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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of term is over already. I'm hoping next week there won't be such torrential downpours at drop off and pick up times!

There's lots to read in this week's newsletter and it has been great to see the whole school focus on sunflowers as a project. Yet another way we have found to do things together whilst being apart.

As we approach the Prime Minister's announcement regarding possible changes to restrictions, I wanted to reassure you that if there are any changes to guidance, I will let you know.

Today, Mrs Green has visited school. It was so lovely to see her again and she will be returning to teaching with #TeamClarborough after half term. Mrs Green will be teaching in Year 1 on Mondays and Fridays and Mrs Williams will continue to teach Year 1 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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 '12 Top Tips to Support Mental Wellbeing through Nature'.

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.

Gardening with Mrs Cowell-Clark

Some children from Riga class have enjoyed gardening with Mrs Cowell-Clark this week. They have been getting the vegetable patches ready and have begun planting.

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has kindly donated some plants for our garden. We have received tomato plants, strawberry plants, broad beans, pumpkins and even a gooseberry plant!





If you have any young plants that you are able to donate to school, the children will look after them and would appreciate watching them grow. Any little plants like lettuce, corn, tomatoes or onion would be fantastic!



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.



Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

The children have really been inspired by our growing topic and we now have several plants being lovingly tendered by their green fingers. A special thanks to Mr Gulsever who has made a super outdoor growing area for us!

Next week, we are thinking about crops that grow on farms and basing our learning around 'Little Red Hen'. We are also turning our role play area into a Bakers Shop.



Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



This week Suva class have been learning about animals and their babies - how they look after them and how they grow. We have been using words to describe animals such as soft, furry, fierce and stripy, and held a quiz to see if we could recognise different animals as babies - the rabbit was especially tricky because it had no fur!

We have been revising weighing; making the scales balance and also finding things that are heavier or lighter than a toy tiger. The children have also been exploring a new construction kit with cogs and roller chains and have made some fantastic models that work by turning a handle!



We have also continued our work based on Van Gogh's Sunflowers.



Next week, Suva class will be looking at the work that farmers do and the crops that they grow for food in our country and in different places around the world. We will be halving shapes and quantities, sharing quantities fairly and identifying odd and even numbers.



Star of the week: Sophia for trying really hard with everything!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

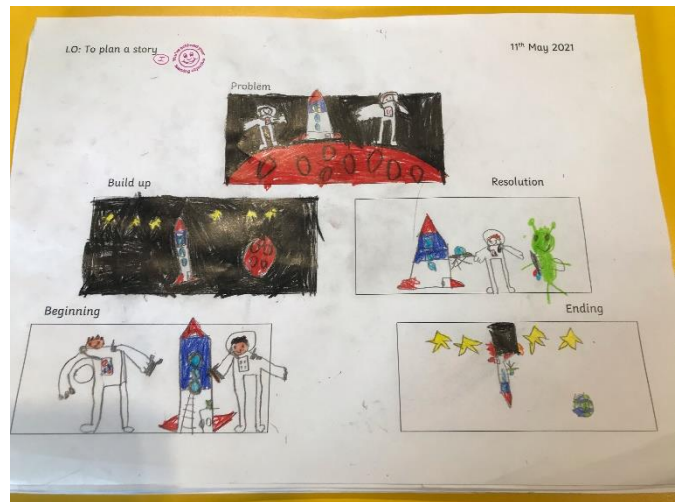


Wow...we have had an amazing week in Seoul Class this week! All the children have been working so hard with their learning and this has shown through their ideas and discussions.

This week in Literacy we have been planning our own space stories. The children have used their imaginations to decide on who their main character is going to be and what is going to happen in their story. We have then planned our story on to our story mountain plan while talking about the different

elements to a story, such as a story having a problem and a resolution as well as a beginning and end. All the children have had such great ideas and we cannot wait to read their finished stories at the end of next week!

Here are some of the story mountain plans:



Across school, children have been planting and learning about Sunflowers and this week in Year 1 we have had an opportunity to carry out some art work. The children have really impressed us with their artistic skills and we have selected a few of them to show you. They have really taken their time and looked closely at the sunflowers before drawing them and using the colours to shade them.





Next week, we are going to be extending our learning of the UK a little further and looking at what continent we belong to as well as learning about the other continents around the world and the different oceans that help to make up our world.

