



# High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024



*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We hoped you all enjoyed sports day - it was lovely to see the children all competing and cheering each other on. A huge thank you to Miss Whitehead and all the staff for supporting the day and taking on the roles so it ran really smoothly. Also a MASSIVE thank you to HASA and Michelle and Lizzie for providing much needed refreshment for the adults - I so think sausage and bacon butties in the morning are the way forward!!!

### ***Child Safety and Parking***

Sadly, we've again received complaints and concerns from our neighbours relating to parents driving into the village.

The first issue raised by neighbours is that they have seen parents leaving dogs and babies locked in the car whilst they have come to school to drop off/pick up other children. There are clear risks to this, especially in this hot weather, and it should be avoided.

Secondly, a number of parents have been using the driveway of one of our neighbours to turn around. Understandably, this is very annoying to the resident. Please can parents not use the driveway of the bungalows at the top of Green End to turn around, and just as important, please can parents not park in the turning space at the top of Green End as this obviously means there is no space for other drivers to turn around. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

### ***Focus Group Meeting...***

Our next parents focus group meeting will take place on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9am for Year 3 and 4 parents**. If you have not signed up to attend this parents meeting, but would like to, please click [here](#) to book your attendance.

### ***Learning highlights this week...***

#### **Acorns and Berries -**

This week in Foundation we have been using the story 'The fish that could wish'. We have drawn a story map of the beginning of the story using words and symbols to help us to remember it. In provision, we have been retelling the story so far to our friends using our class story map. We have decorated our own fishes that could wish in provision along with making sea creatures to put into our aquarium. Next week, we will be looking more in depth at individual sea creatures. In preparation for this, Acorn and Berries completed a block graph of what animals they would like to find out about. Surprisingly, they were both very different! We are excited to find out about the sea creatures we have chosen and share facts across the classes.

In Maths this week, we have revisited pattern and identifying the 'pattern rule'. The children have been describing their own pattern rule as well as those of their partners, during group work. In provision the children have been completing tasks that have been reinforcing their understanding of odd and even numbers.

Foundation have also been very busy practicing our races in readiness for our Sports Day today. We have been proud of their determination, resilience and of showing their PROUD principles.



Foundation See Us Shine, next week, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am. We hope many of you are able to join us. If you have not booked to confirm your attendance, but would like to come, please click [here](#) to submit your google form.

*Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb*

#### Year One and Two-

Year 1 and 2 have been getting started on their new topic 'Scented Garden' with an exciting walk and afternoon of activities for their hook day.

On Thursday morning, the children were fantastic representatives of the school when we went on a local walk to the Foxhole to look at different plants, trees and flowers. The children collected petals and plants on their journey card on the way down and began to consolidate their knowledge of parts of a plant from their Science learning. Our journey was long and adventurous with us having to climb over styles, stomp across the troll's bridge and walk up and down some very steep paths. Down at the Foxhole, the children enjoyed a snack and a story in nature before the long walk home.



In the afternoon, the children planted seeds for our own pizza garden, planted some cress heads which we will be watching grow and did some close up observational drawing of different plants from our school grounds.

In Science this week, the children had fun dissecting a tulip into its different parts and labelling them with their scientific name. The children were very precise and careful in their working.



*Miss Webb, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Barrasford*

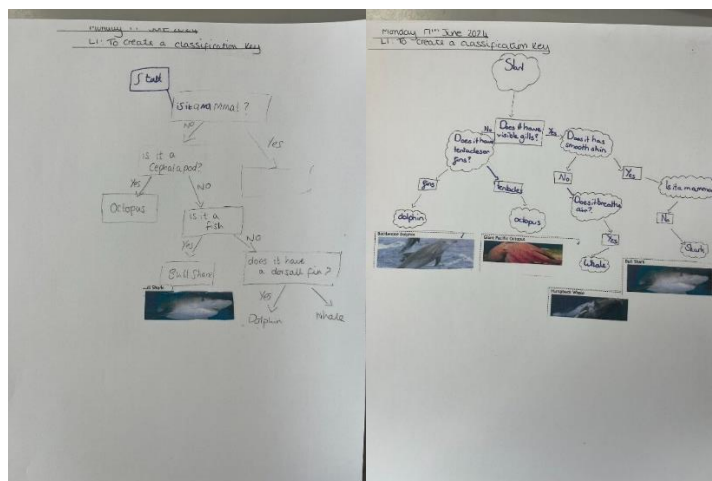
### Year Three and Four-

In English, we have continued to explore the life and adventures of Jacques Cousteau. We have been learning the language features of a biography and how to organise the information in preparation for writing our own biographies next week.

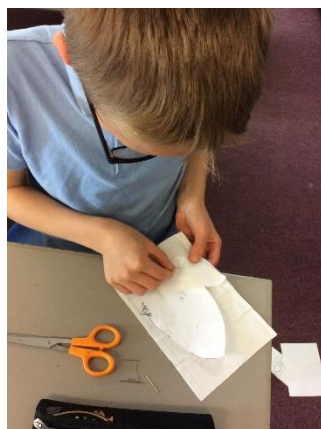
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| Introduction  | Early Life  | Adult Life   | Later Life  | Conclusion  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Some French explorers and sailors who studied the underwater world.</li><li>- Led hundreds of marine expeditions.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Born in 1910 near Brest, France.</li><li>- Learned to swim when he was 4 years old.</li><li>- Moved to USA when he was ten.</li><li>- Learned how to divers a tube.</li><li>- Bought a movie camera and began making films.</li><li>- Was sent to a strict boarding school.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- In 1930 age 20, joined the French Navy.</li><li>- Sailed the world until he was involved in a boat accident.</li><li>- Jacques's father broke bones all over his body.</li><li>- Swam daily to strengthen his arms and legs again.</li><li>- Given a pair of goggles.</li><li>- Worked with the Captain to build a SCUBA.</li><li>- Set off aboard the Calypso to explore.</li><li>- Discovered new plants and fish.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Made a TV series with the endgame work of Jacques Cousteau.</li><li>- TV series showed people fish and coral.</li><li>- Became an Ocean Ambassador.</li><li>- Healed the reefs by marine life.</li><li>- Jacques Cousteau society was made in 1974.</li><li>- Died of a heart attack in 1997.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dedicated his life to learning about the underwater world.</li><li>- He later placed his to human life.</li><li>- In his lifetime he introduced people to a whole new world under the oceans.</li><li>- Millions of people were inspired by his advocacy to save the environment.</li></ul> |

In science, we have been enjoying classifying living things and creating our own classification key for a variety of sea creatures. This was a tricky concept but we all managed to make fantastic classification keys and learnt so much about each animal! Did you know an octopus is classed as a cephalopod? We do now!



Creating our templates for our educational puppets this week has been a lot of fun! We made sure that each template was the same by pinning the fabric in place. The templates were accurately cut out to reflect our original design.





together.’ We looked at the bible reading from Mark 10:9 ‘Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

*Diary dates...*

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| Wed 26 June - 9.30-11.30am | All Y3/4 Multi-Skills Festival - travelling by coach | Please click <a href="#">here</a> to consent to submit your google form |
| Fri 28 June - 9.00-10.00am | Foundation See Us Shine for parents                  | Please click <a href="#">here</a> to submit your google form.           |
| Fri 28 June - 2.55pm       | KS2 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.45pm              | Invitation only   |

Have a great weekend.

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