



# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending 13/05/2022**

## 'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

**Reception – Arthur**

**Year 1 – Tilly**

**Year 2 – Daisy**

**Year 3 – Trent**

**Year 4 – Ellis**

**Year 5 – Lillie**

**Year 6 – Ameliya**

**Top Doodling Class – Reception & Year 4**

**Reminder – Don't forget to sign your child/ren up to the Doodle Spring Challenge.** To register your child for one/both challenges, please follow the instructions on the separate document attached to the newsletter last week.

### *A message from the Head:*

We must start this week by saying a huge 'Well done!' to our Year 6's, who have navigated their SATs week with resilience, gusto and even a smile on their faces ! While we always try to 'play down' the assessment week in school, it does inevitably lead to some feelings of anxiety amongst pupils (and staff!) but our pupils have coped extremely well this year, a credit to our school indeed.

We would also like to say a further 'Well done' to Miss Rose and Mr Hedges, who have been working diligently behind the scenes this year, to help us secure the 'Healthy Schools Award'. This award recognises that our school;

- Is one that promotes physical, social, emotional and mental health and helps equip pupils, staff and families with the skills and attitudes to make informed decisions about their health.
- Is successful in supporting pupils to do their best and build on their achievements; it is committed to ongoing improvement and development.
- Recognises the importance of investing in health and wellbeing to assist in the process of raising children and young people's achievement levels.
- Involves the whole school community in improving children's health, wellbeing and happiness, helping them to get the most out of life.

We are extremely proud of our pupils and staff in achieving this recognition and will continue to build upon this success.

A busy week ahead next week, culminating in the Year 2/3 Open Assembly ! The families of our Year 2/3 pupils are invited into school at 3pm on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, to find out a little more about what they have been tackling in class of late, we hope you can join us !

Finally, don't forget it's the Cliffe Pre School's 'Scarecrow Festival' in the village this weekend, including a wonderful contribution from Mrs Wilson's army of artists from across our school. We hope you can pop by to take a look.

## Reception/Year 1:

Reception and Year 1 have had a lovely week exploring water! We began the week reading 'Once upon a Raindrop' and discussed our experiences with water. The children wrote short paragraphs about their favourite water memories. Next, we set up an ice experiment with two different sized blocks of ice. The children made predictions about what they thought would happen and they came back several times over the afternoon to observe any changes happening! Finally, we made puddles on the playground and drew round them with chalk so we could observe what happens to water on a warm day. In PE, the children have started a unit on 'striking and fielding' and practised rolling and stopping a ball.

In phonics, Reception have practised reading their red words. We also looked at capital letters and the alphabet. Year 1 have recapped on the use of finger spaces in a sentence and using capital letters for proper nouns.

In maths, Reception have explored the number 15 and played some different number games including 'ride the rays' where they had to make different rectangles that were two blocks wide! Year 1 have continued to investigate equal and unequal groups. They can draw and talk about the rows and columns in an array. We have read a story about Greta Thunberg and helped to make the school scarecrow of her for Cliffe scarecrow festival on Sunday! It's been a busy week!!

Home learning this week:

Reception

- Read at least three times and record in your journal.
- Stay in the yellow on Doodlemaths but reach for the green.

Year 1

- Read at least three times and record in your journal.
- Stay in the yellow on Doodlemaths but reach for the green.
- Play one of the phonics games that I have sent home in your book bags. Please see the email I sent out on Thursday for more details!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the scarecrow festival if you are able to go!

Mrs Wilson

## Year 2/3:

What another brilliant week we have had in Y2/3! In maths, both Year 2 and 3 have continued learning about fractions. The Year 2s have been exploring unit and non-unit fractions while the Year 3s have been learning about tenths. In English, we have started exploring our new class book *My name is not refugee*. The class have had the opportunity to read, explore and discuss the book as well as writing their own predications and describing how they would have felt in the characters position. In Computing, the class have continued to develop their understanding of PowerPoint and have continued to improve their own work this week by adding new slides of information as well as saving and inserting pictures. In P.E. the class have been learning and taking part in athletics. They have worked closely with our coach to make sure the class are improving their own ability as well as learning about the activities. In Art, the class have designed their own crown as part of our whole school art project for the jubilee. Finally, In Science, the children were exploring light and dark as well as how the sun moves throughout the day by investigating their shadows.

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, year 4/5 have been learning how to write and punctuate multi-clause sentences. They read chapters 17 and 18 of 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' and wrote emails of advice to Jeff about his friendship with Bradley. They had to consider how to structure their email and practise using informal language. They then went on to type these on Wednesday. Later in the week we discussed the complexities of Bradley's character and how he's changing through the story.

In Maths this week the class have moved on to working with statistics. They have learned how to read and interpret tables, bar charts, pictograms and line graphs, and have learned how to solve comparison, sum and difference problems using the data.

In RE the class started to learn about the significance of the Bible, its popularity and how it's organised. In PE they continued to practise athletics skills, including standing long jump, shot put, hurdles, relay and speed bounce. They worked hard to improve their score/distances.

In Learning for Life they had an interesting and thought-provoking lesson on sleep habits and why they should make sure they get enough sleep.

On Thursday they started an art project focusing on the Jubilee, designing and making decorations for their crowns!

Finally, in history we had a great lesson exploring the events leading up to 1066. The class learned all about the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings! Next week we will have a go at creating our own version of the Bayeux tapestry!

A note about homework - each week we ask the children to reach at least the yellow zone for Doodle Maths, and complete their Doodle Spell activity. We run homework club Friday lunchtime break if children don't manage to achieve this. If your child is struggling to access Doodle at home, please let us know and we can provide time for this in school.

If not, please encourage your child to reach the yellow zone!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

## Year 6:

This week year6 has been doing our SATS. It has been stressful at times but we tried our hardest. On Monday, we did our grammar, punctuation and spelling which stands for GPS and in the afternoon we did rounders with Mr Hedges. On Tuesday, we did the reading test which everyone thought was the hardest. In the afternoon we did maths revision on angles. On Wednesday, we had our math arithmetic and reasoning. In the afternoon we researched stuff about the Platinum Jubilee and we found out that the Queen has been on the throne for 70 years. On Thursday, was the maths reasoning paper 3. In the afternoon we designed a crown to do with the Jubilee. On Friday, in the morning we did our DaaRT lesson which stands for drugs alcohol and resilience training. This weeks session was about peer pressure, tobacco and cannabis. Coby