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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by here at school! Just to remind you, next week (beginning Monday 12th October) is the last week of this half term and children have two weeks holiday, returning back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Our virtual Harvest festivals will be taking place next week – look out for a short video of your child's class on Seesaw. I would like to thank so many of you for making donations to our collection for the food bank in Retford. If you would still like to make a contribution and haven't yet, please ensure it is in school by Wednesday ready to be taken to the collection point.

As you have probably seen in the media, the number of COVID cases in our county continue to rise sharply. In school, we continue to take measures to keep the pupil bubbles safe and our school clean. Please remember the key message around keeping safe during these times: **hands, face, space.**

Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us

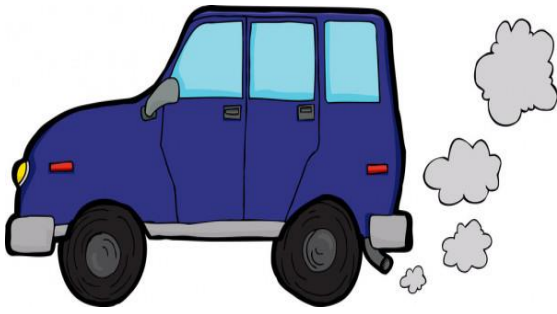
Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

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



Parking on Hillview Crescent

Mrs Cowell-Clark has been monitoring parking on Hillview Crescent after concerns were raised by local residents about safety (of residents and children at our school) and access.

If your child enters school via the main entrance, please ensure:

- you do not block residents' driveways
- you arrive at the correct time to avoid pressure on space at other drop off and pick up times by having to wait
- you park so that, in the event of an emergency, ambulances or fire engines can get access to the crescent

Thank you.

Wellies and Coats

Now the weather is getting colder and wetter, please remember to send your child to school in a warm and waterproof coat. They should also bring in their wellies or old trainers to wear outside instead of school shoes. The children will be encouraged to play outside even if it is raining!

Please also note that children should only be bringing water in their water bottles and not juice/squash.



Eco Warriors

We have now signed up to a new recycling scheme run by Plastic Free Retford. They have kindly donated to us a recycling bin and some sacks so we can recycle cans.

The cans will then be traded for trees to expand our garden area. So please start saving your fizzy drink cans and bring them to school for recycling!

House Captains and Vice Captains

A huge well done to this year's House Captains and Vice Captains. House Captains: Daisy, Charlie, Tehya and Rosie. Vice Captains: Freddie G, Olivia, Rose and Freddie S! We were so impressed with your applications and we know you will take your leadership roles seriously. Congratulations!



Virtual Whole School Assembly

Today we had our first whole school assembly via Teams. It was amazing to see everyone together on one screen!

The children were so excited and enjoyed looking for their siblings and friends in the other classes!

Mrs Cowell-Clark used the assembly to share news about stars of the week and to announce the House Captains and Vice-Captains.

We'll be having assemblies like this every Friday from now on.



Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

Another great week in Nursery as our new starters go from strength to strength!



As part of our thinking about wheels, we played a 'paint game' where they had to select only the circular items on the table to print with... and I did try to trick them!



We found circles all over the place after that, Lola-Rose came to tell me she had found a circle on her cardigan! What big brains!



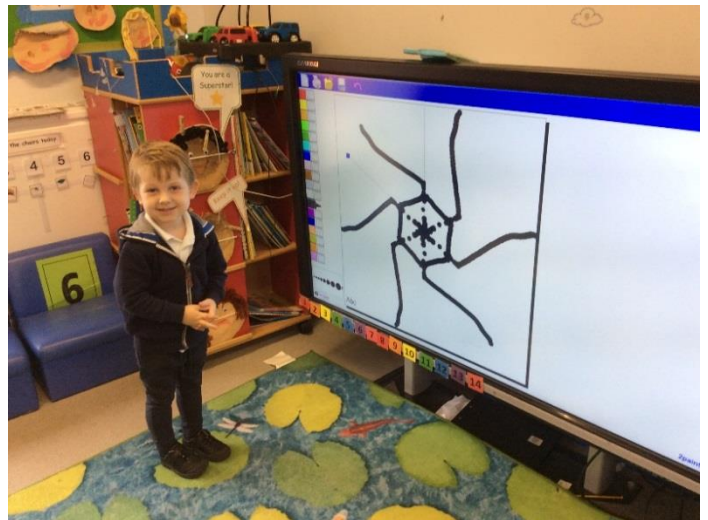
This week we filled the tuff tray with black glittery sand. The children did really well persevering and filling up the cylinders. Their patience paid off when it was time to watch the sand pour back out! What fun!



Nursery Stars of the week:

Yazmin for trying her best and giving things a good go!

Lucian because he always tries so hard in his activities and is a champion at tidying up. Well done Honey Bunny!



Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



This week we have been thinking about emergency vehicles and how they help us. We had a quiz to see if we knew which emergency service we would need to call in different situations, and we got every question right!

We have made beautiful autumn wreaths using leaves and conkers that we found around school and have had great fun with our new wheelbarrow!



