



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On a cold and snowy Friday afternoon, it is good to look back over the week and see all the great activities that have gone on across school.

Many of the children have completed NFER assessments (or SATs papers in Year 6) this week. The teachers and I have been so amazed with their determination and fantastic attitudes that have been demonstrated. We are so proud of them and the progress in learning that has been shown and hope that your child has spoken to you about them. Teachers will share more information about progress and attainment in our telephone parental consultations which will take place in January.

If you remember, last year I asked parents and carers if they were able to make a donation to the Retford Food Bank instead of buying Christmas presents for the staff at school. We are collecting donations again at school for this very worthwhile charity who support so many in our local area. If you can make a donation, please send it into school with your child for our donation box. This is being collected from school on Friday 11th December so please send anything you can by Thursday 10th December. Thank you.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and again, thank you for continuing to follow guidance to keep all our school community safe.

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 'Call of Duty: Black Ops Cold War'.

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.



Christmas Tree and Decorations

Exciting things are happening in school already! We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to North Notts Bid who have kindly donated a Christmas tree to our school. We have placed it in our jungle library so all the children can enjoy it.



It looks amazing and even Jeske, the school dog, is loving it too!



We have had our annual decorating of the Head's door tradition. This year it is snow-themed and it is definitely getting us all in the festive mood! Thank you to Miss Green who took the time to design and decorate – another fantastic display!



Christmas@Clarborough

December is finally here! Here's how we are celebrating the festive season at Clarborough:

Next week is our first ever Clarborough Christmas Tree Decorating week from 7th December to 11th December. Each class will have a Christmas tree in their classroom and will be decorating them with their own decorations linked to their class names. You can take a virtual tour of all of the class Christmas trees on Friday 11th December.



One change this year is that we will not be able to have Christmas cards sent into the school for our usual Christmas post. This is because it would be difficult to quarantine and sort the cards for the children and class bubbles safely. We look forward to the Christmas post being able to return in 2021.

This year's Nativities and Christmas extravaganzas will be recorded and uploaded onto Seesaw on Tuesday 15th December. Rehearsals are well underway – get ready for some great performances!



On Wednesday 16th December, the children will be having their traditional Christmas lunch with Christmas hats and crackers. **You can book in and pay for this now on Parentmail.**

The children can get their party outfits ready for their Christmas Bubble Parties on Thursday 17th December!! Each class will have their own little bubble party with guaranteed music, games, dancing and laughter – so start planning their outfits!

Finally, Friday 18th December is Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and wear a Christmas jumper for the day. If you have any spare or outgrown Christmas jumpers at home, we would really appreciate any that can be donated to school so we can have a 'Christmas Jumper Swap Shop!'

House Points

House points continue to be collected safely around the school so we are able to keep you informed about the totals over the term. Children receive house points here for a range of reasons – especially when they demonstrate themselves *being the best they can be!*

1st



Wilberforce
390 pts

2nd



Pankhurst
283pts

3rd



Hawking
215pts

4th



Attenborough
211pts

***There has been no change to the house points this week due to the assessments taking part this week.**

Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

At Clarborough Primary School, we aim to develop the whole child and build resilience in every way particularly emotionally. Learning to handle disappointment, anger, fear and sadness makes a real difference to how we cope with life and like everything; practise makes perfect! Experiencing small doses of these feelings helps children recognise and control them. With this in mind, we have been looking at Hansel and Gretel, enjoying the highs and lows of the story.



Here, Lucian is having his finger checked by the old lady in the gingerbread house.

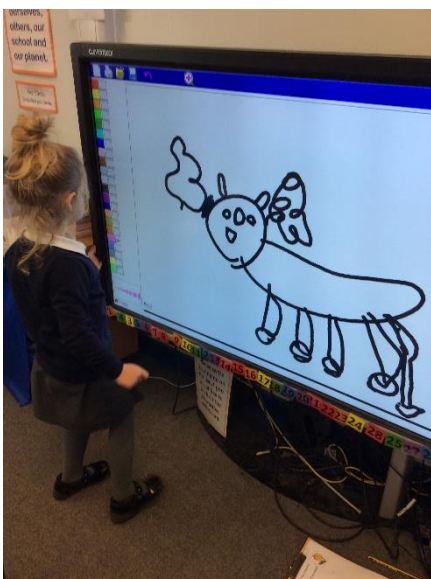
We have also had a visit from an elf called Little Rascal who leaves a treat for the children each morning... if they can find her!



Nursery Star of the week: David for always trying his best!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

This week we have had lots of fun starting to get ready for Christmas! We have been practising our drawing skills on the interactive whiteboard and have begun making Christmas ornaments from clay – which we will decorate when they are dry.





