Please add a short paragraph which covers the positive highlights of this term for your chosen areas. This will then be collated and uploaded onto the website. Pictures to accompany the write up will be great please.

### Many thanks

## Classroom 1

This term we have been busy learning about WW1. We have written news reports from the frontline; letters home from the trenches; created pastel silhouette pictures and built trenches from clay. Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo was our chosen class reader. We read the first two chapters and watched the film, then had a discussion about life as a soldier in WW1.

As a class we visited Monkton Nature Reserve where we learnt about natural habitats, plants and trees. We also had a trip to Ramsgate Tunnels and were escorted round by a voluntary tour guide who told us about Ramsgate in WW2. This coincided, the following week, with a visit to the Spitfire Museum and a quiz trail. A walk along to Pegwell Nature Reserve concluded our trips.

Multiplication and division have been our focus in Maths, with a weekly 5 minute multiplication challenge, to help increase our times tables knowledge. Our focus in life skills has been friendships, power points, safety in the house and internet safety day.









# **Hampshire**

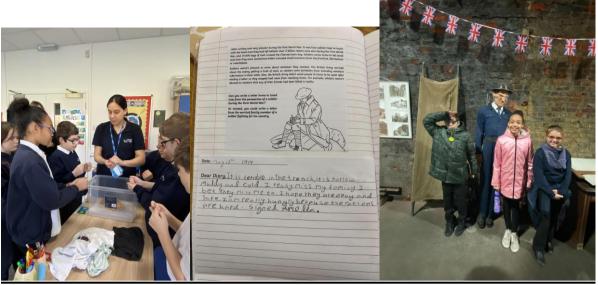
This term we have been busy and have been up to so much. In our creative club we have been studying about WW1 and have even made our own trench stew. It wasn't too bad to be fair haha. We have written letters home from the trenches ending our topic with a visit to Ramsgate Tunnels.

We have had lots of fun in our weekly Sensory Circuits and also enjoyed a visit to Soft Play.

In English we have focused on our Punctuation and have done lots of proofreading to help us identify our own errors when writing and we have also been practising our weekly spellings. Our Maths sessions have been tricky for some, but all students have done well and put a lot of effort into their times tables.

Our focus in life skills has been on our social skills where we have started our Lego Therapy session. This has been the highlight of our term and everyone has enjoyed engaging in these sessions. We also looked at Cleaning Products and how to wash clothes and ended the term with a day of Internet Safety which the students were very good at knowing what's right and what's not online.

It has been a great term and we looking forward to what Term 4 brings us!







## Clayson

As part of our learning in English, Clayson class have created their own explanation texts based on Chinese New Year. They discussed and identified explanation text features including structural and organisational. Note taking not only allowed Clayson Class to expand their knowledge but also gave choice of subheadings for their text. My favourite student quote was 'That was the first time I have ever found note taking useful!' The students took great pride and effort with their explanation texts.











Within Maths we have covered many topics. From personal finance and learning how to spend within a budget including discussion around income and expenditure. The students enjoyed the challenge of creating a bedroom on a given budget. Some of our other topics included: perimeter and area of compound shapes and triangles; volume of cuboids; simplifying fractions: using all four operations applying, reasoning and problem solving and probability.

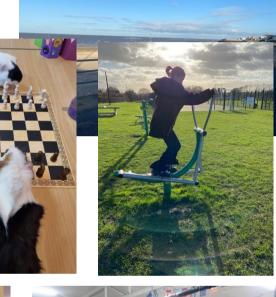
Trips this term have been varied. Clayson Class began with a visit to Smyths to spend their well-deserved points from the previous term. Our next trip, we visited Minster Park and McDonalds where the students used their life skills to order their own drinks or ice cream, pushing some out of their comfort zone. However, a lovely social afternoon was had by all. The following sunny but very windy trip, we went to Westbrook beach. Hot chocolate and all

the trimmings were enjoyed by the seaside, tea was available too for those who wished for something different. Other trips this term have included the Spitfire Museum and Hornets Boxing Club for a taster session ready for this term's boxing sessions.













# Occupational Therapy:

Term 3 has been busy exploring new interventions with the pupils. We have introduced the option of Chess Club as a whole school approach. Pupils have engaged in learning and teaching others as part of the club. We've had a visit from a Chess Expert, who has given tips and tricks! Chess Club will continue into term 4, with an advanced and beginners session offered on Tuesday Afternoons.



Pupils in Hampshire Class have had the opportunity to try a range of different fruits as part of Life Skills Lessons. Once tried, pupils would rate the fruit for taste out of 10 and then choose a descriptive word for the fruit. We are so proud of Hampshire pupils, many pushed themselves out of their comfort zone to try new fruits and some pupils even discovered that they liked fruits they had never tried before.



As part of a weekly social communication group, some Clayson pupils had the opportunity to visit Canterbury's Games Cafe. Pupils were introduced to two games and all provided feedback that they enjoyed the trip. We hope to set up more sessions for pupils in the future.



# **Nolan Interventions**

Football Match Report -

### **Sport**

PE this term has seen the introduction of Craig and Mickey, both experienced PE teachers from SEN and Mainstream backgrounds. Students have thoroughly enjoyed PE this term and have engaged in fully with the following:

- Dodgeball
- Football
- Capture The Flag
- Bulldog
- Non-Stop Cricket
- Pickleball
- Badminton
- Table Tennis

Through-out term 3 the students at Life Skills Manor have had the opportunity to take part in a series of Boccia and Curling events held at St Anthony's School by Inclusive Sport.

The Boccia activities saw students take part in underarm throwing/bowling, target practice and the game of Boccia itself.

The Curling activities saw students improve in their accuracy, judging of distance and also learning how to play the game of Curling.

All students at Life Skills Manor took part in the Thanet Inclusive Games and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Winning is not everything but it certainly is nice to walk away with a win for the KS3 group of students. Well done to everyone for taking part.