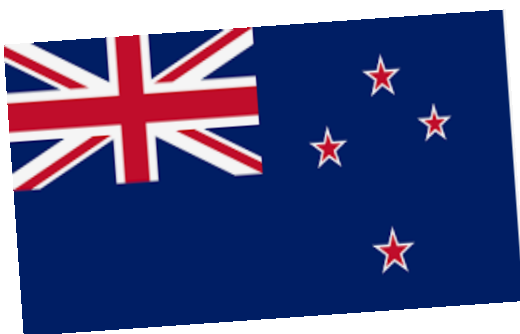
In Maths, next week, we will be continuing to learn about multiplication, adding equal groups, making arrays and doubles. This week we have begun looking at multiplication and counting in 10's, 2's and 5's. The children have also been looking at addition and subtraction number sentences and used Numicon to complete these, they have definitely become more confident with this over the sessions!



Stars of the week: Ashton for being a superstar and trying your very best in your learning and behaviour. We are very proud of you!

The Whole of Year 1 for working so hard this week and producing some lovely ideas for your stories!

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)



Maths

This week the children have been solving problems involving halves and quarters. They have found half of a shape as well as amounts and understand that a quarter is one of four equal parts. Next week, they will find a quarter of an amount as well as a third.

English

This week the children enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and writing descriptions of where Mr Grinling lived and worked.

Next week, they will answer questions about the text as well as begin a plan for their own story, based on this text.

Science

On Thursday the children designed, made and tested a prototype boat using their knowledge of floating, sinking, waterproof and absorbent properties. They used a range of materials and some children challenged themselves to carry 4 plastic animals across the water. It was great fun and interesting to see a wide variety of designs!

Next week, we will conclude the 'Think like an Engineer' project by reflecting on what we have learned so far.

Topic

In Topic, the children located St. Ives on the UK map and enjoyed finding out what this seaside town had to offer. They created their own mini booklets to persuade people to come and visit.

Next week, the children will follow a route on a map of a seaside resort using map symbols. They will then create their own resort and create a map using a key to identify the features.



Star of the week: Bella for your fantastic writing about St. Ives!



Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

This week Zagreb class have really enjoyed researching different Victorian clothing. They learnt about the differences between the rich and poor as well as children and adults. They had so much fun designing and making Victorian clothes for their dolls.



In Maths, we have moved on to adding and subtracting fractions as well as learning how to simplify them.

In English, the children have worked really hard on their Victorian descriptive settings and these will really help next week when writing their own short story.

Next week in Clarborough Curriculum, they will be learning about what life was really like for Victorians and comparing it to modern day. Year 3 will be exploring the amazing boxes received from Bassetlaw Museum and participating in our experience day on Friday. Get those costumes ready!

In English, we will be writing short stories based on past events and in Maths, the children will be finding fractions of amounts.



Star of the week: Sienna for taking her time and concentrating so hard on her Victorian clothing!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

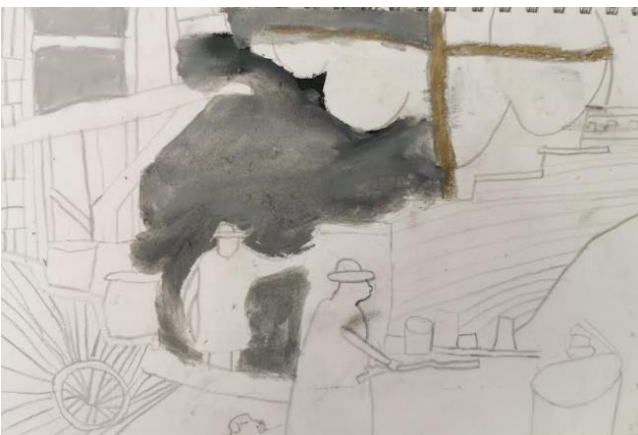
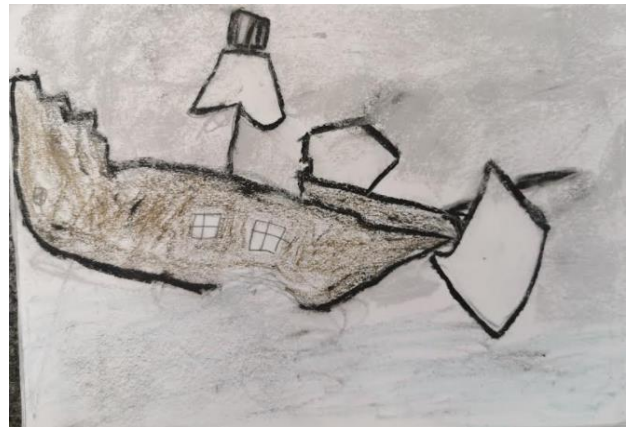


What a fabulous week in Year 4! They have worked so hard yet again and produced some brilliant work.

