



# Learning and Achieving Together

## Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter

### 4th June 2025



Thank you for keeping our community safe by ensuring we remain a nut free school.

Welcome back - we do hope that you enjoyed the half term break.

We return after the holidays with a new value as our focus - Teamwork. We have taken time in assembly to reflect on the importance of listening, sharing ideas, and helping one another succeed and acknowledged that everyone has unique strengths to contribute to a team. We also discussed how teamwork strengthens relationships and helps us achieve shared goals before reflecting on the teams we are currently part of both within and beyond school.

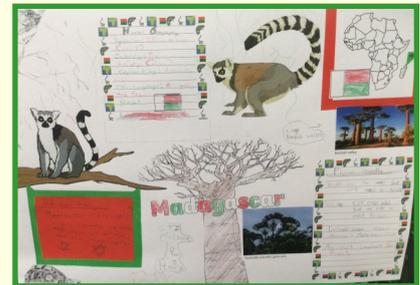
Unfortunately, we have returned without the summer weather. Thank you for continuing to ensure that your child always has a waterproof jacket/coat with them!

As we start a new term, we take a look back at our Curriculum Week that took place just before the holidays. We do hope you enjoy finding out a little more about the learning that took place across the school.

### Geography Day - an overview by Ms Ellis, Geography Subject Leader

For Geography Day this year, the whole school did some amazing research about various countries around the world, focussing on the human and physical features of their chosen countries.

Year 3 studied Madagascar and discovered some awesome facts about the plants and animals that live in the different habitats that can be found there as well the location of the country, the tallest mountain, its population size and much more.

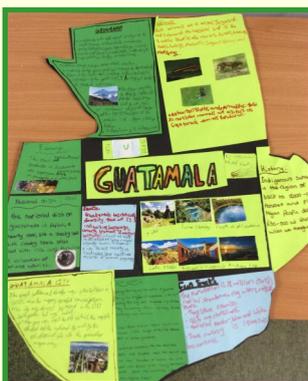


Year 4 explored Greece and discovered where in the world it is located, how many islands it has, who its neighbours are, what the climate is like, what the landscape is like, who its trading partners are and a plethora of other interesting facts.



In Year 5, the children compared England to Iceland and found some similarities and differences between the two countries. They discovered that the physical landscape of

Iceland is very different to England because it is full of glaciers and active volcanoes whereas England is mostly hilly with mountains in the North. Both countries benefit from the tourist trade but while many people come to England to explore historical buildings and museums, many tourists travel to Iceland to explore the natural wonders on offer.



Year 6 focussed upon North and Central America for their research and found out many fascinating facts about Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama and Guatemala. They discovered the locations of their chosen countries, the national dishes, languages spoken, indigenous people, capital cities as well as tourist attractions and so much more.

## Music Day - an overview fro Mrs Bollen, Music Subject Leader

What a day we had for Music day! As a school we came together to listen to and appraise 'Flowers' by Miley Cyrus. This, part of a series of assemblies when we come together as a school to listen to and appraise music from a range of genre.. When discussing the songs we have been focusing on tempo, texture, instruments played and musical style dipping into genres including: jazz, blues, pop, rock, classical, hip-hop and RnB to name a few. We have discovered that although we don't always like the same songs we can still appreciate the different styles shared.

In class, the children had the opportunity to play, compose or improvise on glockenspiels building on their knowledge and working together. They also all learnt the song, 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' so that we could all perform it for our special guests.

To end Music Day, we all came back together in the hall and were greeted by 'The Jupiter Singers', a local community choir, led by Pippa D Collins. 40 members of the choir performed a range of songs to the school including 'Flowers' by Miley Cyrus, 'Overjoyed' by Stevie Wonder, a Taylor Swift Medley as well as a Disney Medley. Many of these songs have featured in our Music Assemblies and the children even taught the choir some facts they had learnt! Pippa spoke to us about harmony and the different voice parts that can be found in choirs. As a school we then performed to the choir and ended with a joint sing-a-long of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious building the tempo (speed) up as we went.



Feedback from both the choir and children was amazing and great fun was had by all.



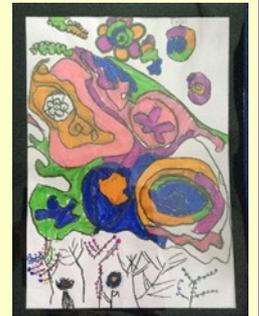
## Art Day - an overview written by Mrs Vipond our Art and Design Subject Leader

We had a wonderful time exploring different artists during Art Day!

Year 3 looked at Joan Miro, a Spanish Catalan artist, famous for combining abstract art with surrealism. He worked in a variety of media and produced paintings and drawings, collages, murals, tapestries, and sculptures. The children then created their own designs inspired by him.



Year 4 investigated the work of Alma Thomas, a famous African-American artist, who was best known for making abstract art. Her paintings were bright and colourful and were influenced by the natural world. Year 4 went on to design their own circular patterns based on her style.



Year 5 researched Frida Kahlo, a Mexican artist, considered to be one of the most important artists of modern times. She was famous for painting self-portraits but she was particularly famous for painting women as strong people. The children then created their own self-portraits using acetates and creative, colourful backgrounds.



Year 6 examined a number of famous graffiti artists including Banksy, a graffiti artist best-known for his stencil designs and Keith Haring, an American artist known for his pop art and street art, before designing their own graffiti names and positive messages.

We really enjoyed spending a whole day doing art and think you'll agree it all looks fantastic!

French Day - an overview from Mrs Bonner, Subject Leader.

