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Learn to love learning to live life better

Mother's Day Flowers

Every year The Deal Foodbank give Hornbeam lots of flowers for the children to buy! The bunches of flowers came with some greenery and 2 very pretty flowers.

The bunches of flowers were only 50p each!! What a bargain! There were all sorts of flowers, tulips, yellow roses, pink roses, red roses, gerberas, daisies and much more! The flowers were wrapped in pink or purple ribbon. So pretty! I'm sure all the mums absolutely loved their flowers that the children picked out for them! Of course, the roses spikes were sliced off for the children to carry! Year 5 got their flowers in a nice little plastic cup with a little bit of water in, so they didn't dehydrate. We raised £191.86! Charlie in Year 6 said, "I gave them to my mum and the flowers were good." Eden in Year 6 said that she bought 2 bunches of flowers and she gave them to her mum and they smelt beautiful.

Science Experiments

At Hornbeam we love Science, especially creating experiments.

Year 3 used chocolate to show the different stages of rocks

Year 4 have investigated teeth.

Year 6 have made bread go mouldy and year R have churned butter.

Hornbeam Celebrates World Book Day

World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year! It is a special day when we celebrate books, stories, and all the amazing characters we love. On World Book Day, children all around the world get excited about reading and sharing their favourite books.

At school, we get to dress up as our favourite characters. Some people come as wizards, superheroes, or even animals from stories! It's really fun to see everyone's costumes and guess who they are.

We also get to read lots of different books. Teachers read stories to us, and we share our favourite parts with our friends. Some of us like funny books, while others enjoy adventure or mystery stories. There is a book for everyone, which is why reading is so cool!

We took part in a woodland book trail too which was great fun as well as an extreme reading challenge, someone managed to read a book whilst riding a horse backwards!

Easter Jokes and Riddles

MY first is in PETAL and STALK, also FLOWER.
My next is in RAIN, but not WIND or SHOWER.
My third is in FAMILY, MUSIC and MAY.
My last is in BONNET and BOW, not HOORAY.

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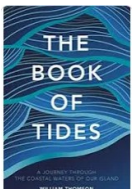
People Who Help Us

Year R have been learning about "People Who Help Us". They have recently been visited by the fire brigade. They were able to sit inside the fire engine, listen to the siren, use the water hose and look at some of the equipment on board. They thoroughly enjoyed it! They have also visited the Walmer Lifeboat station. They learned about water safety and got to ride on a bus to get there. Exciting isn't it! I love the thought of learning about all those brave and courageous people who risk their lives to help us. The also have been learning about something called "From Farm to Fork". This is where they learn about were food comes from. They loved reading a book called "The Little Red Hen" from that book they learned were flowers come from. They have also made bread, planted lettuce and radishes! They've been hard at work haven't they! I hope you've enjoyed reading this article about what Year R have been learning about!

We enjoyed a visit from Tide School to help us learn about water safety and what to do at the beach to keep us safe. Will told us that the tide rises in Deal by 6m and showed us how to notice a rip current.

Remember to read

the Book of Tides.



Cross curricular writing—inspirational people

Rosa Parks

This year Y6 have been learning about slavery and discrimination towards black people in Africa and the rest of the world, including topics such as Apartheid and people who protested against it. Today I will be talking about Rosa Parks and how she helped change Apartheid.

Rosa Parks was born on February 4th, 1913. For most of her life she followed the rules, however unreasonable they were. Some of the examples of these rules were that there were separate benches, parks, beaches, bathrooms, waiting rooms, entrances to buildings and bus seats for people with black skin. Speaking of buses, another rule was that if a white person got on a bus and there were no more seats left, a black person had to give up their seat. And this is exactly what Rosa Parks didn't do.

It was a rainy afternoon, and Rosa Parks was on the bus. A white lady came on and told Rosa Parks to give up her seat. Rosa didn't move. The white lady shouted at her. Still, she didn't move. The police were called, but still Rosa Parks did not move until the police dragged her off the bus and fined her. You may think Rosa Parks was wrong to do it, but her deed was inspiring people by the minute, the rumour had spread. This story helps people find courage, and look, it paid off, didn't it?

Year 6 have read the book Journey to Jo Burg to help with this topic.

Easter Puzzles and Riddles……..

What do you call a rabbit who tells jokes? A funny bunny!

What day does an Easter egg hate the most? Fry-days!

Writing Workshop

Here at Hornbeam a small bunch of year 5s and year 6s were lucky enough to have a story writing lesson hosted by none other than Ciaran Murtagh. If you have never heard of him then you've definitely watched one of the episodes he has made. Did you know that he has written over 200 episodes of Mr Bean.

Ciaran came here to Hornbeam and taught children how to make book plots, twists and how to make titles for them. The easiest way for him to make a title is to rip out a page of a dictionary, find two words and put them together and finally chose which one he likes best.

Hornbeam is Environmentally Friendly

- We have eco warriors who collect our recycling
- We encourage walking, riding or scooting to school
- We turn off lights and keep doors closed
- We plant flowers

Holocaust Memorial

Some of the school council braved the wet weather to go to Deal Town for the Holocaust memorial on Tuesday 27th of January 2026. There they met the Mayor of Deal and some other important people. The Children who went were, Arabella, Elena, Xander, Maca, Raiyah, Florence and Charlie. As this is the anniversary of the liberation of the largest Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau. This year's theme was, Bridging the Generations. The school council worked with Mrs Goodey and read a poem called, Never Shall I forget. The message that the children took from this poem was that when bad things happen, the worst thing anyone can do, is to do nothing. The children wrote some thoughtful poems and created charcoal images of ways that they would remember what happened in the past. Most importantly they also thought about using their voice for good in the future to speak out, voice concerns and create a better, safer world. The children were a credit to the school and represented Hornbeam in a very respectful way.