Reception Star of the week: Honey-Mae for trying so hard with everything!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

Class Seoul have had a brilliant week of learning. They have listened so well and produced some fantastic work.

In English, they have been focusing on their fine motor skills once again and were able to put together some fantastic sentences. The children are trying hard to use their phonics skills to create new words and phrases, always making sure to include: capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Great work Year 1, you have all made great progress already!



In Maths they have been looking at some new vocabulary: greater than, less than, equal and fewer. The children have shown great understanding on how we can identify different amounts and compare them. They have taken part in lots of activities and the work they have produced has been fabulous.

This week the children have had their very first computing lesson and they were fantastic! They looked after the equipment and listened carefully to all the instructions. They now understand how to use a pointer correctly and how to click on the items that we want. Next week, we will progress from this and gain more control of the pointer. There were lots of fun games to play and Logan got the highest score on the bubble popping game - well done Logan!



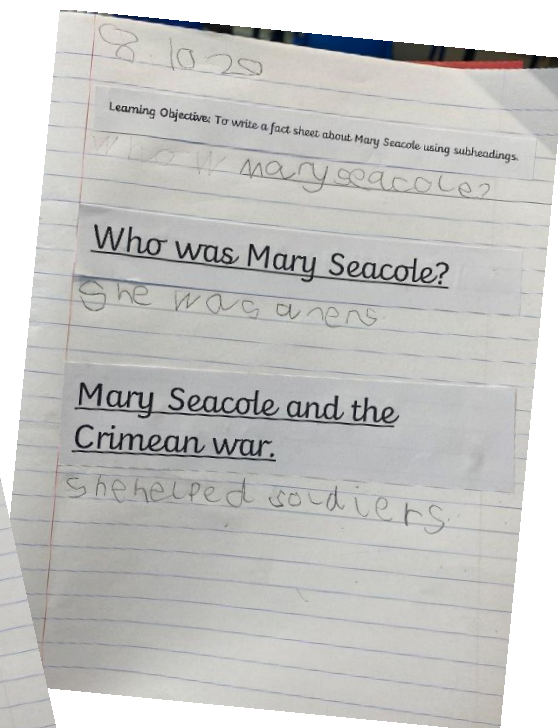
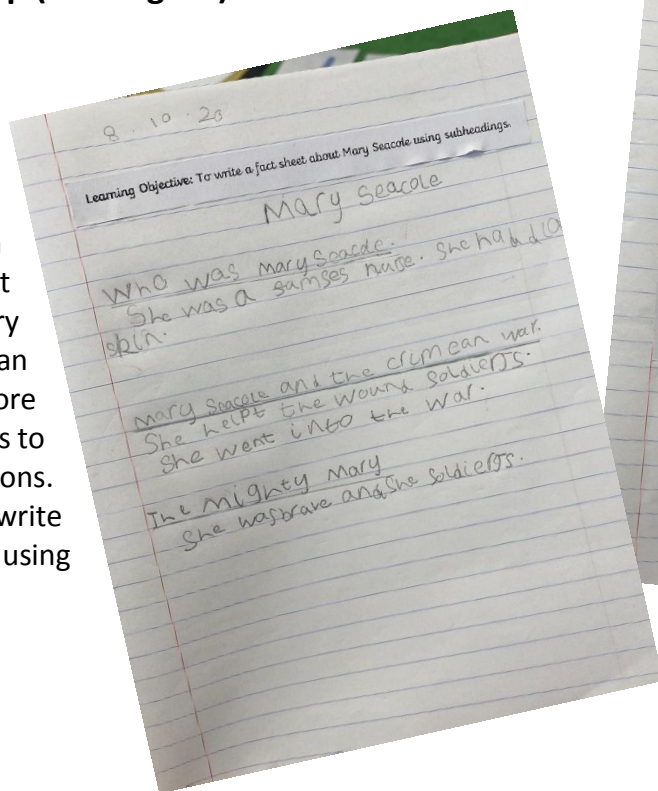
The children have had a brilliant lesson on Black History and learnt the importance of remembering all the heroic and influential people of the past. The children made some fantastic points including: 'Everyone should be treated the same', 'I want to be everyone's friend' and 'I will always play with people'. The children had a great discussion about what different people have achieved, and even made the link between Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale being in the same time period. Fantastic learning Year 1!