We have been very lucky to celebrate French Day at Hobletts for the second year running. We feel it offers a fun, engaging way to celebrate the French language and culture. The whole school took part in many activities on the day ranging from tasting traditional French foods in a café style setting, to learning about French artists, recreating the most famous of paintings hanging in the Louvre, Mona Lisa, and playing French boules in our PE lessons. It was also a chance to revisit vocabulary and encourage speaking practice, broadening the children's understanding of France. The day came to a close with a celebration assembly and an opportunity for the children to show their Mona Lisa masterpieces!

Prizes were also given for the best dressed!



Please find below term dates for the next academic year to support the planning of your family holidays.

3rd September 2025	INSET Day - school closed to children
4th September 2025	Children return to school to start the academic year
27th -Friday 31st October 2025	Half Term Holiday - school closed
3rd November 2025	INSET Day- school closed to children
28th November 2025	Occasional Day -school closed
22nd December - 2nd January 2025	Christmas Holiday - school closed
5th January 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children
16th February - 20th February 2026	February Half Term Holiday - school closed
30th March - 10th April 2026	Easter Holiday - school closed
4th May 2026	Bank Holiday - school closed
25th May - 29th May 2026	May Half Term -school closed
1st June 2026	INSET Day- school closed to children
22nd July 2026	Final Day of the academic year
23rd July 2026	INSET Day - school closed to children

***Congratulations to the following children and their families for reading at least five times in the final week of last half term....***

Year 3	Mikayal, Darcy, Gracie, Kai, Connie, Isabella, Avneet, Samuel, Harper, Jessica, Erin and Harry in Team Amber. Bobby, Mattie, Olivia, Logan, Kenny, Dominykas, Henry, Georgia, Isaac and Ruben in Team Azure.
Year 4	Jack, Mason W, Adam, Millie, Connie and Isabella in Team Cobalt. Lily, Amalia, Charlotte, Oscar. Rishil, Niamh, Henry and Zachary in Team Citron.
Year 5	Nancy, Teddy T, Henry, Bella, Aimee, Chase, Sonny, Emma, Sophie, Nicholas and Menaal in Team Saffron. Samuel, Eveleen, Zoe, Lucas, Kayden, Georgia, Harry, Adam, Skyla, Vinny, Hithesh, Tilly, Ashnee, Eleanor and Mia in Team Sapphire.
Year 6	Charlie B, Max, Harper, Lily, Lexie, Stanley and Emmie in Team Turquoise. Matus, Antonia, Mason, Hollie, Chloe, Amelia, Grace, Oscar, Isla-Mae, Ella, Harry, Kacey, Mia and Jack in Team Topaz.

***.....and those who read at least seven times in the final week of the first half of the summer term***

Year 3	Samuel, Harper, Jessica, Erin and Harry in Team Amber. Bobby, Mattie, Olivia, Logan, Kenny, Dominykas, Henry, Georgia, Isaac and Ruben in Team Azure.
Year 4	Millie, Connie and Isabella in Team Cobalt. Amalia, Charlotte, Oscar. Rishil, Niamh, Henry and Zachary in Team Citron.
Year 5	Sonny, Emma, Sophie, Nicholas and Menaal in Team Saffron. Zoë, Lucas, Kayden, Georgia, Harry, Adam, Skyla, Vinny, Hithesh, Tilly, Ashnee, Eleanor and Mia in Team Sapphire.
Year 6	Max, Harper, Lily, Lexie, Stanley and Emmie in Team Turquoise. Mason, Hollie, Chloe, Amelia, Grace, Oscar, Isla-Mae, Ella, Harry, Kacey, Mia and Jack in Team Topaz.

***Congratulations to the following children for rocking at least 5 times in the final week of Summer 1 .... Jessica and Harry in Team Amber, Logan in Team Azure, Olivia, Jack, Connie, Ilinca, Mason W and Elissa in Team Cobalt, Nancy, Dylan, Teddy T and Sophie in Team Saffron, Amelia, Grace and Eunice in Team Topaz and Emmie, Lexie, Penny and Niall in Team Turquoise.....***

***.....and to Bobby and Isaac in Team Azure, Isabella, Jasper and Dolly-Rose in Team Citron, Lucy and Ziggy in Team Cobalt and Amelia, Grace and Eunice in Team Topaz who all rocked at least 7 times attaining the Rocking Challenge.***

 Well done to Georgia in Team Azure, Amir in Team Amber, Ruby in Team Cobalt, Imogen, Theo, Amalia and Niamh in Team Citron, Sonny and Aimee in Team Saffron, Ashnee and Arya in Team Sapphire and Theo, Odin, Millie, Isla-Niamh, Emma, Sophie, Poppy and Millie in Team Sunshine who all received a Friendly Leaf in the final week of Summer 1.

**Key Dates and Events ....**

Thursday 12th June 2025	Class and Sports Team photographs
Monday 23rd June - Friday 27th June 2025	Sports Week, culminating in our annual Sports Day and Family Picnic on Friday 27th June 2025.
Thursday 10th July 2025	Class Swop/Secondary Transition Day and Open Afternoon after school - the latter an opportunity for parents/carers to join us after school until 4.30pm, meet members of the teaching team and look at books.
Friday 11th July 2025	Annual Reports circulated
Saturday 12th July	FoHMS Summer Fair - 11am-2pm
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Final day of term for children. FoHMS Colour Run - Friends of Hobletts Manor Schools are very excited to bring you our very first Colour Run! This exciting, fun-filled event will take place across both fields, after school, on the last day of term.