



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 4/11/22

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

Reception – Nikara

Year 1 – Marcia

Year 2 – Tilly

Year 3 – Freed

Year 4 – Esmae

Year 5 – Neave and Liam

Year 6 – Lillie

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 5

A message from the Head:

A lovely first week back after the half term break and here we are heading towards Christmas.

Lovely to hear Years 4, 5 and 6 begin their 'Young Voices' rehearsals this week, the disco era has returned to Cliffe it seems! Please can I remind all families that payment and consent are due ASAP, via Parentpay. Tickets for adult spectators don't need to be purchased at the same time, or indeed at all if you are finding it tricky to get across to Sheffield, we just ask that pupil contributions and consent are done by Monday. As ever, contributions / participation are voluntary but unfortunately if we don't have sufficient numbers/funds we will be unable to run the trip.

Plenty of other events also running this half term, please see the dates below for more details. To get things rolling we have an 'Open Classroom' event this coming Wednesday. Classrooms are open to visitors between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Books and work will be available to view and it is an opportunity for your child to show you around their classroom. Pupils will be dismissed in the regular way and we just ask those coming to visit wait until everyone is out before coming back in to join us.

A huge 'thank you' to all that attended our PTA meeting this week, some exciting plans are afoot and more volunteers are now needed to help these come to fruition, please see the note below for more details –

"The Cliffe VC Primary School PTA are meeting in the New Inn Pub, Cliffe, at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th November. This is an informal meeting to plan a Christmas fundraiser. Everyone is welcome, so if you have an idea or would just like to pop along to see if you can lend a hand then please do!"

With the rising costs of things like coaches for trips, visitors to school and those 'special' resources used in classrooms the funds raised by the PTA may be more valuable than ever this year, so if you can attend / help out it would be most appreciated.

Finally, I must just say a huge 'WELL DONE!' to our pupil 'Wellbeing Champions', George, Malci and Maiya, who yesterday I had the privilege of taking to Harlow Carr in Harrogate to collect our schools 'Healthy Schools Award – Silver'. This award recognises the hard work all of our staff and pupils put in to ensure our school remains a happy and mentally/physically healthy place to be. Thanks to Miss Rose as our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead, along with our pupil and staff Wellbeing Champions, this work will continue again this academic year and we look forward to the projects and initiatives to come.

Have a super weekend!

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

The children have come back refreshed and ready to go after the half term break! This week has been a very seasonal one! We explored the artwork of Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama, who is famous for her love of dots and pumpkins! So, the children contributed to a shared pumpkin piece of art, sticking colourful dot stickers onto a pumpkin. They also created their own individual pumpkin artwork, using the end of pencils, dipped in paint, to make dot patterns on a pumpkin outline! We have also enjoyed reading a poem called 'Zim Zam Zoom' by James Carter, we made our own rocket fireworks and our Year 1 children filmed every child reciting a line from the poem to make a class video, using the iPads! We have some budding videographers as you will see in the final edit on Seesaw! The children have discussed firework safety and investigated the history of Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot. We have also enjoyed our outdoor area and this is a perfect time to start sending your child in with a pair of gloves, as our area is getting quite chilly when the sun goes in.

Following on from our work during Black History week, we had two exciting zoom calls this week! The first one was speaking to Mahilia in St Lucia, and the second was speaking to Siobhian in Trinidad! We asked the questions we had planned to find out about what life is like living on a Caribbean island! We found out that lots of things are the same, and lots of things are different!

In phonics this week, Reception have learnt the sounds f, e, l and h (see Seesaw video) and these sound cards are now in their phonics packs to practise at home! Year 1 have recapped on the digraphs: /or/ shut the door, /ay/ may I play? /ou/ shout it out and /air/ that's not fair.

In our Maths sessions, Reception have explored the numbers 2 and 3, looking at the composition and practising subitising. They have also begun their Doodlemaths journey and all have their log on codes stuck in their journals! Please let Year 1 have used our new rekenreks to practise making numbers made up of '5 and a bit', and we have looked at the + symbol for addition and linked it to our work with part-whole models.

Home learning this week:

Reception:

- Enjoy your reading books at home at least three times and record in your home/school journal. Practise recognising your letter sound cards too! Can you make/read your challenge words?
- Practise getting used to your Doodlemaths account! Can you find your robot? Stay in the yellow zone but aim for the green!

Year 1:

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

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News.

Half term flew by and it sounds as though the children had a great time picking their Halloween pumpkins, getting out and about to enjoy the blue skies and balmy days of last week. Excitement for 'trick or treating' was bubbling all day on Monday and we waited with bated breath for the sugar rush after effects the next day! However, we're pleased to report that it's been a productive week with a swift return to routines and expectations so a big well done to all the children.