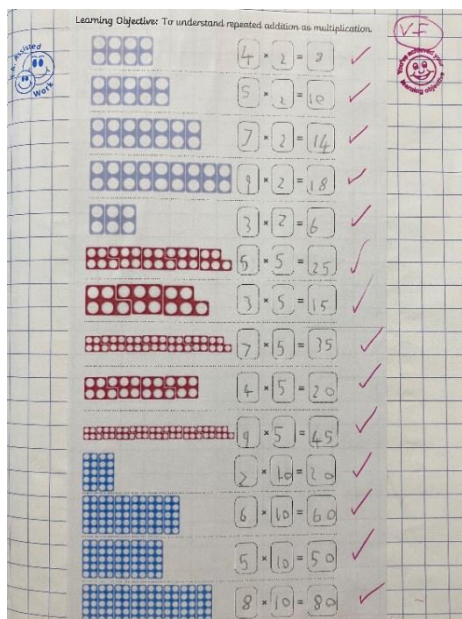
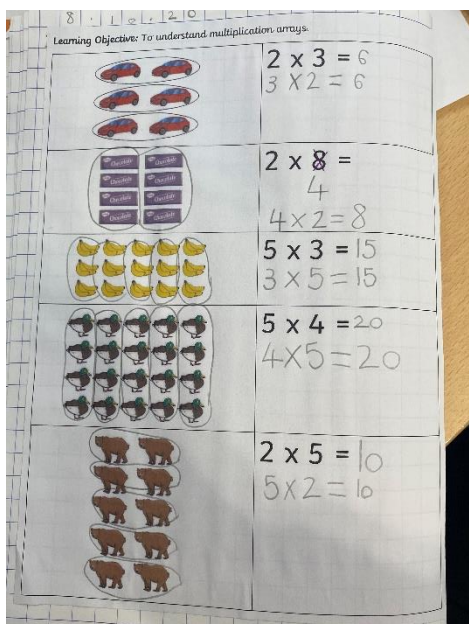
Year 1 Star of the week: Poppy for listening and following all instructions, being a great friend to others and always being kind and helpful!

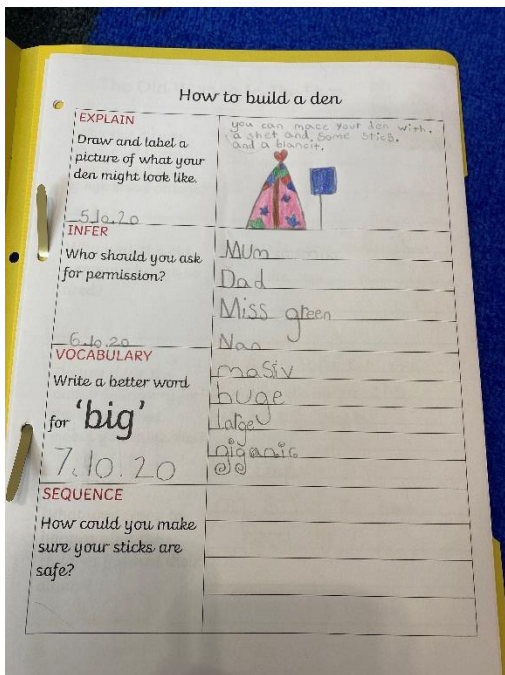
Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

This week, the children in Wellington class have been writing questions that they would ask Mary Seacole and videoed an interview with her before finding out the answers to some of these questions. They have begun to write their own fact file using subheadings.



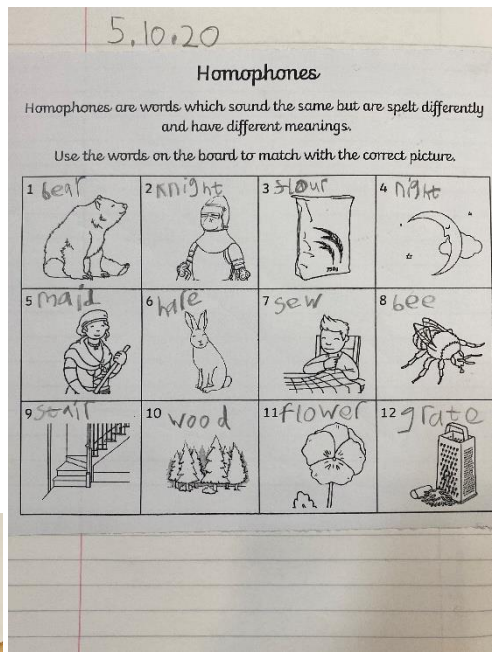
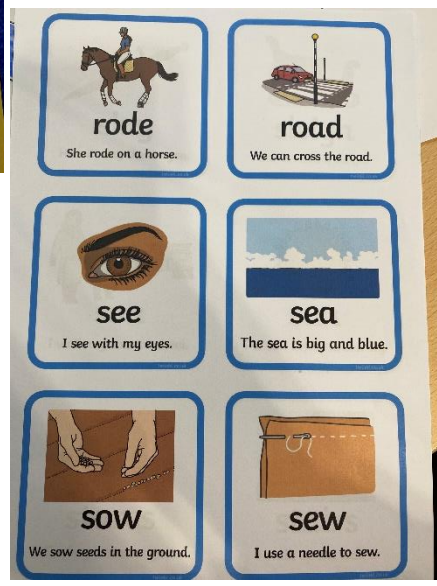
In Maths, they have been learning how to multiply numbers using repeated addition and arrays.





In VIPERS they read a text about how to build a den and answered questions about this.

They have enjoyed learning about homophones and found lots of words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.



In Science they found out who John McAdam was and how macadamisation changed the way roads were made!

In Art, they drew and painted sea creatures to go in our 'Under the Sea' area.



