

Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week draws to a close and there is plenty to read about in this week's newsletter.

I continue to be so proud of the children and their determined attitude to learning. Lots of fantastic work from this term is being displayed in the school hall and in my office. I have a new 'Wild about Work' display that shows a piece of amazing work from a child in each class. It's a great way for the children to celebrate their success and it looks fantastic!



It is still vitally important for you to get your child tested if they display symptoms of COVID-19. Please remember that if they have a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, a negative test result is needed before they can return to school. We remain at a critical time with the virus, particularly with new variants and we must ensure that procedures are followed so that the children and all the staff in school are as safe as possible as the vaccination programme continues to be rolled out.

As you may have noticed, the barrier is not working so we are trying to control traffic at the front entrance using the gates until this is rectified. Please be very mindful of moving vehicles and keep your children under close supervision when waiting at the gate for drop-off. I have received concerns from parents and staff about children running across the road during this time and want to ensure that this time is as safe as possible.

Thank you,
Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Finance queries should be directed to: finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

And IT support queries should be sent to: itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk



National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'Email Scams'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.

We're on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook and Instagram! Search for 'Clarborough Primary' and follow us for regular updates and see what we are getting up to!



Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos – Thursday 27th May

On Thursday 27th May, the children will be having their school class photos taken and Year 6 will also be having their leavers' photos. The photos will be taken outside on the grounds of the school. All children must attend in full school uniform.

Census Lunch!

Thursday's Census lunch was an astounding success and it was lovely to see the children enjoying their special lunch of burgers, chips and beans finishing with ice-cream, sauce and sprinkles!

Thank you to everyone who had a lunch on this day it really does make a difference for our funding!



Toys and Fidget Toys

Please note that fidget toys or any other sort of toy should not be brought into school unless you have spoken with your teacher and they have permitted your child to bring it in.

Sickness

Just a polite reminder that if your child has been sick, they must stay at home for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness. They cannot come back to school after just one day.



Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

This has been a fantastic week of flour and fun in Foundation!

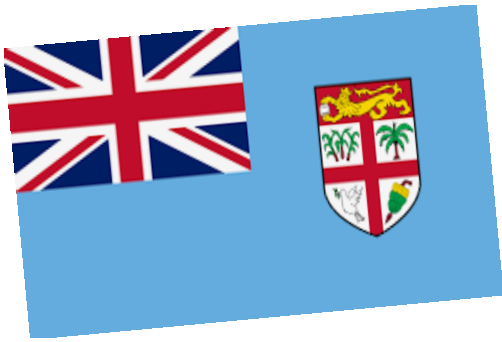


Starting with the story of 'Little Red Hen', then watching time lapses of wheat growing, to making and tasting bread - we have learnt so much!



The children loved the bakers shop and there was some great counting and sharing going on all week. We are so proud of our children!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



This week Suva class have been learning about where our food comes from, what a farmer does, what crops are grown and what they are used for.

We have been placing fruit on a giant map of the world to show how far our food can travel before it arrives in the shops, and then had lots of fun tasting it!

We have also been halving shapes and quantities and have learnt that if a quantity of objects is halved both halves will be the same.



Next week, we will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and will be doubling small quantities of objects. We will also be creating our final version of Van Gogh's Sunflowers by putting together all of the flowers that we have created individually - we can't wait to see what they will look like altogether! We are continuing to look after our own sunflowers in class and at home and are making sure that they have everything they need to keep growing.



Star of the week: Katie for always doing the right thing and for always being delightful!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)



We have started writing our space stories in Year 1 this week and my goodness they are amazing! The children have been working so hard on their ideas and sentences and are really trying to include story language and adjectives in their writing. We are continuing to work on these and we will share them with you when they are finished - I am sure you will be just as proud of them as we have been!

In PSHE this week, we have been looking at how we can keep ourselves safe. The children have listened carefully and shared their thoughts and ideas about fire safety and strangers. These are very important things for the children to be aware of. Within the discussions we talked about knowing their address and phone number and knowing about who safe strangers are.

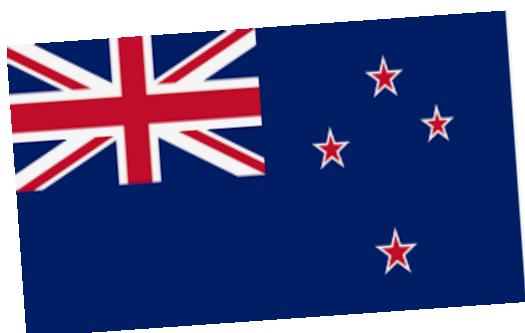
During our Maths lessons this week, we have been looking at arrays to support the children in their learning around multiplication. Each day we have been practising how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's, this is something that the children are improving on but more practise at home will always help. Once they become confident on counting forwards, they could challenge themselves to count backwards in 10's, 5's and 2's.