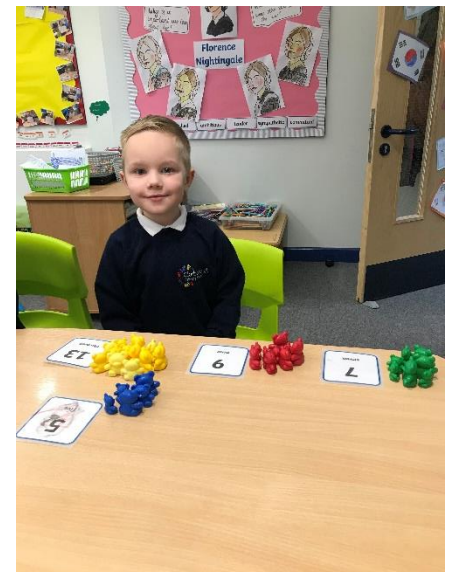
We have also made some gorgeous snowmen!



Reception Star of the week: Lottie for her fantastic writing!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

Year 1 have started looking at teen numbers this week. The children have been able to recognise and count the numbers accurately to find the correct quantity.



We have started to decorate our class Christmas tree this week too. The children have really enjoyed making the decorations!



Year 1 Star of the week: Poppy for showing real enthusiasm for her learning both in school and at home. You are trying really hard with your reading Poppy!

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

The children have worked so hard this week completing their assessments and I am so proud of the perseverance they have shown! They enjoyed a well-deserved hot chocolate to celebrate their hard work!



Next week the excitement really begins as we create tree decorations and begin filming the Christmas story.

Even more exciting news – James lost his first tooth!



Year 2 Star of the week: Mazey B for reading at home and persevering when things are difficult!

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

This week Zagreb class have shown great resilience in completing their assessments. Their sheer hard work and determination to succeed has been incredible to see. Mrs Holmes is extremely proud of them all!

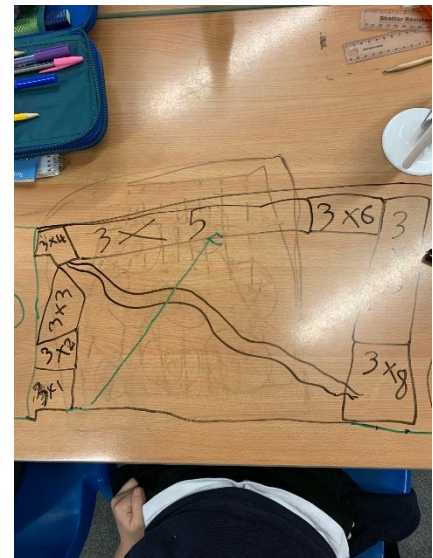
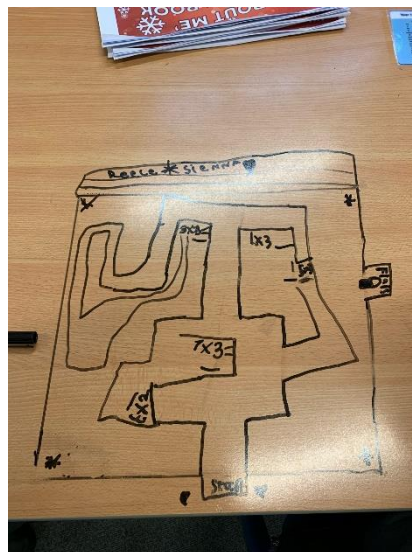
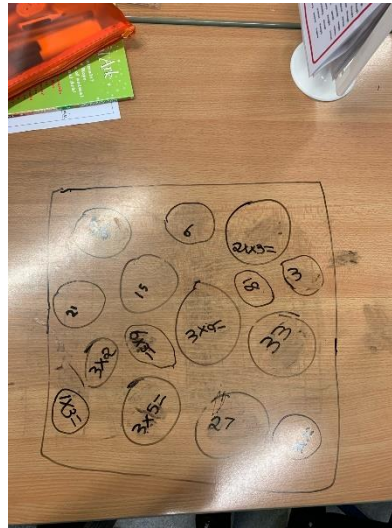


In Clarborough Curriculum, they have thoroughly enjoyed exploring Extreme Earth. They have focused on earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes. They have learnt exactly how these natural disasters occur, how scientists measure and record them and how to take safety precautions to protect themselves.

The children really enjoyed making a tsunami with waves and creating a tornado in a jar!



In Maths, the children enjoyed creating their own 3 times table games by working together with their buddy. They then visited each table to explore what had been created! Great fun!