On Thursday, we had a little visitor in our maths lesson. Paige scooped him up and put him outside near the pond. He was very cute!

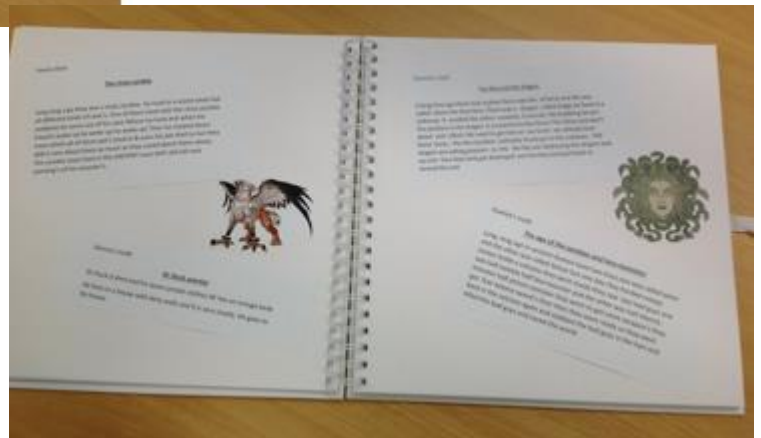
Next week they will complete their fact file about Mary Seacole. They will continue to multiply numbers and use their knowledge to compete on Times Table Rockstars as well as doing some mini assessments to showcase their learning for this half term.

Some children will bring home phonics packs to practice certain sounds over half term, instead of the weekly spellings.

 **Year 2 Star of the week: Isla O for her effort in reading and writing!**

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

This week Zagreb class have enjoyed completing their myths and they have created their own class mythical book complete with their own illustrations. The children really enjoyed learning how to word process their writing and using the editing tools available.



In Maths, they have been consolidating their knowledge of place value and have begun moving on to mental addition; adding three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. During our Clarborough curriculum they have found out about the City-states of Ancient Greece including Athens and Sparta, and they enjoyed role playing The Battle of Marathon.

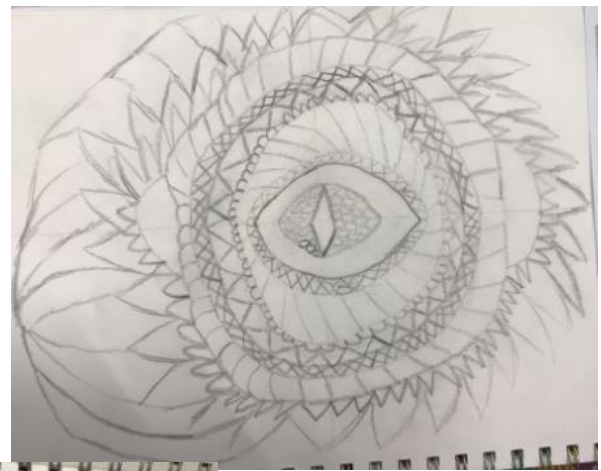
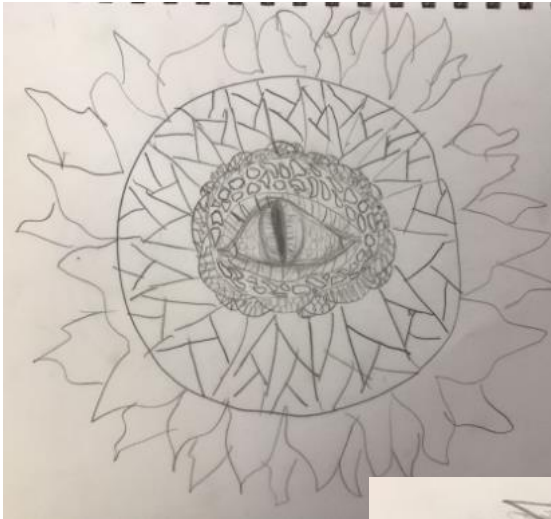
Next week we will be having a huge push on handwriting. The children will be learning how and where to join correctly. In Maths they will be moving on to formal written methods; using the column method for addition. In the Clarborough curriculum, they will be focusing on the Harvest festival and finding out what occurs in Zagreb.



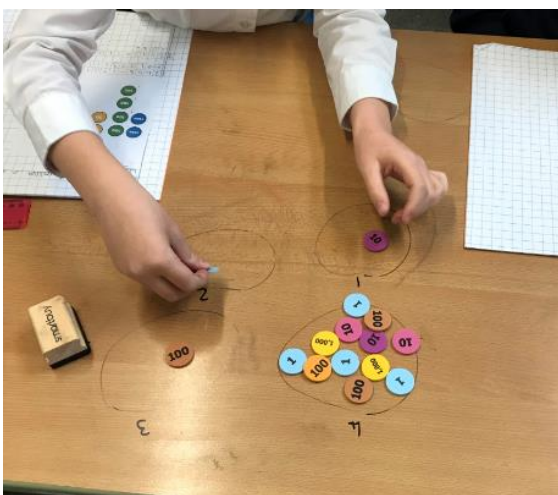
Year 3 Star of the week: Stanley for his incredible ideas in his myth. We all really enjoyed listening to you read it aloud!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