In English, the children have been looking at the book 'The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower' again and produced some fantastic descriptive writing, where they have used some very technical writing techniques to show case their writing skills. They have also started the planning process of their predictive chapter. The children have been thinking creatively about what they think may happen next and have chosen some specific vocabulary to use in their chapters. Next week, the children will write their missing chapter for 'The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower'.

In Maths, the children have been working on a variety of targets. They started off looking at area and perimeter and worked systematically to work out how the perimeter can change when the area stays the same. They have also been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and are showing great progression in filling those gaps. This week we also started our 'Time' topic and the children created their own clock faces which showed good understanding of the different elements we have on a clock face and all the key details when learning to tell the time. Next week, we will continue with our 'Time' topic, looking at days, weeks, years, converting between analogue and digital in 12 and 24 hours and use reasoning and problem solving skills to answer questions.

In Art, the children have produced some amazing artwork inspired by our English book 'The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower'. They used pictures and examples from the book to create their artwork, using oil pastels. Some children chose to draw the ocean and ship, while others decided to look at the streets of London.



In History this week, the children looked at the journey to the New World and thought about what it would have been like onboard the Mayflower. The children shared all they had learnt about the journey in their books, they showed great understanding of the impact it would have had on the people who were on the ship. Next week in Topic, the children will look in detail at the ship, The Mayflower, labelling different areas of the ship, and using cross curricula links with French.



Star of the week: Isabella W for contributing to lessons with a good attitude to learning!

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)



This week, we have had lots of fun getting creative and messy designing and beginning to make our Egyptian Death Masks. Firstly, the children designed their masks, thinking about the colours and patterns commonly used. Then they added a mask to a template and spent a few hours adding paper mache! When the masks are fully dried next week, they will begin to paint them according to their design.



They have also begun writing their non-fiction, information texts about Tutankhamun, including information gained from Guided Reading and their own research. When drafting their work, they have been trying to include specific features such as conjunctions, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. Hopefully they will be completed and published next week.

In French, they have been learning about how the ending of the verb changes depending on the pronoun it relates to - some very high level language skills!

Some children have begun their Bikeability Training and have enjoyed learning how to ride their bikes safely on the road.

Next week, as part of our Ancient Egypt topic, children will be finishing off their masks and learning about how Egyptians communicated through hieroglyphics.

In English, they will complete and publish their information texts in the form of a double page spread.

In Maths, they will return to their work on fractions, exploring equivalent fractions.

They will continue to learn about regular verbs in French and complete the next activity in Computing, which is about writing a program in Scratch.

Recently, we introduced Spelling Shed to school as a valuable tool to support children in learning their spellings each week. Spelling Shed can be accessed at home via Seesaw and children have their log-ins in their planners.



Star of the week: Harrison for working hard on improving his handwriting!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)



This week, we have been having a bit of a French week. Along with our normal afternoon activities we have been learning to discuss the stars in French. We tried to think what the Norse Gods would look like and about what job they would be in if they were hiding in plain sight. We had the winter goddess Skadi working in an ice cream van, the all-seeing Odin as a CCTV operator and the trickster Loki as a performing clown.

Next week, in English, we will be trying to persuade the might hero Beowulf to allow us to accompany him on his adventures around the world as he dispatches monstrous villains.

Maths this week is going to be focusing on adding and subtracting negative numbers with a quick stop looking at long division.

In Science we are going to be looking at the theories of Evolution and Adaptation in more detail. We will look at specific animals and discuss and decide how they have adapted to their environment, and we will also use the internet to research the fossil record to see how that particular species adapted over time.

In Topic, we are going to be looking at the Viking attack of the monastery of Lindisfarne and how this one event sparked off the beginning of the Viking invasion of Britain. We may even begin to split into groups of monks and Vikings ready for a debate.

PSHE over the next couple of weeks will be focused on money management and ethical spending. While in RE we are going to continue to look at beliefs across the globe.



Star of the week: Freddie A for consistently being excellent in his work ethic!

Dates for your Diary....

Thursday 20th May – School Census Day – Special Lunch!

Friday 21st May – Year 5 Bikeability (Group 2)

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

Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to Isabella who received her 5m Swimming Certificate and her Level 8 Proficiency Award in Gymnastics – Great work Isabella!



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

Please note for all of those attending school, if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should remain at home. Please follow the link below to find more information about this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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.