Now we are going to hear from the children that came:

Florence: I think it was a lovely memory which I will never forget.

Arabella: I loved meeting the Mayor and his wife, it was verry exciting!

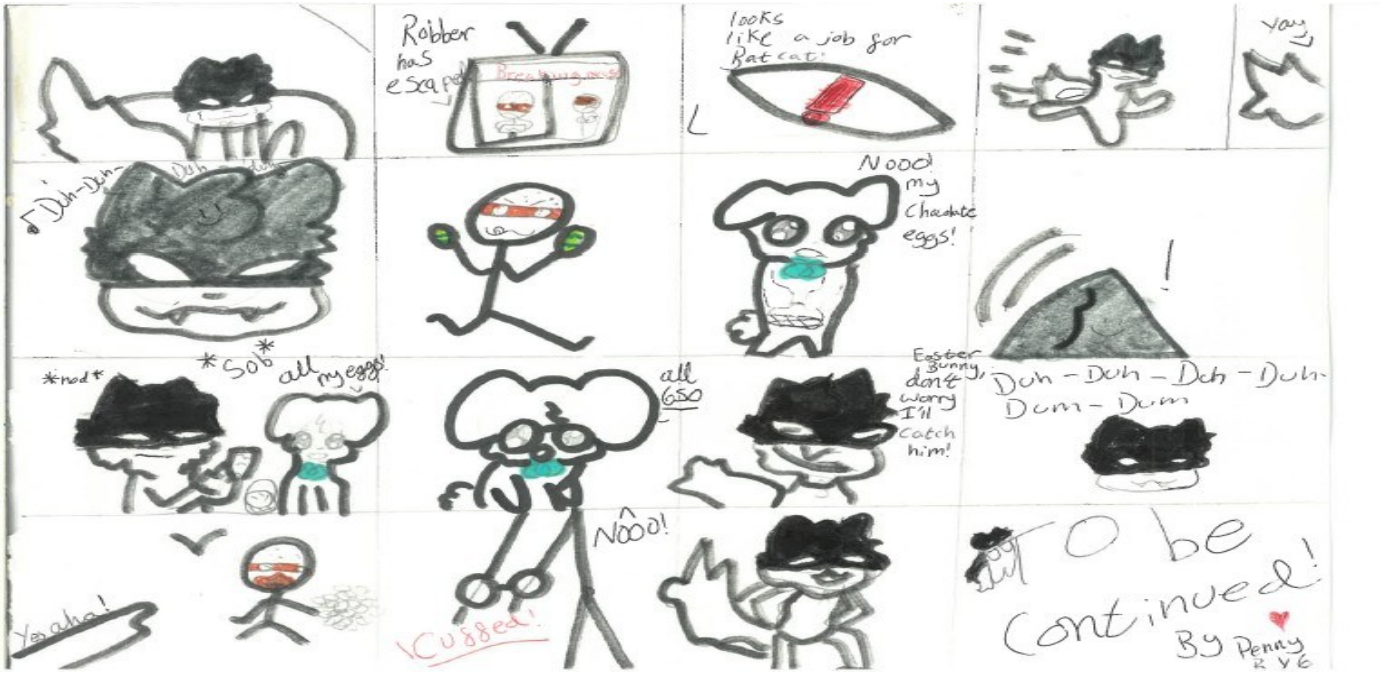
Elena: I loved seeing all the people who cared.

Maca: I think it was very emotional.

Xander: It was very sad remembering all of the Jews in the camp.

Charlie: I think it was very nice seeing all the people who care for the victims.

Happy Easter!



Easter Cooking

Easy Easter Biscuits

All you need is….100g butter (softened), 5g sugar, 1 egg yolk, 1 tsp vanilla extract (optional), 175g plain flour and a pinch of salt

For decorations…….Icing sugar, a little water, food colouring and sprinkles or chocolate chips

Method…..

Mix butter & sugar In a bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until smooth.

Add egg yolk & vanilla Stir in the egg yolk and vanilla extract.

Add dry ingredients Mix in the flour and salt until it forms a soft dough.

Chill the dough Wrap it and put in the fridge for about **20–30 minutes** (this makes it easier to roll).

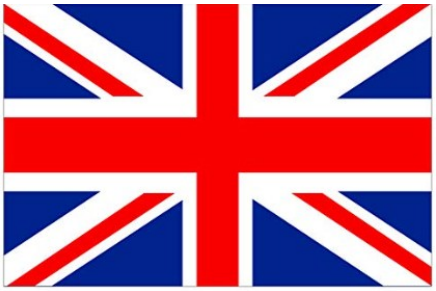
Roll & cut shapes Roll out the dough (about ½ cm thick) and use cookie cutters—bunnies, eggs, chicks

Bake—Oven: 180°C (160°C fan) for 10—12 minutes

Cool & decorate Let them cool, then decorate with icing and sprinkles!

Enjoy

Let us know how they tasted

Did you know there are five different British values?

These are democracy, tolerance, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect. Let's find out about the British value tolerance. At Hornbeam we have been talking about tolerance. We have been talking how we can show tolerance to each other, if you see someone that has no one to play with, there would be many things you could do in this situation; go to them and ask if they would like to play with you or you could ask if they're ok. We have been learning about tolerance in our classes and one of the people that has helped us understand is Ms Goodey. On Tuesday 17 March we had an assembly lead by Ms Goodey and some help from the year 6 house captains. Another example of tolerance is that we are not all the same. In the assembly Ms Goodey asked what the house captains favourite Disney character was; Faith's was Simba from the Lion King, Raiyah's was piglet from Winnie the Pooh and Elena's was Forky from Toy Story. We're all different and no one is the same so be your own person.