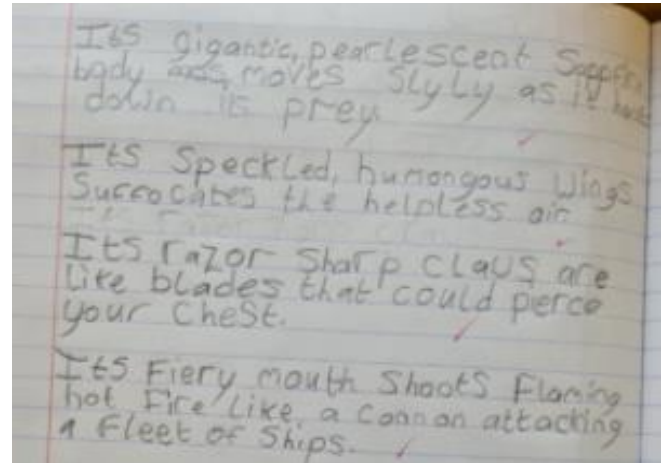
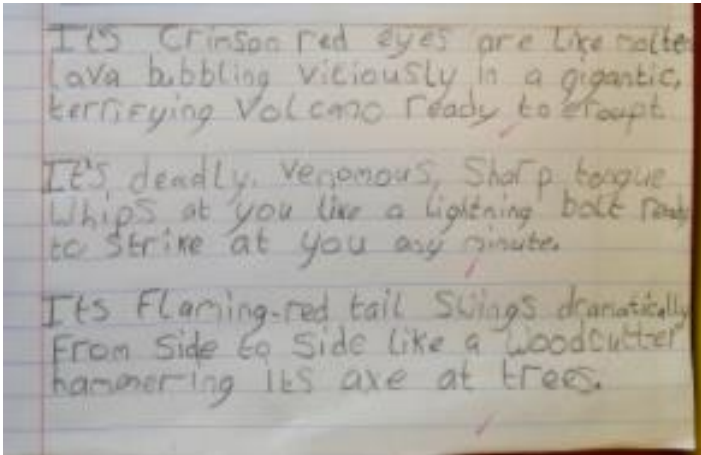
This week in Year 4, they have perfected their drawing skills by developing a dragon eye to contrast the human eye they drew last week. This involved thinking about the different patterns and styles they could use to make their dragon design as striking as possible. Next week, we will use water colours to paint these.



In Maths, they have learnt to partition numbers in a range of ways as well as placing numbers up to 10,000 on a number line.



In English, they have been learning about poetry and have written similes poems about their dragons. Here are a few to share:



Over the past week, Year 4 have enjoyed learning about ABBA using musical terms such as: dynamics, tempo, rhythm and beat. Everybody practised finding the 'pulse' with their bodies, copied rhythms using their hands to clap and understood how a song is created, using verses, bridges a chorus and instrumentals!



They have also been learning about Black History month and why this is celebrated.

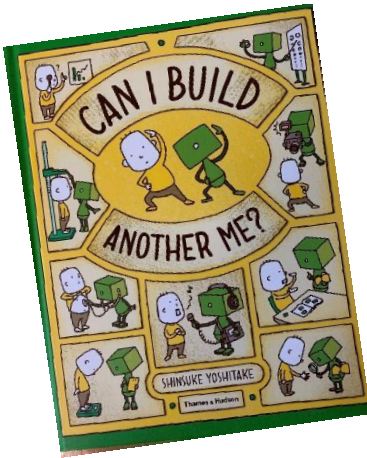
Next week, Year 4 will be ordering and comparing numbers and decimals, and rounding to the nearest 1,000. In English, they will be completing their final drafts of their cinquain and simile poetry, publishing these using laptops. In Science, they will be learning about classification keys and how to construct one to sort animals and living things.



Year 4 Star of the week: Madeline for always pushing herself to succeed, being brave to have a go in every lesson and for creating a fantastic simile poem this week!

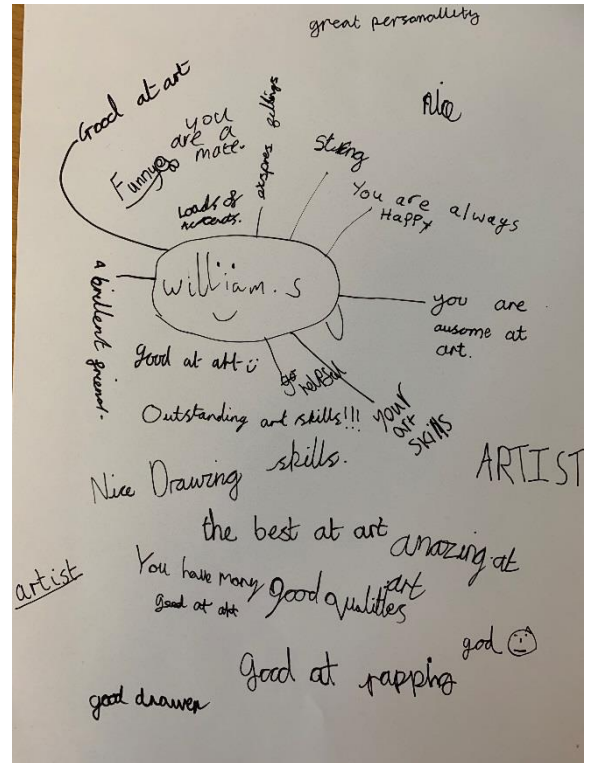
Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

