



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 19/03/21

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

Rec – Owen Marshall

Y1 – Florence Chapman

Y2 – Zac Wallinger

Y3 – Neave Buckle-Williams

Y4 – Jack Dawson

Y5 – Ameliya Buckle-Williams

Y6 – Tyra Buckle-Williams / Franco Boi

Doodle Class of the week: Y6

A message from the Head:

It has been another delightful week in school this week, with a sense of something like 'normality' beginning to seep back in to school life. Today's Comic Relief efforts have certainly helped brighten the place up and I would encourage you all to take a moment to read at least one or two of the jokes attached to our fence, our pupils certainly seem to have retained their sense of humour throughout all of this !

One of our adaptations in school at the moment is the vast majority of PE sessions are taking place outside, unless the weather is particularly adverse. With this in mind can we ask that sports kits sent / worn into school are suitable for this; sweaters, jogging bottoms and robust, weather proof trainers are currently essential. Likewise, playtimes are also spent outside unless the weather really works against us, so warm coats etc are a must. We thank you for your support in this.

Continuing the outdoor theme, next week we will also be hosting one of what we hope to be the first of many (COVID safe) visits to school from representatives of Food Circle York. Throughout the course of the year we will be working with this local organisation to encourage pupils to think about where the food we eat comes from, how we can ensure it is sustainable and how we can play a part in its production. This will start this term with the planting of fruit trees in our grounds and next term move on to prepare some tasty treats from locally foraged ingredients. When the situation allows we will also be looking to involve our wider community in the project, so those of you with green fingers please watch this space!

Have a super weekend and we will see you all next week, as we bring to a close yet another eventful term!

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

Reception and Year 1 have had a fabulous week! We slipped straight back into our routines this week and the children have been amazing! Reception have begun reading short ditties together, sounding out the words and practising their blending. We have had fun with the ditty themes, making up our own poems and writing! Reception's maths focus has been 3D shapes and the children have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes by building and rolling them. Year 1 have learnt a new suffix 'tious' / 'cious' so they watched the song 'Truly Scrumptious' from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and have started to design their own 'delicious' doughnuts! Year 1's maths focus has been weight and mass. They have done a lot of practical work to compare and measure mass in the outdoor area!

Our class book has been 'Egg Drop' by Mini Grey (who also wrote Traction Man!) and the children thought of alternative endings, creating storyboards, and they also completed a STEM activity to design protection for a boiled egg! We have been enjoying our outdoor spaces, continuing our large scale 'Rainbow Forest' art project and exploring our nature kitchen!

Home learning this week is to enjoy your home reading books at least three times (and practise the green/red words inside the front cover) and try to complete 10 minutes of Doodlemaths each day (to stay in the green zone!)

A little reminder to make sure that all uniform has your child's name in- the warmer weather means that we get a swarm of jumpers in the cloakroom! Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson.

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

We have had a wonderful week filled with lots of exciting lessons! In English, we have been building up to writing a diary entry based on an animation called 'The Lighthouse'. Everyone produced great entries and tried hard with their writing. In Maths, we finished our geometry topic by looking at the properties of 3D shapes as a whole class. We have now moved onto fractions and over the next week, we will be looking at finding and recognising a half and quarter. We have also been doing some Maths and English assessments this week and everybody has worked extremely hard. As a result, in the afternoons we have had some more active lessons. In PE, we have done an agility course and dance lessons. This allowed everyone to get moving and have some fun! In history, we have continued looking at the history of our local area by looking at how Joseph Roundtree helped the people of York and the Roman settlement of York. Finally, we have all enjoyed a little bit of red nose day fun by sharing jokes with each other! We have had a brilliant week, and everyone is settling in fantastically! We are all looking forward to the last week before the Easter holidays so let's continue our positive attitudes. Miss Morse

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

This week in English we have created fantastic posters about Tigers. We have used a combination of our home learning and new research to find out about Tigers and compose a non-chronological report which we have edited and published as colourful posters. On Thursday, the children watched various charity awareness adverts and analysed the use of emotive language in each, before having a go at their own emotive phrases around dangers to tigers.

In Maths we have worked hard on ordering fractions with a real focus on finding equivalent fractions. We then learned how to add and subtract fractions, including with mixed denominators for those more confident.

In Science we have grouped and classified vertebrates, looking at the similarities and differences of the different groups. Also, we looked at classification of animals using classification keys. We have found out about Britain's first railways and located these on a map.

We had a great music lesson with Mrs Moulds playing the ukulele. This week the children learned how to play and sing along to 'Kookaburra'.

On Friday we celebrated Comic Relief by learning about Ethan who suffers with Cerebral Palsy. We discussed how the donations help to raise funds and had a go at various comic relief activities.

Homework: Doodle Maths/English and reading 3x a week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 6 Class News:

In Active maths we had to run in a relay to get cards and bring them back to our team to work them out. In English and Art we wrote up our poems and used oil pastels to make our backgrounds. Our backgrounds were the image in our mind's eye when creating the poem. In Science we put animals into different groups using the Linnaean classification system. We used the genus and species to write the scientific name for different animals. Did you know the scientific name for a fox is *Vulpes Vulpes* and the scientific name for a human is *Homo sapiens*? In PE we carried on learning different moves and played dodgeball with Mr Hedges. For Red Nose Day in English we worked in pairs to write a funny limerick to attach to the school fence to share a smile and make a video. See you next week. Louie.

Homework:

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

Reading - 3x a week and record this in your Home-School journal.

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:

Half term holiday: Monday 29th March 2021 to Friday 9th April 2021

Professional development day – Monday 12th April 2021