



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 27/11/20

'Top Doodlers of the Week !'

A special mention for our highest scoring 'Doodle Maths' superstars in each class:

Reception : Owen Marshall

Year 1 : Henry Pinder

Year 2 : Layla Morrow

Year 3 : Neave Buckle-Williams

Year 4 : Jack Dawson

Year 5 : Ameliya Buckle-Williams

Year 6 : Declan Ruttle

Doodle Class of the week: Year 6

A message from the Head :

Well, with December 1st rapidly approaching it seems we can no longer ignore the impending occurrence of Christmas ! Obviously this year things won't be quite 'as normal' but we will endeavour to still make it a very special event for our pupils here in school. Here is a flavour of what is to come –

- **Wk beginning the 7th of December** – Every morning we will be putting out boxes to collect donations for The Trussell Trust Food Bank in Selby. We will be speaking to pupils about how important it is to remember others at this time of year and how we can help, if we are able. A list of most desired donations will be circulated prior and we ask anyone that is in a position to help us support this cause to do so. Donations will be quarantined prior to delivery and all COVID related considerations in place.
- **11th of December** – Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils (and families dropping off / collecting!) invited to wear non-uniform and their favourite festive jumper ! (Year 6 – still sports clothing plus your Christmas jumper please !)
- **14th of December – PM Time TBC** – Reception / Year 1 Nativity – Bethlehem by Zoom ! Reception and Year 1 Parents / Carers should have received an initial email about this – please let us know if not !
- **16th of December** – Christmas Lunch – a special festive menu for lunch with all the trimmings ! Please email admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk if your child would like to have one !
- **18th of December** – Class Christmas Parties – non-uniform for pupils with fun and games in the classrooms !

Christmas Cards – We are asking that pupils do not bring cards into school for their classmates / staff this year. We are sad to see this tradition put on hold but feel it is best to do so. Instead however class teachers will be speaking to pupils about uploading a 'virtual card' to SeeSaw in the coming weeks. This will then be shared with all of their friends in the class on our big screens. This could be an audio recording, video or a photograph of a card, the more creative and festive the better ! Please keep an eye on individual class news on a Friday for details.

Finally - Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate including Amazon and Argos, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started at ;

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cliffevcprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n2

Phew, on with the news !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

Reception and Year 1 have had a very exciting week this week! It all started when we received a letter from the Three Little Pigs explaining that they had a problem with a leaking roof... we had to investigate different materials to find the most waterproof, to help them! We have been designing buildings on design sheets and then constructing them, thinking about the best materials to use (hopefully the big bad wolf won't blow them down!) There have been so many highlights this week, including the delivery of pebbles and cobbles for our new outdoor construction area. We enjoyed watching the crane drop a tonne of them over our fence! We have used different problem solving skills and learnt to use a wheelbarrow, to transport the pebbles and cobbles to the area. We will be writing thank you letters next week to Jewsons and Stones4Homes who have donated all the materials to create this area for free. Then we had tree surgeons come into our outdoor area, so this was another opportunity for some caption writing and drawing what we were observing!

Reception have learnt the sounds h and sh this week and, in our little maths sessions, have been exploring the number 5: recognising it, counting it and looking at it's composition. Year 1 have learnt the split digraph u-e and the digraph aw and, in their maths time, have been investigating the 2D shapes that make up 3D shapes!

Home learning for the whole class is to read at least three times this week and record in their journals (this reading time will also be counted as dojo points now too!) Aim to stay in the green zone in Doodlemaths and both groups will have a new activity on seesaw on Monday! Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What another fantastic week it has been. Even as the weather gets colder and the nights longer the children are still coming excited to learn and giving the work their best shot! In English, the children have been writing their own twisted traditional tales based on stories they are familiar with. In Maths, the children have been focusing on recognising and understanding the value of different coins and bank notes. They have applied this to a variety of activities. In Science this week, the children have learnt about habitats and microhabitats in Britain. They used this knowledge to help discuss which animals/insects would be effected by the tree surgeons visit to school. As well as this, the children searched for microhabitats around school. In P.E., the children have played miniature games to help develop their attacking and defensive skills. In Geography, the children learnt about counties in the UK and had the opportunity to find North Yorkshire and its surrounding counties in an atlas and using online digital mapping software. Well done to those children who have read and been on doodlemaths three times this week. Due to technical issues at the weekend, I was unable to upload the spellings to seesaw until Monday evening and therefore I will be carrying these spellings on until next Friday. However, we now have access to doodleenglish, which the children were able to access on Friday and should be familiar with therefore I would like them to go on this at least once this week. Also, please see Mr Blackwood's message about digital Christmas cards that can be uploaded on seesaw. I hope you all stay safe and have a fab weekend!

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

This week we have continued our work on anti-bullying. We have explored the reasons why people bully and how we can persuade people not to bully by backing up our beliefs with valid points and facts. We have focussed on the features of persuasive writing and have written persuasive letters to the bullies in a short animation that we have watched. In Maths year 4 have worked on applying their knowledge of units of length by solving problems requiring them to add and subtract measurements. Year 5 have continued to interpret graphs and charts and solve problems using graphs. Year 4 / 5 have also enjoyed learning about advent in preparation for next week. We have made advent promises and found out about the advent wreath. This week we have researched the Ancient Mayan game pok to pok and look forward to learning more about the Mayans next week.

Homework

Doodle Maths

Read at home at least 3 times a week

Spellings on seesaw

Year 6 Class News:

This week in Science and Maths we have been exploring the impact of exercise on the way our bodies function. To do this, we designed our own 30 minute workout routine and measured our heart rate after every interval. In Maths, we created a line graph to present our results because line graphs help show changes over time. Our line graphs helped us to make our conclusions. Our predictions were mostly correct because we discovered that the harder/more intense the workout, the higher our heartrate. However, we were surprised that our rest rate at the end of the workout was similar to our rest rate at the beginning of the workout. In Science we also made our own blood sample and had to think carefully about what we would use to represent each component and the amounts. You can see these on Seesaw. In History and DT, we had to complete a STEM challenge. We had to make our own Greek chariot – with moving wheels - using the materials provided. We planned our designs carefully to ensure we were meeting the criteria and we had to regularly adapt our design. My team's biggest difficulty was making sure the chariot cart was stable when we pulled it. Other groups worked really hard to get the wheels to move. By the end of the challenge every team managed to create a chariot with moving wheels. You can see all of our chariots on Seesaw. In PE, we have been practising a Christmas dance that we are looking forward to sharing with you. We are looking forward to getting our leavers hoodies next week – yay! We also won Doodle Maths class!! Have a good weekend.

Homework:

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow zone but reach for the green zone!

Read 3 x and record this in your Home-School journal

Read Theory – 2 tests

Optional challenge: research a Greek philosopher and create a fact file about them

Housekeeping :

- Please be extremely careful when dropping off/collecting your children from school. Main Street can get very busy at these times. We have a lot of children cycling to school. Please be mindful when driving / parking on Main Street and take care not to block our neighbours driveways.
- If you need to contact school, please do not come to the school office, please telephone Mrs Stacey on 01757 638426 or email admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk during the current situation.
- Please ensure coats are in school every day and suitable for the changing season !
- Please could we ask that your parent pay accounts are kept in credit. The way the system works regular texts or reminders will be sent out if you go above £10.00 debit and a letter is generated if you have had 3 text reminders. If you are having trouble making payment please speak to Mrs Stacey in the Office

Dates for the Diary :

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11 December 2020

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 16 December 2020

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

Professional development training day: Monday 4 January 2021

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!