

Rubbish

OUT AND ABOUT: Class 9 have been learning about recycling and how rubbish can affect sea creatures this term. Inset right: the jellyfish they found on the beach

removers



IT'S been a rubbish term for Class 9.

Obviously not in terms of their work – Miss Taylor and Mrs Constable's class have been as brilliant as ever, throwing themselves into their topics with no little enthusiasm and ability.

Rubbish is what the children have been learning

about, specifically what to do with it and what can happen if it isn't disposed of properly.

Surrounded by crisp tubes, disposable coffee cups and plastic bags in the classroom, Mrs Constable said: "We've been litter picking on New Brighton beach!

We borrowed litter pickers from the library and went down to the beach and picked up the rubbish. We are trying to teach ourselves about putting rubbish in the bin so we decided to make an octopus out of rubbish!

We have been discovering that if you

leave rubbish on the beach then it goes into the sea and the sea creatures eat it, thinking it's food, and it can kill them.

We also had our own recycling centre. We have been doing recycling and sorting out all the rubbish."

The beach visit also tied in nicely with the

class's under-the-sea topic, learning about hammerhead sharks, crabs, dolphins, turtles and octopuses.

The children also saw a real sea creature. Mrs Constable: "We saw a big scary jellyfish on the beach – we had to be careful and stay away from it!"

Building houses - stone-age style!

OUR Year 3s went back to the Stone Age this term.

As ever, a bit of craft work always goes down well, and that was certainly the case for Amy and Summer in Mr Service's class.

They said: "The houses in Stone Age times were made of rock, fat, animal skin, manure and seaweed.

We made houses, but we used cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, foil, sticks and sugar paper, and glue and sellotape to stick them together.

We also used paper which had wood on it to make the houses look as though they were actually made of wood. We stuck that on the inside and the outside so it looked real.

We cut doors in too. It took us a whole morning to build them."

The girls admitted that building the houses proved an eye-opener with regard to the problems faced by stone age men and women when it came to building a home.

They said: "It made us realise how hard it would be to build a real house. We did designs first – a picture of a bird's eye view and also of the front.

We also discovered that stone age people wore animal skin and had weapons made of stone and they had to kill animals themselves to eat them.

The whole topic was great, really good fun!"

Keys to success from our sports day stars

DO what you're told and keep believing in yourself.

That's the key to success according to Class 11 – and they should know, having just won their year sports day for the third, possibly fourth, year in succession.

Proud teacher Mr Jones said: "They have won sports day in Years 1, 2 and now 3 as well. They claim they won it in Foundation but that hasn't been verified yet!

We talked about the possibility of losing, and they were very prepared to lose but also very happy to win! Very determined too.

The big thing that we tried to focus on was the resilience. Even though we won we weren't always first.

Quite a few times we were last but they never gave up, they kept chasing down and narrowing the

gap. They did everything they should have done and never gave up.

I said to them that even though they did win, if they hadn't they still showed all the right skills and attitude. I'm very proud of them, particularly the respect shown between groups, people applauding each other."

Pupils George, Letitia, Isabella and Archie – who are determined that they won it in Foundation – are proud as punch of their achievement.

George said: "We keep believing in ourselves. It's teamwork, resilience and believing in ourselves to do it."

Letitia said: "We listen to what we need to do and then we do it as fast as we can," with Isabella adding: "It's about believing in yourself and not giving up."