



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 31st January 2025

Theme Days

The children were thrilled to have two exciting theme days this week to lift their winter spirits!

The first was a vibrant celebration of **Chinese New Year**, featuring dragon-making, Chinese food tasting, calligraphy, and a special whole-school Chinese lunch—complete with prawn crackers—courtesy of Mrs Hollyer.

The second was the first of two **Adventurous Outdoor Learning** sessions, led by Coach Ellen. Pupils took part in engaging team-building activities, including archery, Giant Jenga, obstacle races, and blindfold challenges. Great credit to the children (and staff) for battling the weather, still with a smile on their faces! The second part will take place on 14th February (Mrs Parry will send through further details in due course).

We hope you enjoy the photos on the next as much as the children enjoyed these fantastic experiences!

E-Safety

February 11th is **Safer Internet Day**, and the whole school will be learning about how to stay safe online.

We also encourage parents to take this opportunity to review their children's access to digital media at home, ensuring that safety settings are in place and are age-appropriate. For guidance on specific apps and websites, please refer to the Brabourne page below. As always, do not hesitate to contact us if you need any advice.

[Online Safety - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#)

Mid-Year Reports

Please look out for these in your child/ren's book bags this Friday, 7th, along with a data collection form from Mrs Parry.

Please check and return the data collection form, even if there are no changes, by Friday 28th February.

Thank you.

Tuck Shop

Reminder that this **Friday, 7th** is the House Captain **Tuck Shop** in aid of our sponsored bee hives. The bees are now in hibernation for the winter, but we hope to be back in the Spring to study them once again. There are a few jars of honey still left, that the children have collected, in the school office, £6.50 a jar.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd February		Jupiter trip to Young Voices, O2
Friday 7th February	Break times	Tuck Shop
Friday, 7th February		Mid-year reports to go out
Friday 14th February		
Friday 14th February		Adventurous Outdoor Learning Day 2 (details to follow) End of Term 3 (NO AFTER SCHOOL WRAP AROUND)
Monday 24th February		Term 4 begins





Chinese New Year



Outdoor Learning



Wellington Boots

Our Gardening Club would be most grateful for any donations of unwanted children sized wellington boots! Thank you.



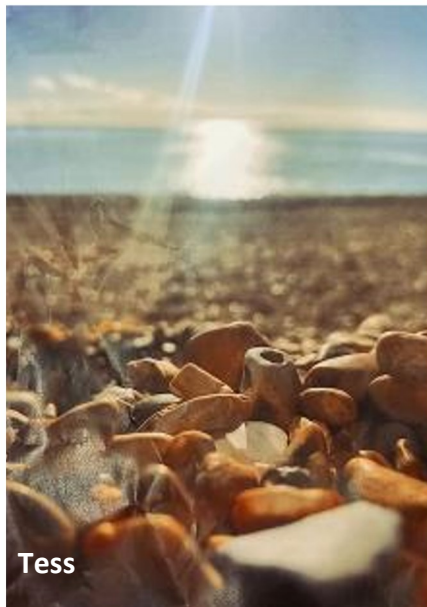
Eco Photograph Competition Winners

We had so many entries for the Eco Team's photography competition. Thank you to all those who entered. We will be turning the pictures into an exhibition in the hall. We are delighted to announce the winners below.

1st Prize: Tess

Joint 2nd Prize: Jasper and Lucia

3rd prize: Chloe





Ootiboo

Lily and Milius attended their first **Ootiboo Junior School Council** meeting today. Ootiboo is a local company with which Brabourne is a proud and ongoing partner.

Ootiboo's vision sees creativity as much more than just painting and drawing—it encompasses imagination, problem-solving, and innovation. The organisation actively promotes these skills through projects that inspire and empower young people.

Lily and Milius were a credit to our school, already contributing by suggesting names for an exciting new project! I can't wait to see what ideas they bring forward in the future.



Footballers

Well done to our Infant Footballers who set off for their first game this week. They may not have won, but they showed all of the Brabourne traits of sportsmanship and tenacity (playing on the in cold wind) and still emerging with a smile. We are proud of you all.

Celebration Worship

In **Collective Worship**, we have been learning about **Courageous Advocacy** - having the courage to step out, speak up, and make a difference in the world around us.

We welcome any pupils with ideas on how to create positive change - whether through fundraising, raising awareness, writing to MPs, or other initiatives. We are happy to support and guide them in making their vision happen.

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us hearts that care. Help us to be brave when we see something that isn't right. Give us the courage to speak up for those who cannot and to make the world a better place in any way we can.