Next week I am hopeful we will finish our space stories and illustrate them. We will also be carrying out some assessments to see how far the children have come in their learning over the last couple of months. The children have designed their own space rocket this week as part of our topic and they will be using these designs to make their rockets next week.



Stars of the week: Ernie and Henry K for getting stuck in to their work and giving everything a go even when they find it tricky!

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

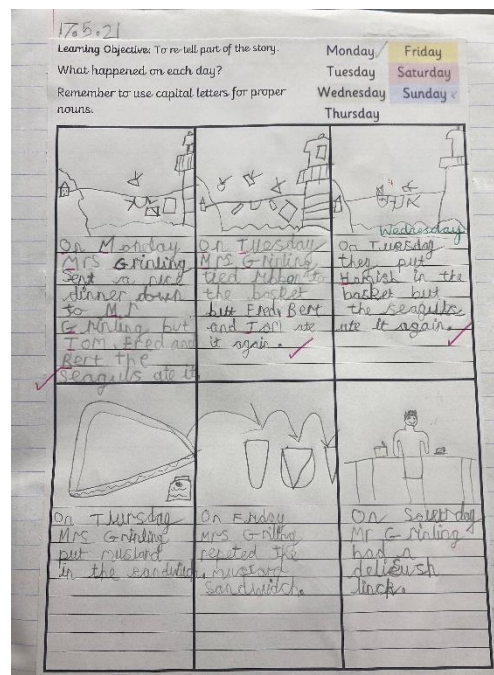


Maths

In Maths this week, we have consolidated our learning of halves and quarters as well as finding a third of a shape and an amount. We dipped into equivalent fractions through our discussions but will look at this in more detail next week. We will also find three quarters of shapes and amounts as well as counting in fractions.

English

In English the children really enjoyed re-telling the story of the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and have completed their plans of their own versions of the story. Their ideas have blown me away and I am very excited to see the final outcomes next week!



Topic

In Topic, the children used maps to identify the main British islands. They found out what makes an island an island and looked at the Isles of Scilly in more detail. The children couldn't believe that some children have to catch a boat to go to school! Next week, we will look back at everything we have found out about the seaside and summarise our learning. We will look back at our initial questions to see if we now have the answers to them.

Art

To finalise our learning about LS Lowry, the children completed research about his life and completed a building collage in a style that is similar to his, adding matchstick men. Some of these will be presented on our class display in the hall.



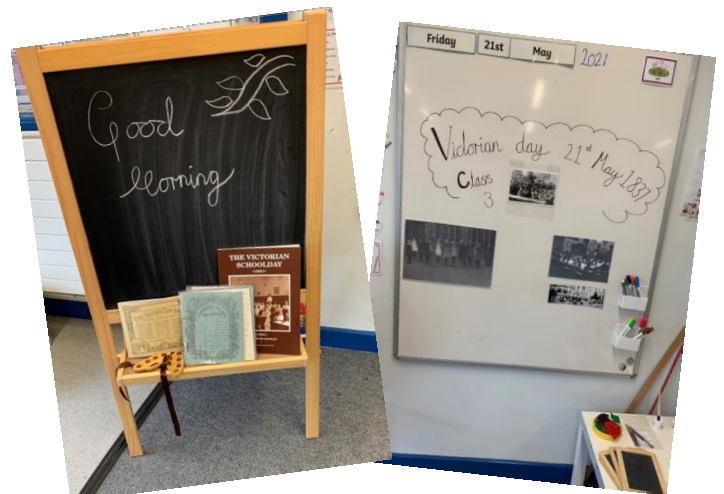
Star of the week: Henry for having an amazing week. Henry has been very focused in every lesson and has received a record amount of ticks!



Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

Year 3 have worked super hard getting their creative juices flowing whilst planning their own stories based on the Street Child. They really enjoyed their experience day; dressing up as Victorian children and experiencing a Victorian school.

Check out your child's Seesaw for photos of the day!





Next week in English, they will be writing their stories based on their Street Child plans. Reece amazed us all by saying "I'm really excited about this" referring to his plan ready for his story.

In Maths, Year 3 will be moving on to explore money. They will be recognising different coins & notes and then comparing different amounts.

In Clarborough Curriculum, they will be researching Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnado and writing short fact files about their influences on Victorian childhood.

In French, they will be learning how to say 'I am' and in IT they will be continuing with their programming module using Scratch.