This week has been busy yet fun in Caracas Class! The children have worked extremely hard and enjoyed their learning.

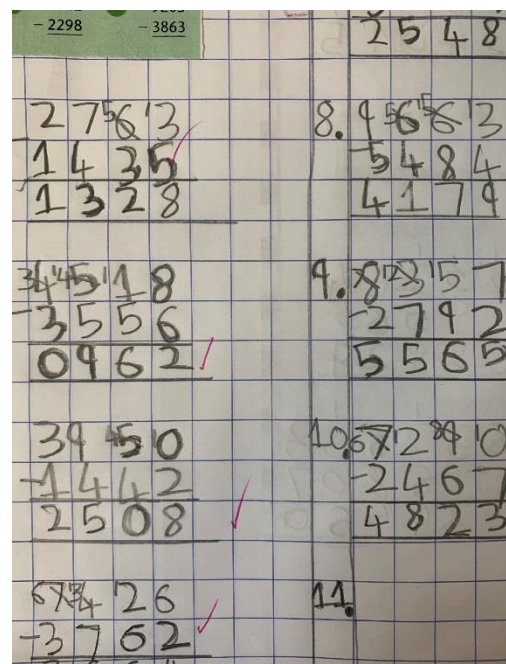
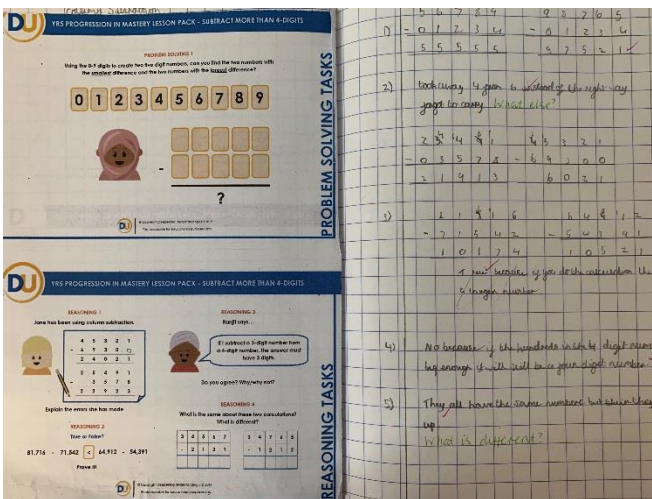


In English, they have used the text, 'Can I Build Another Me?' to think about what makes them unique and special and have begun to think about how unique and special they are.

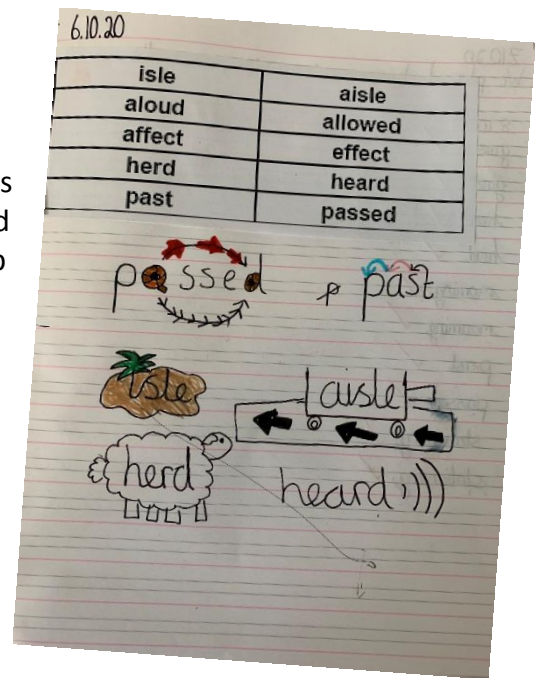
So far, they have created a few pages of their own version of the book, thinking about what makes them physically unique, what they can and can't do and what others think of them (which was such a positive experience).



In Maths, they have been working hard to secure their addition and subtraction skills using the formal written methods. They have looked at the common mistakes that are made and how they can ensure they do not make the same mistakes! Some of them have been attempting to tackle some tricky reasoning and problem-solving questions - these take a lot of resilience and perseverance.



Spelling has also been fun this week, learning about homophones (words that sound the same but have different spellings) and illustrating their homophones in their spelling journals to help them remember the correct spelling choices.