Amen

Wrap Around

May we remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance for both Early Morning Club and Wrap Around. **To ensure we always have appropriate staffing levels, we cannot accept bookings on the day.** Details can be found here: [Wrap around care - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#). Please book in advance on [School Money](#).

COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND: Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley



Class News



Venus Class have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week and have explored Chinese numbers, learning the story of The Great Race, using chop sticks, making lanterns, singing songs and creating an amazing dragon.



Mars class have been working hard learning about wind power. They built their own windmills and then wrote some instructions showing others how to make them.

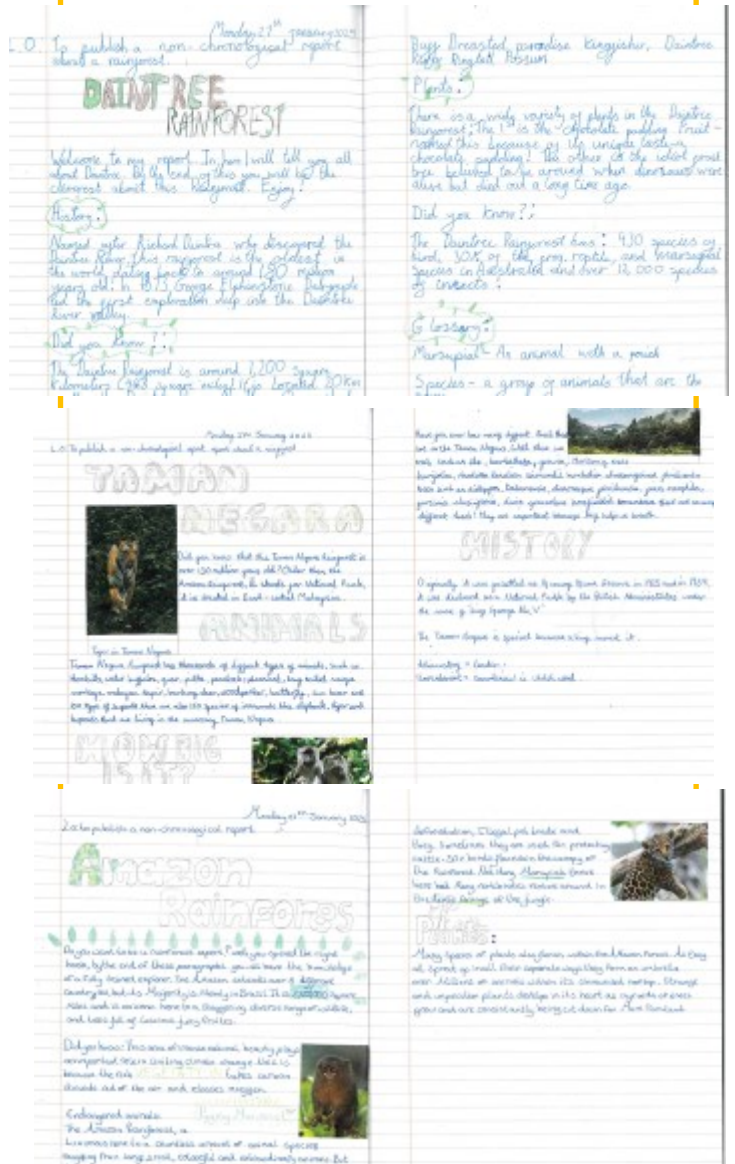


Jupiter has been researching rainforests around the world and finding some fascinating facts. We used the information we discovered to write non-chronological reports. We spent time publishing these reports.



This term's COOL time is to answer the question 'what is an Ootiboo?' It could be literally anything, some of our ideas were – a smoothie flavour, a video game, a newly discovered animal and even a language translator!

The children have thought of ideas, narrowed them down, designed it, made a prototype and this week they have begun to make them. We can't wait to see what the finished products look like!



Calling all go-getters.

Ready to try something new?

scouts.org.uk/join
#SkillsForLife

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Why not come along to a taster session at 1st Brabourne & Smeeth

Who

All young people aged 6 to 14 years old

When

Mondays: Beavers 5.00 - 6.00pm
Fridays: Cubs 5.45pm - 7.00pm,
Scouts 7.30pm - 9.15pm

What

Fun and challenging activities for girls and boys

Where

The Ridgeway, Smeeth, Ashford, TN25 6SE

Contact

brabournesmeethscouts@gmail.com



**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, **Mini Movies**, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email your name and age to...

casting@thechancercollective.com

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON **ITVX
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**