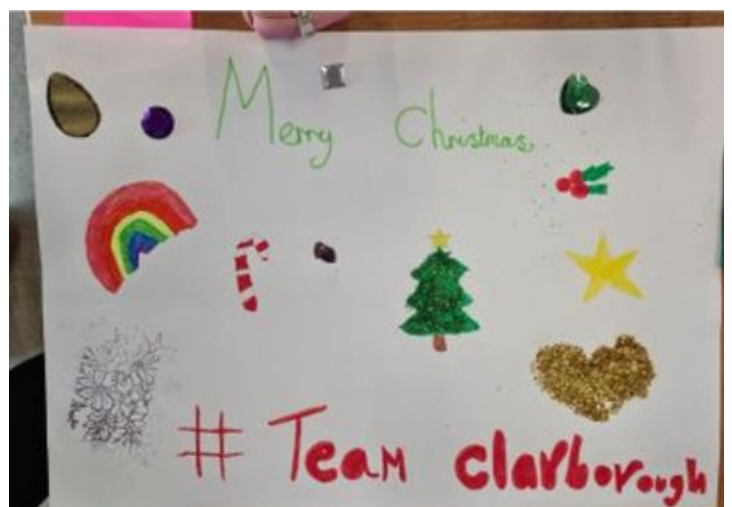
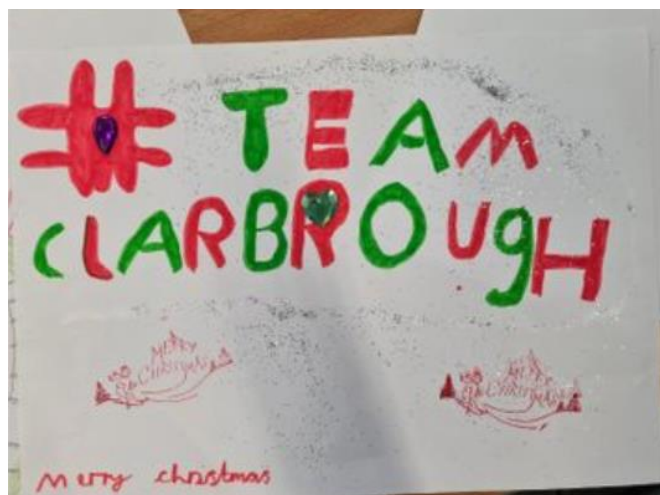
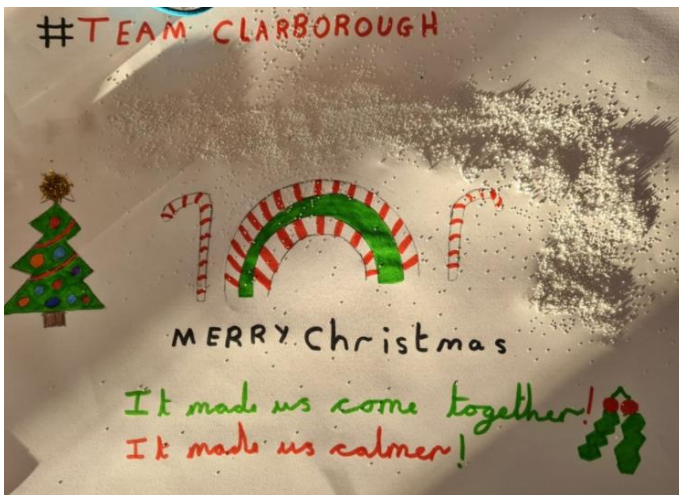


Year 3 Star of the week: All of Zagreb class for showing great resilience and determination in their assessments!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

This week, Year 4 have been very successful in completing their autumn assessments. They have all worked so very hard this term and we are all so very proud of them!

They have had lots of time to read and quiz this week so that they can smash their reading targets for the Christmas week. The children have also been making posters to feature in their Christmas Extravaganza videos that will be sent via Seesaw on Tuesday 15th December.



It would be great if you could send the children with something Christmas related to wear for next Thursday. This could be a Santa's hat, antlers, scarves, Christmas novelty glasses, etc. This will add to the whole fun of the performance!

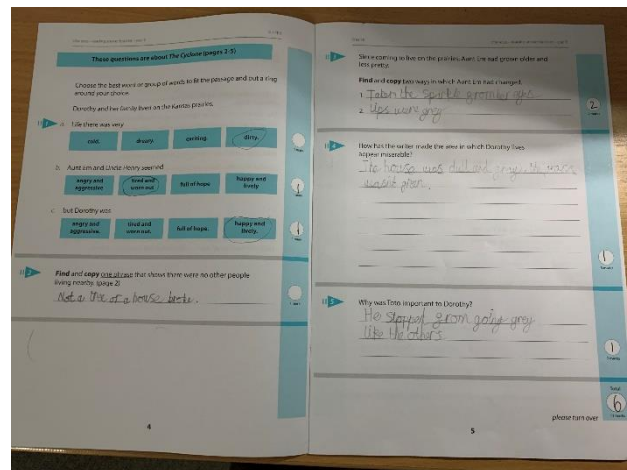
Next week, Year 4 will be setting up their teeth experiment using eggs and different liquids. They will also be creating dragon eyes out of clay and painting them with pearlescent paint.



