## Term 1 and 2 - Marvellous Moments in Hazel



## Learning about World War II

Year 5 and 6 celebrated their World War II topic through a 'VE Day' afternoon tea and a visit to the Soapbox Theatre. They performed various songs from the 1940s as well as a range of musical theatre pieces about the lives of evacuees. All children made a fantastic effort to put together their own evacuee costumes for both events. They spent some

time in an Anderson air raid

shelter which was a scary experience and made the children think about how lucky they are today. A large part of the theatre visit was based on the Plymouth Blitz. The children were amazed at the devastation of the city and how it has been rebuilt since the war.



## Beam House Residential Visit – September 2018



In September a group of children from Year 5 went on a three day residential to Beam House, a PGL Activity Centre near Torrington.

The children took part in a range of activities, including high ropes, quad biking, climbing and rifle shooting. Many of the activities taught the

children new skills and helped to develop their resilience when faced with a challenge.

The food at Beam House was incredible and everyone had plenty to eat! We stayed in dormitories which was also great fun!



## Nest Building STEM Challenge – October 2018

As part of our ongoing Crest Award activities Hazel class had the opportunity to get back to nature and create a bird's nest from natural material. The crest award is a STEM initiative involving a range of hands on, problem solving activities.

The class spent time in the natural environment collecting a variety of materials to build a suitable nest. They had to work together to ensure that their nest was a stable structure and could withstand a range of weathers. The children used a range of techniques, including weaving grass, to make their nests as hardy as possible. The children then tested their nests by resting them in the trees and then shaking the branches. Children were selected as the winners based on their creativity, team work and strength of their nests.