class 2's Highlights of the Year 2016-2017

In Year 2 we have been learning about lots of different topics and we are going to tell you about some of our favourite things from this year.

Our first topic was called Towers, Turrets and Tunnels and we went to Arundel Castle. We got to see the deep dungeon but some of us were scared. We even got to see some swords and try on armour. Some of the stairs were really steep and tricky to go up and down. We went all the way to the top of the tower and there was a really lovely view. At the end of the day we dressed up as knights, archers, Queens, Jesters, Princesses, King and Lords.



Our second topic was Muck, Mess and Mixtures and we got to make pizzas and this was definitely one of the highlights. We worked in groups and had to make the dough by weighing and mixing the ingredients. We all made our own pizzas and put pepperoni, cheese, ham, tomatoes and lots more things on them. They were delicious!



One of our favourite days was when Mrs Burnett invited us to her Reading Slumber Party. We had to bring in our favourite books, teddies, popcorn and blankets and even got to wear our pyjamas. We didn't do any normal lessons and it was only Year 2 who got to have the special day. On the day we played games including Musical Books and Musical Statue Book Characters. We also spent lots of time sharing books with our friends and talking about what we liked about the books. At the end of the day we had a cake and sang 'Happy Reading Day to us' instead of Happy Birthday. This happened on the same day as the school disco so it was a double whammy!

This year was really fun and fantastic and we will be sad to leave Year 2.

Highlights of the year by Class 3 2016-2017

What an exciting year we have had! We've had lots of visitors and trips in year 3 which always stand out as being highlights of the year.

Memories were made when we had a visit from Owls about town to learn more for our Predator topic.

Year 3 enjoyed a very insightful trip to the chocolate factory for our Scrumdiddliumtious topic as well as making pizzas at Pizza Express! On of the other highlights from this topic was when students from Chichester College came along to run a 'well-being' day for Year 3, we took part in lots of fitness activities as well as cheerleading and yoga. It's been a very busy year with too many memories and highlights to cram in to one paragraph!



Paul Ullson's Visits.

Robin Hood. - Evie- 'learning about what they would have used in the old days'

Predators- he bought in animal skins and furs

Kieran- 'we got to hold them and look at the skulls.'

Ollie - 'I loved sketching the skulls'

Veterinary Nurse- she bought in lots of animals-

Thomas-' I liked holding the corn snake'.

Owls- a man came with 3 owls-

Demi-' I loved stroking them '.

Dell Quay trip-

Isla Boo-' I liked it because we got to walk in the river.'

Maya -' drawing the pictures of the place it is so beautiful.'

Salon de Chocolat

Jasmine- ' I really liked making our own chocolates.' Abigail - 'we were shown how to do swirls.'

Georgie -' I liked making chocolates for Harvey because he was ill.'

Fair Trade talk- Amelie- 'it was really interesting to hear how they travelled to other countries to see the fair trade'

Pizza Express-

Harley- 'we all got to make our own pizzas.'

Bobby- 'I loved the tasting'

Chichester College –

Maya-' I loved trying lots of different sports and playing new games.'



Highlights of Year 4 2016-2017

What an amazing year it has been.

Our most favourite memory is our trip to Butser Hill. It was so much fun climbing to the summit as a class and getting sweets along the way.

Once we got to the top we took a lovely class photo to celebrate our accomplishments.



Another fantastic memory is when Lush came in. We made Big Blue bath bombs with Mikey and Sofia. As our topic was Potions Mikey and Sofia made Lush potions for us, including a very glittery mermaid potion.

We were very lucky to have Miss Line with us for a term. She made one English lesson so fun by creating a Saxon feast as inspiration for our writing. One thing we will always remember is her tidying up game called find the magic piece of rubbish.

As if one American wasn't enough we had a visit from Mr Trey Thompson, aka a Texan cowboy! Yeehaw partner it was a brilliant afternoon learning about American history, the Native American Cherokee Tribe and Texas.

Over the past academic year we have been lucky enough to experience countless memorable experiences but these were our most favourite.



Class 5's Highlights of the year 2017.

Stargazing evening Autumn term:

Year 5 had a 'blast' at their Fantastic Finish last night, when children and parents returned to school after dark to explore the wonders of their topic-Stargazers. Mrs Swindells showed off children's musical talents with percussion performances of Star Wars and also pentatonic scales. This was followed by rocket experiments with Mrs Jackson, using water and also vinegar and baking soda, outside on a very crisp evening! Children then watched original footage of the 1969 Moon landing and listened to news reports written based on this momentous event.