Star of the week: Reece for working so diligently this week in English!

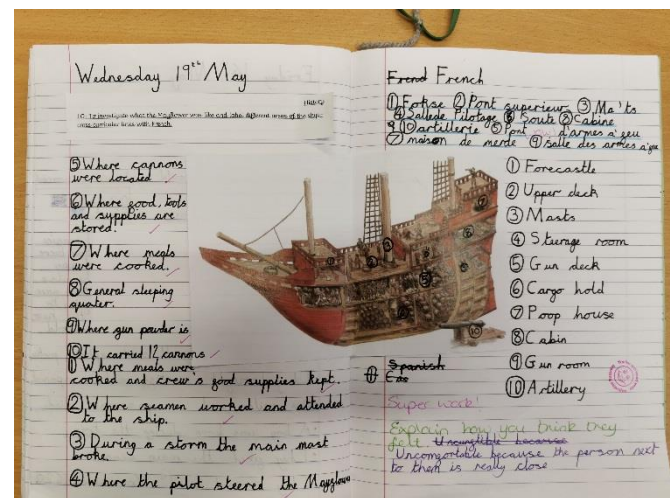
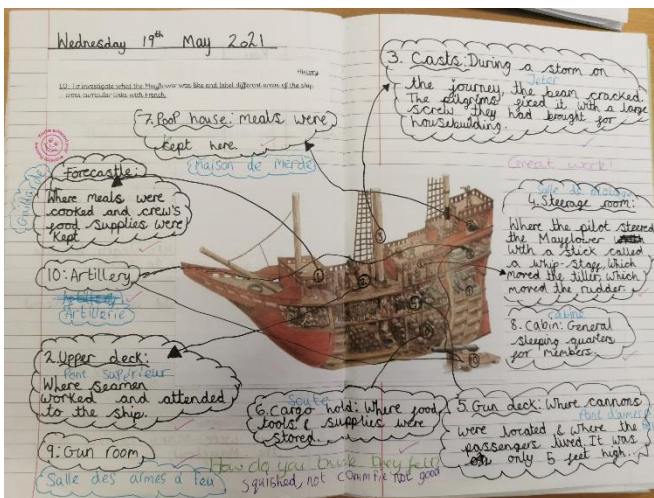
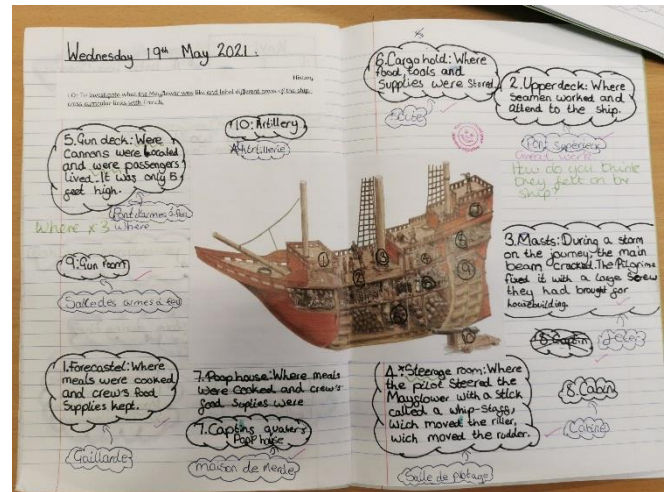
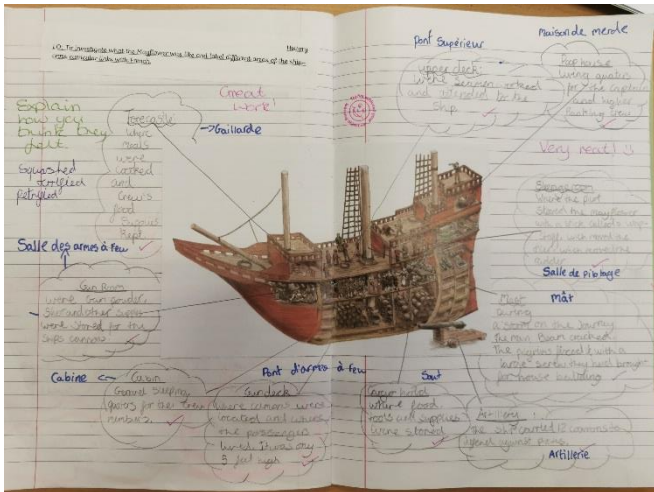
Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)



This week the children have produced some fantastic writing - it has been their best yet! They have worked very hard and thought carefully about their choice of vocabulary and which techniques they wanted to include in their writing. They created a missing chapter by predicting what they thought would happen next and which fitted in with the story.

