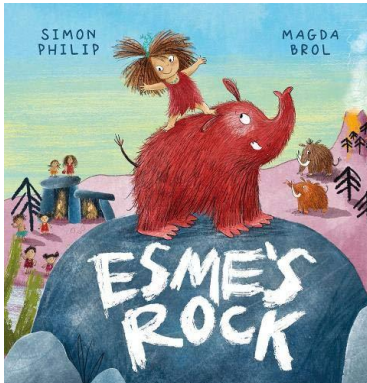




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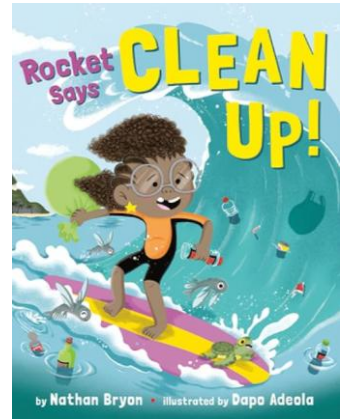
Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 23rd May



We have come to the end of another lovely half term in Thames Class.

Continuing our theme of materials, last week we focussed on rock and our theme story was 'Esme's Rock' by Simon Philip and Magda Brol. This week we focussed on plastic, and our theme book was Rocket Says Clean Up! by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola.



Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola.

Reception thought of words to describe Esme, then we talked about other words that mean the same that the author could have used instead. They made a poster to tell people to take care of the sea or to pick up their rubbish on a beach. Then they wrote in a speech bubble what they thought Rocket was saying.

Year 1 completed their poetry unit, based on the poem 'When I Close My Eyes' by Eloise Greenfield. They wrote metaphors using pairs of rhyming words, then used them to plan and write a poem, following the structure of 'When I Close My Eyes'.

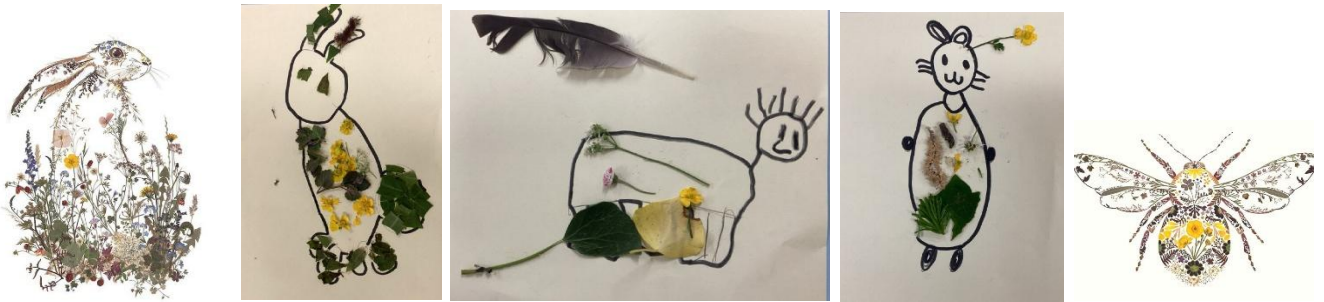
In **Maths** Reception have been working on doubling and halving amounts, making repeated patterns using three colours, cutting shapes into halves, and subitising amounts on dice faces. Year 1 have been working on finding halves of quantities, and quarters of objects, shapes and amounts.

In **Phonics** Reception have been recapping Phase 3 sounds **ch sh th ng ai** and **ee**, reading and writing words containing the sounds. Year 1 have been learning alternative ways to write **r (wr)** **ch (as in ditch)** **sh (as in action)** and **ee (ea)**. They have been reading lots of made-up words containing Phase 3 – 5 graphemes.

In **Science** Year 1 compared the size of roots and plants, including trees. Reception sorted junk into what it was made from and talked about recycling rubbish and what happens to sea creatures when plastic gets into the sea.

In **History / UW** we looked at video clips and photographs of holidays 100 years ago. The children noticed that they wore different bathing suits and got changed in bathing machines that were drawn into the water by horses. They also compared seaside entertainment and rides, food that was eaten, and transport.

Art / Creative The Reception children made fantastic clay houses. They designed machines to trap plastic in the sea. They created pictures by printing with plastic objects. We looked at artworks by Helen Ahpornsiri and the children used flowers, leaves and grass to decorate animal shapes that we had drawn.



The Year 1 children also looked at 'The Wave Off Kanagawa' by Hokusai and made marks similar to the marks in the painting. When I showed the painting, Iris said, "That looks Chinese."



The **Nursery** children have been learning about baby animals this week. Lots of the children were able to match animal babies to their mothers and name them.

We were very fortunate that **Little City** were able to visit the school and that the Nursery and Reception children were able to take part in the sessions. It was lots of fun!



Our **Star of this Week** is **Jude** who has worked very hard, especially on his poetry work and mark making in **Art**. Well done, **Jude**!

Home Learning

- **Nursery** (Make and) decorate a biscuit. Can you add your name initial using raisins or chocolate buttons?
- **Reception and Year 1** Practise writing letters with the correct formation and the correct way round; and read as often as you can.

Please note If you haven't already, please could you return the **ROARR** permission slip as soon as possible. Thank you.

Have a lovely week, Thames Class Team