A change in timetabling meant we had an extra PE lesson with Mr Taylor this week and thoroughly enjoyed letting off steam with a few competitive warm up games and a dodgeball lesson. In addition, some of the class began their Gymnastics after school sessions with Dan and learned about different types of stretches, jumps and movements across the floor mats.

In our core curriculum lessons this week we have been learning to solve and compare addition sentences, how to relate number bonds up to 10, to number bonds to 100 in our Maths, as well as investigating whether doubling any number creates an even numbered answer (it does!). In English we have begun our Poetry topic, looking at a selection of shape poems (calligrams) to identify specific features. Ask your child what they remember about the shape, alliteration, adjectives or similes in our sea themed shape poems this week. We have also continued with our daily Phonics / SPaG sessions, with a focus on reading more fluently, writing dictated sentences, spotting noun phrases (Y2), using apostrophes for possession (Y3) and adding correct spellings and grammar to our writing.

Our topic and wider curriculum work has ranged from beginning our Christmas singing rehearsals (more information to come soon!) to learning about John McAdam, an 18th Century inventor who created a new process for building better roads which eventually led to the creation of 'tarmac'. Please see the SeeSaw app for photos and videos from our 'hands on' Science lesson. We've learnt about a Mosque, the building where Muslims worship, and identified some of the important religious features found inside such as the Qubba (dome), the Quran (holy book), prayer mats, the wash room and the crescent moon symbol.

A quick reminder please to provide a change of clothes plus socks and plimsolls in PE bags to be kept at school. Our radiators have been covered in damp socks and shoes following outdoor play today!

Please do keep up the good work started before half term with the regular reading; we're so pleased to be seeing results in class where some children are more confident when reading for learning across their lessons (for example reading questions, facts or instructions more independently). It makes such a difference to how much they can achieve in the day!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Pears & Miss Waddington

Homework

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

Doodle Spell – complete your extra activity

Read – x3 weekly but strive for 5! Please record in your Home School Journal with a quick date & sign.

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

We've had a great week this week in Y4/5. In English this week the class have watched the short film 'For the Birds' which follows a group of small birds being very unpleasant to a big bird. This prompted a lot of discussion about kindness towards others, discrimination and what bullying is. Later in the week the class learned how to punctuate dialogue using inverted commas. In Maths this week the children have learned what a multiple is, and how to find common multiples of numbers. The Year 4s have learned how to count in 6s and applied this to calculating 6 times table facts.

Young Voices practice has officially started! This week our focus song has been 'Nile Rodgers Disco Party' – we've been learning the song lyrics and the actions. We've also watched videos of the concert and what to expect on the day – they're very excited!

In PE with Dan this week the class have started work on basketball skills. They practised passing and shooting within small games. Ukulele continues with Mrs Moulds this half-term. Today the class were continuing to practise their chords. The website used is 'ukulelerocks' in class which the children can access at home.

Homework:

YOUNG VOICES – Rehearse Nile Rodgers Disco Party using the lyric video:

<https://cdn.myclassmate.ai/videos/22-LY-Nile%20Rodgers%20Disco%20Party.mp4>

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, reach for the green by next Friday

Doodle Spell – complete the Extra assignment by next Friday

Seesaw reading activity – this has now been set (apologies this was meant to be set on Monday. This needs to be completed by Monday 14th November)

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6 Class News:

This week in maths we had to find common factors of two numbers. We also had to the LCM (lowest common multiple). We found prime numbers to 100 and did lots of reasoning and problem solving. In English, we used a range of descriptive sentence starters e.g. Adverb start 'Sweetly, the beautiful lady kissed the elderly man's pallid cheek.' In wider curriculum, we learnt about keeping safe around bonfires, fireworks and sparklers we had to write down the risks and how likely it would happen. Then, we made safety posters for the rest of school. In art, we used charcoal to add details and texture to different Greek mythological creatures. We had to practise drawing different textures in our sketch books first e.g. feather strokes, blending, scales and shading. We also got our... LEAVERS HOODIES!!!! See you next week bye. By Millie and Fay.

Y6 Homework:

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

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

Doodle Spell – complete your extra activity

Read – 3 x weekly and recorded in your Home School Journal

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Dates for the Diary -

- Wed 09/11/22 – Open Classroom event – 3.30 / 4.30
- Mon 14/11/2022 to Fri 18/11/2022 Anti-Bullying Week
- Fri 18/11/2022 (All day) Children In Need
- Tue 06/12/2022 2:30-3:30 KS1 & Y3 Nativity - performance 1
- Wed 07/12/22 – Pantomime – Cast Theatre, Doncaster
- Thur 08/12/2022 17:00-18:00 KS1 & Y3 Nativity - performance 2
- Thur 08/12/2022 (All day) Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 09/12/2022 - Year 2/3 School Trip to Kings Church, Selby - 09:00 - 12:00
- 19/12/2022 to 02/01/2023 - Xmas School Holiday
- Tue 03/01/2023 (All day) Training Day - Holiday for pupils