School Council-Red Nose Day March 2017

Great fun was had by all on the day! Children ran up to 40 laps-equivalent to 4 miles on Friday afternoon to help raise money and show their support for such a good cause. We raised £152 on the day, thanks to your kind donations, and also £40 through the sale of the Red Noses, making a grand total of £192. The School Council also led the Red Nose Day assembly, which followed on from class workshops throughout last week, looking at the lives and difficulties of children from Sierra Leone.



March 2017-Science Museum

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the Science Museum in London last week. Here they experienced the Robot exhibition, and looked at mechanical arms from the 17th century, to state of the art machines used in engineering from the present day. They were most excited about the 'fist pumping' robot which made them all laugh! In addition, children also saw Tim Peake's TMA-19M Soyuz landing craft that he returned to Earth in last year. We hope we have inspired the budding scientists in Year 5 with such a great visit!

Summer Term

Year 5 showed true entrepreneurial spirit at their Farmers Market at the end of their Allotment topic in May.

They sold the radishes, cress and spinach they had grown since Easter and also the produce kindly donated from Sainsbury's Chichester to raise over £18. Also on display were their miniature gardens which made a colourful addition to their stalls on the small playground.

Well done Year 5!



Highlights of the year by Class 6.

What an interesting and fun filled year Class 6 children have tasted this year. The photos will demonstrate how a stimulating learning environment has promoted the learning of the children.

It started off in the first week of September, with songs and dances to learn for the Revival at Goodwood. This created such good writing throughout the term.

Continuing the theme of a Child's War, Yr 6 visited Tangmere Museum and learned about the brave pilots and SOE [Special Operations Executive- spies] who flew in Lysander aeroplanes on moonlit nights, to be dropped in the fields of France.



At the start of the 2nd half of the Autumn term, the Yr 6 children were involved in the prayer gardens, setting up the prayer areas and aiding the Reception children. We visited Swanfield Chapel and had a great morning learning about the bible and Christianity.

The Blood Heart topic involved inviting the paramedics to talk about the heart and emergency situations when out on call. We had the opportunity to take blood pressure and monitor heartbeats and 'oxygen in-take' using medical equipment. We even went inside the ambulance. Umm, I wonder who was on the stretcher? The paramedics so impressed us with their medical knowledge.



In January we rehearsed and sang at United Voices at Chichester Theatre. This was an incredible experience. We were so proud of the children. They sang beautifully. Later on that half term, the children wrote scripts and made films that were merged together, to create the E Safety film [on the school web page]. This was shown at CHS with other schools' films.



We entered the Diocese 'Year of the Bible' competition at the end of March and created two sculptures, Jonah and the Whale and Noah's Ark. These were excellently executed; the whale using plastic milk bottles, wire and modroc; the Ark, using wire and modroc. The sails were made from paintings of the animals. These will be seen in Chichester Cathedral from Saturday 15th July until Thursday 27th July. The children in Art Club also helped construct them both and made models of some of the animals.



In March, we attended the amazing STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths] event at Chichester College. This was a superb science event with many 'hands-on' investigations to try involving reactions, changes and forces. Pallant House gallery fitted in with 'Gallery Rebels'. We have many talented children in the class who created some excellent silk-screen prints based on Peter Blake. We toured the gallery and looked at some superb paintings.



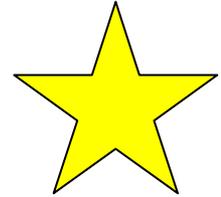
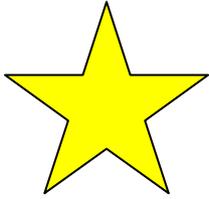
In June, we went on a residential to Fairthorne Manor and had such a fun and activity fuelled time! Sailing, raft building, kayaking, climbing, abseiling are just a few of the activities. We camped, sang round a campfire and enjoyed each other's company. The summer was sunny and so were we! This will definitely be a year to remember!

Sports Day

Thank you to so many of you coming out to share our Sports Day with us on what was a very hot day. The children had a fantastic time and really showed their teamwork skills. I'm sure you'll agree it was lovely to see the older children helping and supporting the younger ones in their house events. This is something as a school we are very proud of. Although all the teams put in a fantastic effort, this year's winners were Spitfire (Red House).



House Point Badge Winners



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