

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 22/10/2021

‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

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

22.10.21

Reception – Arthur

Year 1 – Faolan

Year 2 – Florence

Year 3 – Trent

Year 4 – Scarlett

Year 5 – Isobel

Year 6 – Coby

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 6!!

A message from the Head:

I must start with an apology following the date mix up for the Year 2 and 3 Forest School day on last week's newsletter. Unfortunately with the ongoing COVID situation in school we have had to revise staffing plans etc on an almost daily basis and ensuring all other events etc were revised to take account of this has been something of a logistical headache. Thank you to all of those families who ensured their children arrived in the correct kit even at short notice, much appreciated. On that theme, the Forest School sessions so far have gone extremely well and we hope this is yet another way we can support pupil's physical and mental health on a fairly regular basis throughout the year. Any opportunity to eat marshmallows around a campfire seems like something we should go for!

Looking ahead to next half term, we have some very exciting learning opportunities and events planned and of course with Christmas on the horizon we look forward to welcoming you all back into school to share some of these with us.

Key dates for the diary are as follows –

- **Wed 10/11/21** – 3.30 / 4.30 - Open Classroom event (WS)
- **Mon 15/11/2021 to Fri 19/11/2021** - Anti-Bullying Week – Focus week in school.
- **Thu 18/11/2021** - United Nations Climate Change School Event – focus day in school.
- **Fri 19/11/2021** - Children In Need – Focus day in school.
- **Thu 02/12/2021** - 17:00 - 18:00 - Y2/3 - Christmas Performance
- **Thur 09/12/2021** - 17:00-18:00 – Rec/Y1 - Nativity Performance
- **Fri 10/12/2021** - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day.
- **Fri 10/12/2021 - 15:30 - 17:30** - School Christmas Fair - in school. (WS)
- **Tue 14/12/21** – Aladdin (Pantomime) – 12.00/5.00pm Cast Theatre, Doncaster. (Pls note late return) (WS)

Finally, we are hoping this coming week away from school will provide us with the necessary ‘circuit breaker’ we need to help rid the pupils of this wave of COVID that has dogged us over the last few weeks. However, it is still extremely important that we maintain a picture of infections throughout the holiday. Please inform us **via email** to admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk of any positive PCR tests for pupils to help us best plan our return to school on Monday the 1st of November.

Have a lovely break !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

Wow! What an exciting week we have had in Reception and Year 1! We loved our Forest School day on Wednesday; the children enjoyed forest crafts, a tree branch swing, nature potion making, dressing up and we toasted marshmallows on a fire! The rain certainly didn't spoil it for us; we don't let a bit of rain get in our way! In Science, we have been thinking about our 5 senses and so far have explored our hearing, sight and smell! There were lots of interesting smells to experience and the children came up with some great words to describe them. Lots of children even guessed correctly what the smells were... the favourite was definitely cocoa! Linked to our art focus on spirals, we had some live snails in our classroom for a day. We looked closely at the patterns on their shells and drew what we could see. We have all made a snail out of clay, using our rolling skills to make a coil shape.

Reception have been excited to learn new letter sounds in our phonics sessions and Year 1 have been using some of the sounds they know to write and read words.

In maths, Reception explored the oneness of one and the twoness of two, introducing the numberblocks characters and enjoying a mastery of each number. Year 1 have been experimenting with part/ whole models. Keep reading and enjoying your books over the holiday- why not take a trip to the library? The library in Selby has a lovely children's section! If you manage a trip, upload a picture to seesaw! Have a lovely half term holiday!

Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What a long but brilliant half term it has been! I have been amazed how Y2 have dealt with the jump in formality and expectations from Y1 and how Y3 have rose to the challenge of being the older and more responsible members of our class. Every pupil in the class has wowed both myself and Mrs Whitford this half term and we are incredibly proud of the progress they have already made. In English this week, we have finally written our sequel to *Journey*. The class have taken us to exotic islands, terrifying caves and many more imaginative places and sent their characters on lots of adventures. The children focused on including description and expanded noun phrases throughout their text. In Maths, the class have continued to learn various building blocks to help them successfully add and subtract in various ways including the formal written methods. In Computing the class have continued to understand what blogs are and how they are created and used Seesaw to imitate their own blogs. In History this week, we were visited by Captain Cook himself and the children learnt the different jobs that would have been on the endeavour as well as the names of different parts of the ship. On Friday, it was our outdoor learning day where the class had opportunities to wild paint, build dens, roast marshmallows, and much more! They were all fantastic and really enjoyed themselves.

There is no homework as it is the half term holiday! I hope you have a fantastic time however you spend it and that you and your families make good choices and stay safe!

Mr Hedges

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

Dear parents/carers

It's been a great week in year 4/5! In English this week the class have been planning and writing their own recipe poem for our school based on 'The British' by Benjamin Zephaniah. In their reading lessons they have answered comprehension questions about Rosa Parks and been introduced to the story of Matthew Henson through the book 'Race to the Frozen North'.

In Maths this week the children have learned how to check their answers to additions and subtractions by using inverse calculations, learned how to solve multi-step problems and completed and end of term mini-assessment to see how they're getting on with addition and subtraction.

In Music the class practised playing and composing spooky pieces and in Learning for Life they discussed peer pressure and how to respond to it. In Science they investigated the purpose of switches and designed and created their own switch, and in French they learned how to introduce themselves including using Mr, Mrs and Miss.

Homework over half-term:

Keep doodling and reading!
Doodle spell – extra activity

Finally, have a good rest! It's been such a busy half-term and the children have worked so hard, they need a good rest next week so they're refreshed and ready to go for the next (busy) half-term!
Have a wonderful half-term
Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6 Class News:

This week in maths we have been identifying common factors in venn diagrams and finding common multiples. In history we have been looking at how the Ancient Greeks influenced our language today. The Greeks influenced suffix like -phobia, -graph, -ology, -onym and meter. The Greeks influenced prefixes like photo-, anti-, bio-, teli-, tech- and geo. In art we made Greek pots out of clay. In DT we made Greek chariots and the wheels had to spin. Our class is doodle champions this week. Enjoy your week off from Coby. Over and out.

Homework over half-term:

Keep doodling – stay in the yellow zone but reach for the green zone

Reading – record any reading in your Home School Journal

Doodle spell – complete your extra activity

Dates for the Diary - Autumn 1 :

Mon 25/10/2021 to Fri 29/10/2021 Half Term