

# Hamdon Hoot

## News from Norton



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Letting the grass grow...

By Year 4

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we hammered in some posts to show the mowers that we do not want this area (behind the hall) to be mowed. We are hoping that by leaving it to grow we will increase the biodiversity of the area. After that, we threw a hoop to randomly find an area to survey. We measured the length of the grass, identified the plants that were growing in the hoop and recorded on our sheets. Next, we used a trowel to break up any bare patches of soil and then we scattered wild flower seeds onto it. Luckily it started to rain so we did not need to water them. In June, we will repeat the survey to see if the biodiversity has improved. Whilst we were out there we saw a few bugs, such as ladybird, bumblebee, ants, beetle, centipede and wood louse. The plants we saw were grass, daisy, forget-me-not, red dead-nettle, buttercup and thistle. We all enjoyed the afternoon, Elina enjoyed throwing the hoops, Ted loved hammering the post and Lleyton liked planting the seeds.



Remember, Earth Week  
starting Monday 25th  
April.



Picture by Brooke

## Explorer Dome

Early in March, the Explorer Dome came to visit KS2. Class 3 went first and we followed after. Inside the Dome, we had a brilliant slideshow shown to us as we learned about our solar system. We also learned lots about the Dwarf planets which included Pluto and newly discovered ones like Far-away, Far-far-away and Goblin. Next, we looked at our Galaxy (Milky Way) and that the stars within it are really suns, which most likely also have a planetary system too. Also dying stars make black holes and shortly after there was a terrifying jump scare! We looked at mesmerizing images of nebular clouds all multi-coloured in colours out of this world! After, we looked at stars and constellations like Leo the lion, Orion, his belt and his dog Sirius. At the end, we flipped the Dome over and walked back to class. That was the experience of a life time!

Michelle & Daisy



## Ukraine Day

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> March, we wore yellow and blue and brought in a donation of £1 to raise money for Ukraine. We did this to support people in Ukraine and supply them with food, water and necessities. We wrote prayers and made sunflowers to put on display in the hall. We raised an amazing £180 for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

By Cicely, Jasper, Izzy and Bailey



### Social Action Project with Yeovil Town.

Year 5 have been learning about anti-social behaviour and the consequences of it with Louis and Lewis from Yeovil Town Football Club. Anti-social behaviour is bad behaviour expressed by a person; it could be harassment, alarm, vandalism or rowdy actions. It can also be playing loud music and smashing windows. We coloured in signs with different anti-social behaviours and then took pictures of them, then we did our own pictures.

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we went to Shepton Mallet Prison to learn what it is like to be prisoner and a prison officer. We learnt what jobs some of the prisoners did like cooking, cleaning and stone breaking. The prison is very old and we had a tour, then did an escape room.

It was really fun and we all enjoyed the escape room

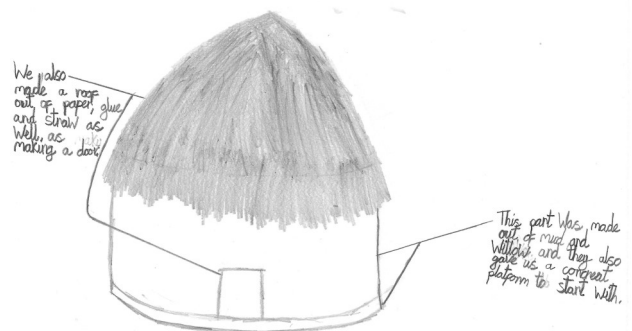
By Edward, Tabitha and Minna

### History Detectives

This past term, we have had a History Detectives Club every Wednesday. On the first week, we created willow round-houses. On the second time, we held ancient Roman coins and made some from salt dough too. The following week, we looked at Tudor punishments like the dunking stool and the drunkards cloak. On the last session, we did two activities, firing balls from a trebuchet (an old catapult) and we also became archaeologists. We dug up Roman coins and pottery, cleaned them in warm, bubbly water and then we identified what we found. It was great! Thank you Mrs Merrett.

By Michelle, William & Jayden

Picture by Jayden



## Sports Round Up

### Cross Country

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March there was a cross country event at Bucklers Mead. Many people from our school took part in this event. It was for ages year 3 to 6. Our top competitor came 1<sup>st</sup> in his year 4 race. However, everyone else did really well because they were very hard races.

### Football

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March there was a football match which year 5 and 6s could take part in. This Football tournament was at Glastonbury, Millfield school. This tournament was spread across our federation; 10 people took part.

### Netball

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we went to a netball tournament at Bucklers Mead. Our whole team did amazingly and achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place - we think. These matches we played were to see if we could get through to the county final however we tried our hardest and achieved a very good result. We did exceptionally well considering how tall some of our opponents were!

By Riley, Barney & Xavia