Next week, they will be concluding their learning about the Tudors by learning about Tudor Explorers and The Spanish Armada. In Maths, we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills, exploring how to solve multi-step problems. In English, we will complete our own versions of 'Can I Build Another Me?' and use our ideas as well as the GPS skills we have learned, to structure our writing. We will also be producing a 'little something' for Harvest that will be put on Seesaw on Thursday 15th October.

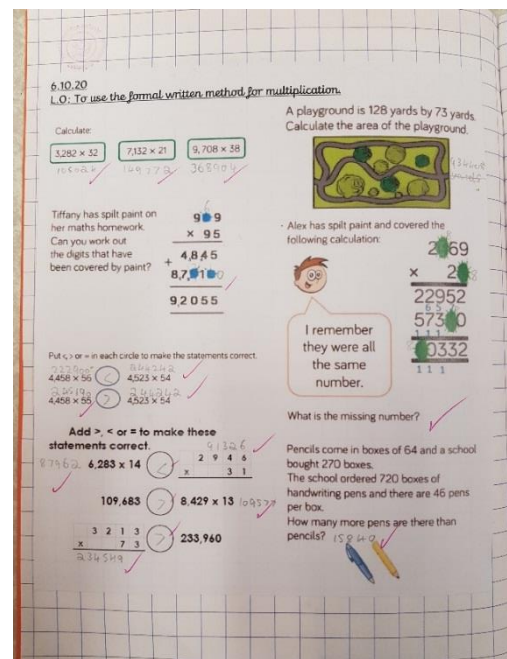
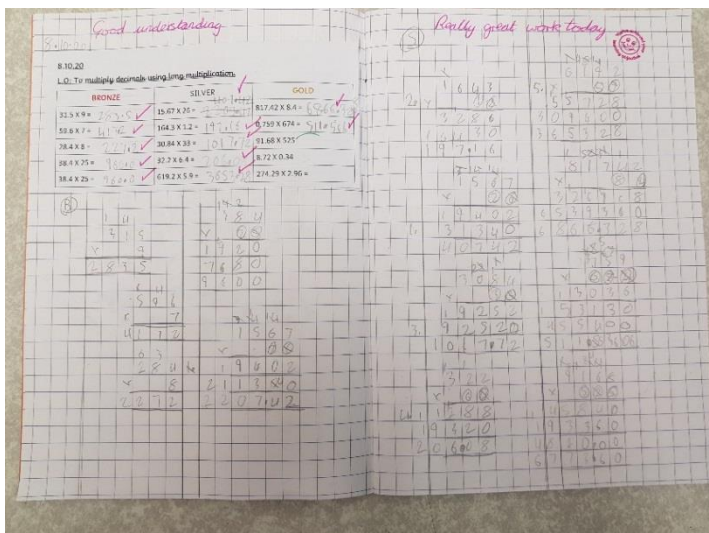


Year 5 Star of the week: Jason for his positive attitude to learning and willingness to share his ideas with others!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

Maths:

Year 6 have worked really hard on their understanding of multiplication. They have worked hard to consolidate and deepen their knowledge around long multiplication and multiplying decimals.



Art:

We finished our art work based on Henri Rousseau and I am sure you will agree they look brilliant!



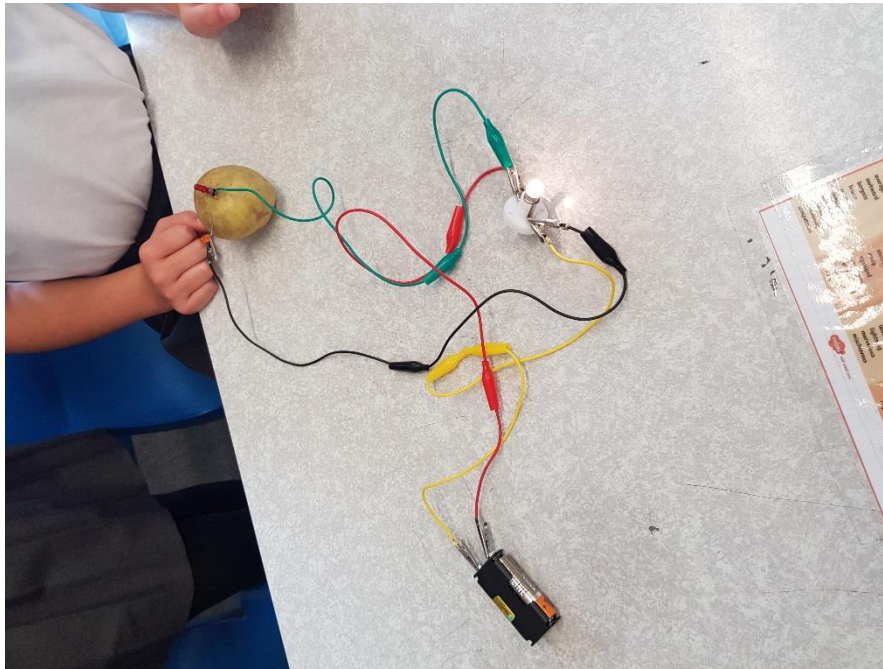
Music:

It was lovely to see, but mainly hear the children enjoying music this week. We have started to learn the song 'Happy' and it definitely lived up to the title and had the desired effect on the children - making them feel more energised and HAPPY!!