Year 4 Star of the week: James for his amazing efforts in Maths and reading - gaining outstanding scores in his assessments this week!

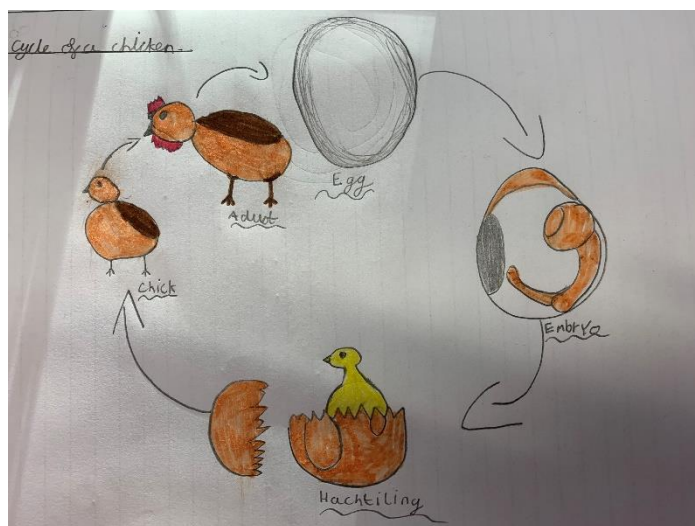
Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

This week, the children in Caracas Class have been applying the skills they have learned since returning to school and showing what they know through Reading, GPS and Maths assessments. Well done to all Year 5 for their hard work, effort and perseverance.



In Maths, they have been learning about square numbers and enjoyed using the Numicon to show square numbers up to 144.

They are completing their reports about animals in English and will be ready to publish them next week. Having finished reading our class text 'Charlotte's Web,' the children enjoyed relaxing and watching the film after a busy week of assessments. In Science, they concluded their learning about Animals and Living Things by exploring metamorphosis and looking at the life cycles of different animals.



Next week, they will learn about multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 & 1000, complete their reports and we will begin our festive fun: making baubles and Christmas decorations to name a few!



A huge thank you to Lexi and her mum for the amazing Christmas hairstyles that Lexi proudly wears each morning. We are all excited to see what new creation she will have each day!



Year 5 Star of the week: Lexi for her outstanding effort and attainment in her assessments!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

Assessments:

This week Year 6 have completed their end of term assessments, which they all approached with a positive attitude. They all showcased their knowledge and understanding really well.

Hedgehog on the loose:

As Year 6 were doing PE this week, we spotted a hedgehog making a run for it across the playground. A very brave or stupid hedgehog!

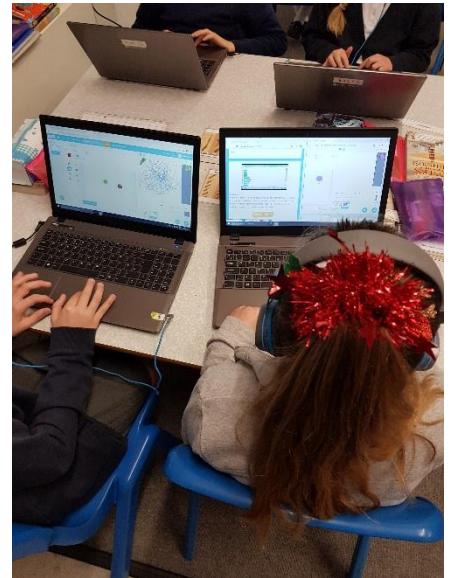


PE:
This week Year 6 continued with their basketball module and have enjoyed playing a competition against each other. Ben was a lot stricter with the rules of travelling and double dribble.



Computing:

We have been deepening our understanding of Scratch by making and coding games. The children all have their own logins so can show you the games they have created at home!



Art:
Year 6 have reacquainted themselves with how to use water colours this week, so we are ready to complete our final art piece next week.



Year 6 Star of the week: Emilia for always being the best she can be! She has impeccable behaviour and is an outstanding role model. She is attentive in class and always demonstrates a resilient attitude.

Out of School Achievements

If you have any out of school achievements you would like to share with us to put in the newsletter, please forward your photos to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk with a brief description of the award/achievement.

School Dates for your Diaries.....

December:

Monday 7th – Friday 11th December – Clarborough Christmas Tree Decorating Week

Friday 11th December – Virtual Tour of the Class Christmas Trees

Tuesday 15th December – All Class Christmas Nativities and Extravaganzas

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Bubble Parties

Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Last day of Term!!

January:

Monday 4th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January – Children return back to school



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club and Wraparound please email sbennett@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

If you have any questions or queries regarding 30hours and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk Lunches must be booked in via Parentmail

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/>