



# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending 25/03/2022**

## **‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’**

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

**Reception – Tiggy**

**Year 1 – Faolan**

**Year 2 – Florence**

**Year 3 – Zac**

**Year 4 – Ellis + Neave**

**Year 5 – Isobel + Molly**

**Year 6 – Rowan + Ameliya**

**Top Doodling Class – YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6!**

### *A message from the Head:*

The sun is shining and optimism abounds, as spring seems imminent and some normality returns to school. This week saw much improved attendance, both in staff and pupils and fingers crossed for a more consistent last two weeks of term.

Reception and Year 1 ventured out of school this week, for a visit to Harlow Carr and it seems a delightful time was had. Next week we look forward to a further resumption of normality, with Year 6’s rescheduled ‘open assembly’ taking place at 3pm on Friday the 1st of April.

As we start to look ahead to next term, we would very much like to re-establish a ‘Summer Fair’ event for the school and it’s families. An opportunity to welcome you all back onto site, come together as a community and hopefully raise some much needed funds to support those ‘little extras’ in school. With this in mind, we would like to recruit some willing helpers to help make it happen. We know ongoing uncertainties and personal pressures can make it hard to commit to something longer term, like a formal PTA role, so what we are looking for are volunteers to pick up one aspect of the summer fair and make it their own. We envisage the event happening one Friday afternoon / evening after school, for a few hours and being open to all. Perhaps you would like to organise a stall, look after a BBQ or provide Pimms ! For now, if you could let us know your initial interest (and perhaps any ideas you have) by emailing [admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk) and once we have gauged interest we can go from there. As ever, your support is much appreciated.

Have a super weekend !

## Reception/Year 1:

Reception and Year 1 have definitely made the most of the beautiful weather this week! It was perfect for our trip to Harlow Carr and it made the spring flowers look even more glorious! We explored the different plants and flowers there, comparing the stems, leaves and flowers. The children were exceptional and enjoyed every minute (especially the ice cream treat from Betty's!) Back in the classroom, we have looked back at photographs and written about our favourite parts from the trip.

We have explored potatoes, thinking about the different ways we can eat them. All the children helped to peel potatoes and we made them into mashed potato for everyone to try! We have also planted some chitted potatoes in our outdoor area! Our beans are starting to sprout in our conservatory window and we are able to compare them to our experimental beans (with different light and water situations).

In maths, Reception have been exploring 9 and 10, looking at the composition of these numbers, sorting the different amounts and learning to order them. Year 1 have been working with numbers to 50, ordering them and comparing them.

We would like to wish all our lovely mums and Grandmas a happy Mother's Day this weekend! Look out for some special surprises that the children have made!

Home learning this week:

Reception:

- Read your school books at least three times and record in your home/school journal. Practise reading the words on your red word bookmarks!
- Stay in the yellow zone in Doodlemaths, but aim for the green!

Year 1:

- Read your school books at least three times and record in your home/school journal. Practise reading and writing the words on your red word bookmark.
- Stay in the yellow zone in Doodlemaths, but aim for the green!
- Complete your extra on DoodleSpell.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

## Year 2/3:

What a fab week we have had in Year 2/3! The weather has been fantastic and meant we can learn more outdoors which has been brilliant. In English, we have continued looking at letter writing and have planned our own persuasive letter that we will write to Mr Blackwood next week. In Maths, Year 2 have continued to look at the different properties on both 2D and 3D shapes. They have demonstrated this learning in a variety of practical ways. In Year 3, the children have been learning about the different types of angles and how they are a property of shapes. In Science, we have looked at the transportation of water in plants by conducting an investigation over time. As well as this, we have studied the features of flowers. In PE, the children took part in their first game of netball. The children learnt the different rules of the sport before taking part in small games. In History, the class recapped their learning about Egyptians from the previous lessons before looking at a timeline of Ancient Egypt. Music was unfortunately cancelled this week however we have had the lesson rescheduled to next Monday so please can pupils bring in their violin on both Monday and Thursday next week.

Home learning this week:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your journal.
- Stay in the orange on Doodlemaths and reach for the green (10 mins a day!)
- Complete your extra on DoodleSpell

Have a fab weekend! Mr Hedges

## Year 4/5:

In English this week the class have been continuing to use the book 'Curiosity - The Story of a Mars Rover'. They have finished their short explanations about Curiosity's launch, and written logs of its journey to Mars. They learned how to use dashes to add more information or emphasis in a sentence.

In Maths the class have finished their learning on fractions and have moved on to decimals. They have learned to recognise tenths and hundredths, find fractions of quantities and write tenths and hundredths as decimals. Reading and maths assessments have been completed this week to check your child's progress.

In DT this week the class have been practising their stitching skills ready for making their phone cases. In Learning for Life we had an interesting lesson exploring fake news articles and what makes them 'fake'. We discussed what to look for when reading articles, such as credited sources and fact checking.

On Friday afternoon we explored the wonderful music composer Gustav Holst. We listened to excerpts of his Planets Suite and described each piece and how it described the 'character' of each planet. We finished by choosing our favourite and creating a piece of art work responding to the music.

In science this week we have looked at objects that are streamlined and how this helps them move through air and water.

In RE we have focussed on justice and fairness. In particular we looked at the life and work of Mother Teresa

Homework this week:

Doodle Maths (stay in the yellow, aim for the green)

Doodle Spell extra activity

Reading 3x weekly and recorded in the home school journal

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

## Year 6:

To parents and carers

In English, we were planning and drafting our recount about what happened when the Viking came in (Viking Day). In History we were looking at Viking artefacts and writing what we think they were and asking questions about them before finding out what they are and what the Vikings used them for. We also got to dress up as Vikings and villagers and we were allowed to touch them and hold them. This week we have been doing assessments we did an arithmetic, two reasoning and problem solving, one grammar test, one spelling test and one reading test. The reading test had a poem, a story (fiction) and a fact (non fiction) one. These are the same ones that we will be doing for SATs so it was good to practice. Have a good weekend. Scarlett.

Y6 Homework:

Doodle Maths - stay in the yellow, aim for the green

Doodle English - stay in the yellow, aim for the green

Doodle Spell – Complete your extra activity

Reading 3x weekly and record it in the home school journal

*Incomplete homework is completed in Homework Club on a Friday lunch*

## *Diary Dates:*

**Fri 1/4/22** – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 6 Open Assembly

**Wed 6/4/22** - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 3 (WS)

**Thur 7/4/22** - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 4 (WS)

**Mon 11/04/2022 to Fri 22/04/2022 Easter Holiday**