Science:

We concluded our work on electricity by investigating whether a lemon and a potato could conduct electricity and much to the surprise of the children they did!!



Year 6 Star of the week: Charlie A for having an outstanding attitude to learning and demonstrating resilience and determination when faced with challenges.

Out of School Achievements

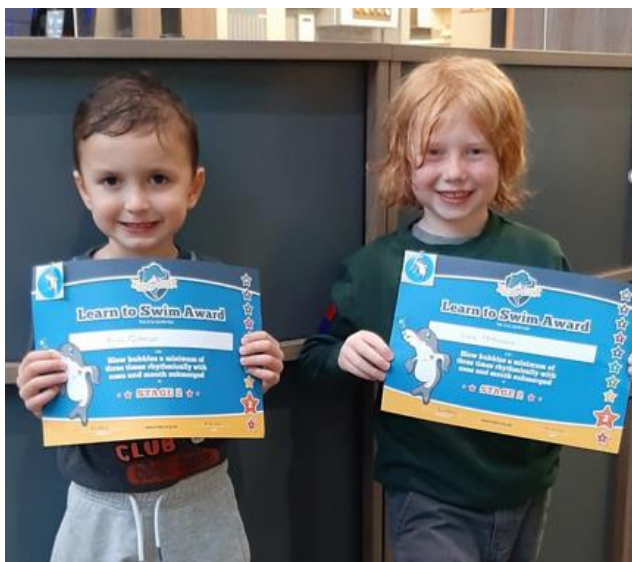


Mason has worked hard to achieve his Stage 1 swimming badge and certificate.

He started just before lock down and after returning back to his swimming lessons he has achieved his goal - Great work Mason!

Anya received an award for her dancing this week from the Louise Clarkson School of Dance – Great effort Anya!





A huge well done to Reiss and Luca for making great progress in swimming and achieving their Level 2 Learn to Swim Award – Great work boys!

Ollie and Lewis have both begun swimming without their armbands - they only need a woggle to help them now! Great effort boys!



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.....

15th October – Harvest Festival (details to follow)

16th October – Last day of term

19th – 30th October – Half Term

2nd November – Children return back to school



Please can children in Years 1-6 come to school on Mondays and Fridays in their PE kits and trainers.

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 Mrs Bennet on 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

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/>

Local News

There are elite swimmers & their coaches cycling through Clarborough on 11th October 2020. They are raising money to save the City of Sheffield Swim Squad & get them back into the water!

Georgia, Ashleigh, Izzy and Curtis from COSSS

All of these swimmers have qualified for Olympic Trials earlier this year.



The connection here is that Elizabeth Birdsall (of Clarborough and originally North Wheatley, Retford) is a British Swimming Judge and has a 20 year affiliation with swimming, and spends most of her weekends volunteering in Swimming at Ponds Forge as a Technical Official. Pictured here at the Europeans in 2019.



Can you Help?

I have personally raised £600 but aiming for a target of £1,000!

The full article in Lincolnshire LIVE is here: <https://www.lincolnshirelive.co.uk/news/local-news/swimming-cycling-challenge-retford-sheffield-4559411>

To send Funds via PayPal you can do so by using: elizabeth102632@gmail.com

(Or the same email to request bank details.)

THE RIDE IS ON SUNDAY, SO ANY DONATIONS ARE INCREDIBLY WELCOME AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.



ULTIMATE TARGET HIT



A message from Chris & Greg Herdman, trustees of Clarbrough & District Community Association.

Did you know that The Clarbrough and District Community Association (CDCA) that manage Clarbrough Village Hall is eligible to receive donations from the AmazonSmile programme?

Since the launch of AmazonSmile in November 2017, UK charities have received more than £4.6 million in donations. Millions of customers support one of the more than 24,000 participating UK charities, ranging from PTAs and local pet shelters to major medical research and international relief organisations.

We have just registered CDCA with AmazonSmile which once you've registered with Amazon Smile is exactly the same as you've always shopped with Amazon.

Customers shop, Amazon donates: AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping online to support your charity - at no extra cost to you or them. When Amazon customers select our charity and shop at smile.amazon.co.uk, they will find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience, but with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to our charity. With the upcoming Christmas season, now is the perfect time to enrol our charity to receive donations.

To register with Amazon Smile on your PC or laptop, follow the simple steps overleaf... and many thanks for your support in these difficult times – every penny that you generate for CDCA's account will be invaluable in keeping our currently closed village hall financially viable.

On your PC or laptop:

- From your web browser go to: smile.amazon.co.uk
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- To select **Clarbrough & District Community Association**, just type 'clarbrough' or enter CDCA's Charity Commission number: **502076**.
- Return to the ≡ section to start choosing your required Amazon area – or *Full Shop Directory* to start from Amazon's opening page.

