



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

**Friday 28th May
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Abracadabra!



Last week, local magician Billy Wiz provided a magic show for all our infant children. Billy has been unable to run magic shows for the last year, due to Covid restrictions, so needed a willing audience to test his new socially distanced material on; we were delighted to oblige and thank him for his generosity. The children loved it.

Curriculum Learning

As part of our curriculum development work, we have been seeking further opportunities for children to explore their learning through a variety of different ways.

Class 2 children have been making models in geography, to explore the different features of an island. The children made their own islands outside, thinking about different features they wanted to add, some were man-made and some natural (photo to left)

Class 3 were visited by Jaspal, from the local Sikh community, as part of their learning about the Sikh faith. He talked about some key features of his religion and answered the children's questions. Having first hand experiences like this are such an important part of developing the children's understanding of the world in which they live.

Class 4 have been building model Anderson shelters, as part of their project learning about the impact of WW2 on Plymouth. Some pupils even made their own models at home.



Sikhism Learning in Class 3

Some comments from the children, following Jaspal's visit:

On Tuesday 25th May, a Sikh man named Jaspal came into Class 3 to talk about his religion. He was very kind and he was wearing all of the 5 k's. If you don't know what they are: A Kesh is uncut hair, Kanga is a wooden comb that they use to comb their hair twice a day, a Kirpan is a small sword used for protection and to bless the food in their temples, a Kara is a small bracelet or bangle and finally a Kacchera is a knee long pair of underpants. Jaspal had a memory stick with a Powerpoint on it and it was full of interesting facts about the Sikh religion. He also told us about the different lengths of a turban and how long the longest turban in the world is (it's a whopping 50metres!). He also talked about the colours turbans can be and said that his favourite colour turbans were white, black, orange and dark blue. It was amazing, we learnt so much! By Sophie F & Daisy

Jaspal had a Kirpan with him which is a knife used only to defend people! By Justin

With Jaspal we learnt about the 3 pillars in Sikhism, which are sharing, being brave and being kind. We also learnt that if you do not cut your hair ever, it will not grow as long as you think. By Phoebe



David's Anderson Shelter

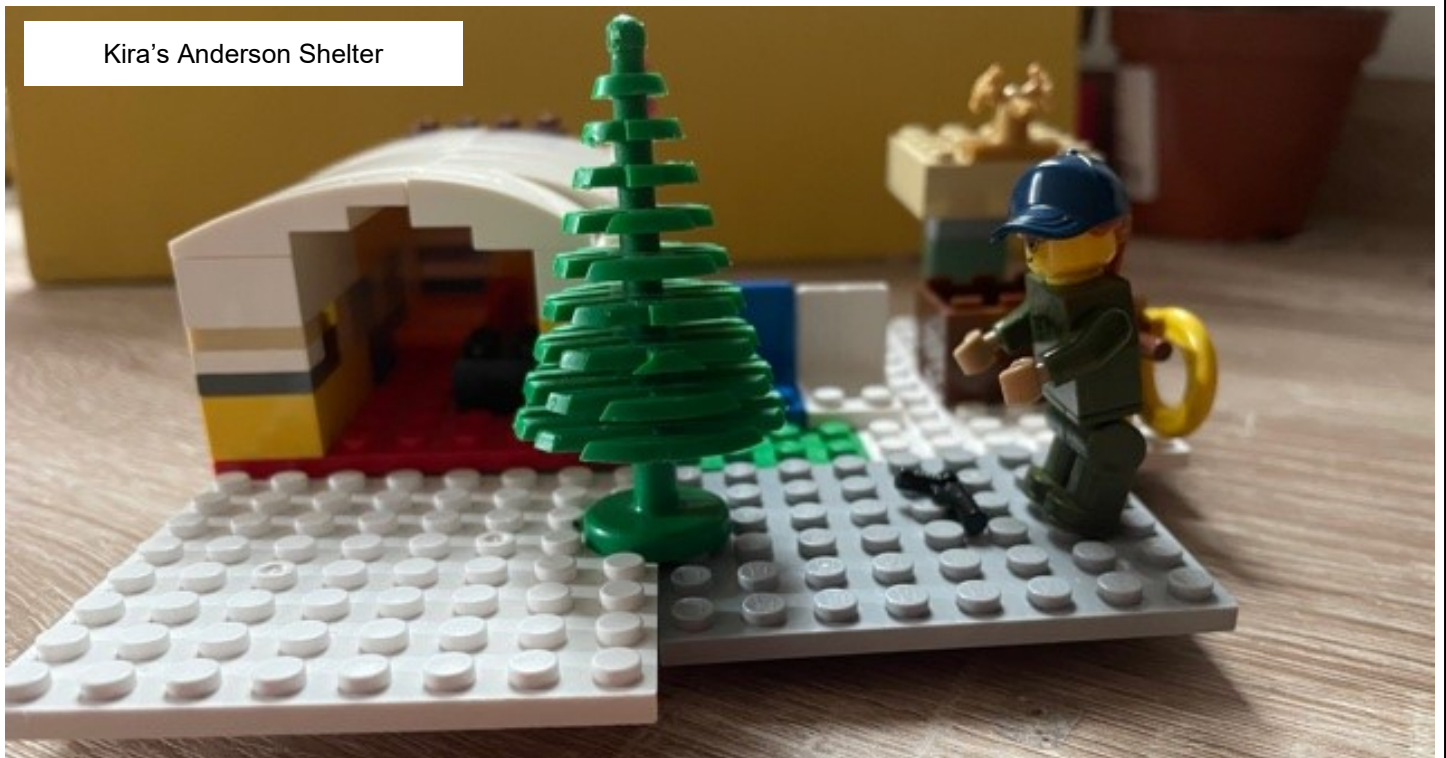
Sports Day

We have provisionally set a date of Thursday 1st July to hold a sports day. This experience was lost last year, due to Covid restrictions, but we intend to go ahead this year as we have a plan to ensure social distancing between classes. The event will take place 1.45-2.45pm.

If further restrictions are lifted by 1st July, we hope to invite parents and carers too, which will feel wonderful after all the limitations of the last year.

Transition Planning

Unlike last year, we are now able to provide a transition programme across the school. Learning Together for new Reception pupils starts at the end of June and all children will experience a day in their new classes on Monday 5th July (the same day that Y6 pupils visit Callington College). More bespoke transition is also planned for children with additional needs.



Kira's Anderson Shelter

Dates for your diary

8.6.21 - First day back for pupils after half term

9.6.21 - Class 4 visit to The Box Museum

14.6.21 - Y6 residential presentation to parents/carers at 3.00pm in Class 4

16.6.21 - Porthpean residential presentation to parents/carers at 3.20pm in Class 3