

## PLASTIC, PLASTIC NOT SO FANTASTIC

St Peter's school council have been to events held by 'Discovery Planet' in Dreamland earlier this academic year all about plastics and our planet.

They were appalled by the plastics crisis we have created for our world and wanted to do something about it. So, after extensive talks with various teachers in school and their classes, they decided they were going to take matters into their own hands. After all, they are the future and will directly impact the future of our planet.

The school council, with guidance from their teachers, planned a plastic awareness week. They invited local speakers to discuss the plastics crisis: The RSPCA highlighted the issues plastics cause for our local wildlife; Daniel Webb spoke to the whole school about how plastics are dealt with in the UK and what we could do about it.



# ST PETER'S IN THANET PLASTIC, PLASTIC NOT SO FANTASTIC!

St. Peter in Thanet C of E Junior School's plastic awareness week.

On Monday, Mr Hunter-Whitehouse gave an assembly all about plastics and how it was destroying our world and the animals that live in it. Did you know it takes 500 years – never for a toothbrush to decompose? Imagine how many toothbrushes you have used in your life time already!

All classes took part in a whole school carousel on Monday. When classes visited year 3, they made freeze frames and acted out scenarios plastics create; in year 4, classes made plastics awareness posters to put up in school, in year 5 they were quizzed on their knowledge and in year 6 they put their creativity to the test – some were reusing plastics to make something more creative while others invented machines to help our world deal with our plastics problem. All these sessions were planned by and delivered by our very talented and passionate school council.

Alongside this, each class went on a litter pick in their local area, after hearing from the RSPCA about what litter can do to our local wildlife. We visited beaches, parks and streets on our battle to clean up St. Peter's. The children were welcomed by local residents who commented on their good deeds and thanking them for their commitment to their local community.

Each class, during art with Mrs. Prosser, re-used plastic bottles and turned them into something visual and creative. These can be seen around school.

Finally, St. Peter's – with the help of Mrs. Seeney and Mrs. Goodson- made a pledge. St Peter's pledge to:

**REDUCE** our plastic use at school. e.g. using refillable ink pots for whiteboard pens, no more single use plastic cups and straws.

**REUSE** our plastic in new and innovative ways by crating termly challenges (watch this space!)

**RECYCLE** our plastic milk bottles on sight.

The PTFA are funding a class set of litter-pickers to continue on our vision to clean up our local area!