In Maths this week, Year 4 have been continuing to work on their knowledge and understanding of time and converting between different measurements. They have been converting between seconds and minutes, minutes and hours, days and weeks and months and year. They have also been able to answer problem and reasoning questions that relied on their knowledge of conversion.

During Topic this week, we looked at 'The Mayflower' and located the different areas where the pilgrims lived and where the food was kept. They even had a go at labelling it in French! We also thought about how the pilgrims would have felt being trapped on this boat for 66 days!




Next week:

In Maths, we will continue looking at with of time and converting between 12- and 24-hour clocks and from analogue to digital.

In English, the children will complete their write up of the missing chapter.

In Topic, we will look at how the pilgrims might have felt when they arrived in America together with learning more about William Bradford and the impact he had on the Voyage to America.

In Computing, we will do Scratch programming on iLearn2.

 **Star of the week: Gracie-May for producing a very in-depth and detailed missing chapter and for always being amazing!**

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)



This week, we have been very busy in Caracas class completing our Egyptian Death Masks and our non-fiction information texts about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in The Valley of the Kings.



I am so very impressed with the care, attention to detail and perseverance the children have shown in completing each piece to such high standards. They have also enjoyed learning about hieroglyphs and writing their names and practising their spellings using hieroglyphs!



Next week in English, we will be consolidating some SPAG skills: using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis; using commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity and converting nouns into adjectives.

In Maths, we will continue looking at equivalent fractions and fractions greater than 1.

As we come to the end of our topic about the Ancient Egyptians, children will be challenged to showcase what they have learned in the form of a piece of writing, PowerPoint, piece of Art etc. I am looking forward to seeing how they choose to reflect on their learning this half term.

Since returning to school in March, I have noticed that very few children are reading at home and getting their planners signed. The expectation is that children read at least three times a week at home and have their planners signed by a parent. You do not need to sit with your child as they read but it would be very helpful to encourage them to read and sign their planner to acknowledge this has been done each week.



Star of the week: Olivia and Ruben for excellent writing about Tutankhamun and their beautifully presented work!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)



This week has been a fantastic week! We have studied ancient fossils to search for likenesses and differences in the search for evidence of Evolution.

We have designed vicious and terrifying Viking helmets.

We learnt how to add and subtract negative numbers and while studying letters, we learnt how to persuade people to do whatever we asked!

Next week, we have a whole host of superb activities planned. In English, we are going to write our letters to Beowulf and try to persuade him that we are the best possible candidate that he could hire to support him on his monster hunting adventures. We will also be looking at how to extend our writing using a semi-colon.

In Topic, Year 6 will finish their Viking invasion debate. Who will be able to persuade me that they were in the right? The Vikings or the Monks? Only time will tell on who will come out on the right side of history!

In Science, we are going to be looking in more depth at the growth of babies in the womb and gestation. We will be looking at growth cycles and the structures the body creates to sustain life.

In RE, we will begin to look at and study religious art and how different faiths express themselves through different mediums and designs and in PSHE, we will continue with our money matters lesson.

Finally, preparing to take the world by storm, Clarborough's (almost) world famous Glock band will be rocking out and practising their set list.

Lastly, to quote a line from the Viking saga Volsunga:

Failure is better than not trying at all. At least you learn from your errors.



Star of the week: Olivia for excelling in all aspects of her learning and having superb behaviour!

Dates for your Diary....

Thursday 27th May – Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos

Friday 28th May – Last day of Term

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June – Half Term

Monday 7th June – Children return back to school

Local Community News

North Wheatley With Leverton Cricket Club (NWLCC) are very pleased to announce that Junior Cricket will be taking place this season, in line with the ECB junior program called DYNAMOS.

This is for all 8 - 12 year olds BUT we can be flexible, one year either side, if the older child has not played before and as long as the parent of a 7 year old gives additional consent for their child to participate.

It is an 8 week program on a Sunday morning from 10am - 11am.

Cost is £40.00 and for that you will get the following:

- 8 weeks of cricket
- A personalised Dynamos playing shirt by New Balance with name and number
- Access to their program on a digital app
- Exclusive access to Topps Cricket Attax cards



NWLCC Dynamos is starting on Sunday 27th June until Sunday 8th August 2021.

Registration for children is simple and can be completed using the following link:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/94346391-46cd-4faf-8a2d-0f02b21a17c3>

If you have any questions then please feel free to contact James Nixon on 07557 851870.



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

This information is taken from the daily update received from the Department for Education:

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Schools should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.