



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to you all for the way you have supported the children's return to school! We have had such a rewarding start to the school year and I have been truly amazed with how well the children have engaged in their learning. Their resilience and excellent attitudes have meant that they've been able to learn and achieve so much.

All of the staff at #Team Clarborough have been working so hard to ensure that our class bubbles stay safe and our learning environments are happy and secure. The behaviour of all our children is excellent and they understand that the rules in place are there to keep us all safe.

You may have noticed that information about attendance has not been on the newsletter recently. Even during these uncertain times, our whole school attendance this term so far is 98% - this is much, much higher than usual and it is because you are ensuring that your children come to school every day they are able to.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 2nd November. Don't forget to check your child's bag in case they have any homework over the holidays!

Mrs Cowell-Clark

Stay Safe!

As Nottinghamshire as a county have been moved into [Tier two restrictions](#), it is vital that we all act responsibly and follow Government guidelines. As you are aware, the Tier 2 guidance states that people from other households must not mix indoors.

The 'rule of 6' also applies. This means that people are able to meet in groups of 6 or less in outside spaces only.

The Government's advertising campaign has a clear message of: [hands-face-space](#). Ensure your hands are washed regularly, face coverings are worn by adults and children aged 11 when entering shops and other inside areas and you remember to keep space between yourself and others.

During the holidays, [if you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19, PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDANCE and get a test](#). You must remember to isolate until you have received your test results. [If you or your child TESTS POSITIVE, please contact school](#) (either by email or by leaving a message on the answering machine.) This is vitally important as it helps planning for a safe re-opening. Thank you!

Contacting us

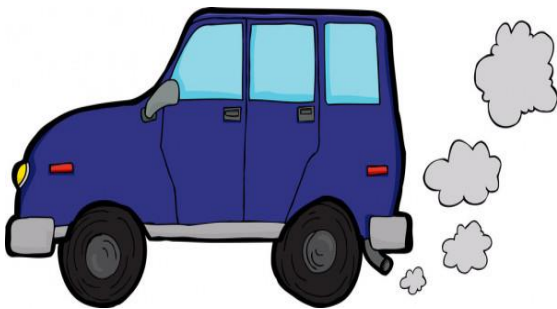
Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

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 **The office emails will be checked weekly over the half term holiday.**

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

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 residents in the crescent

Car Engines

We politely ask that while you are waiting to drop-off and pick-up your children on Hillview Crescent and the village hall car park, you turn your engines off to reduce exhaust emissions. This obviously reduces air pollution but also makes it more pleasant for those standing around the vehicles.

Playing outside

Please ensure your child brings a coat and alternative outside footwear next half term. 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!

So over half term, please remember to collect your drinks cans and bring them in to us when we return on Monday 2nd November!



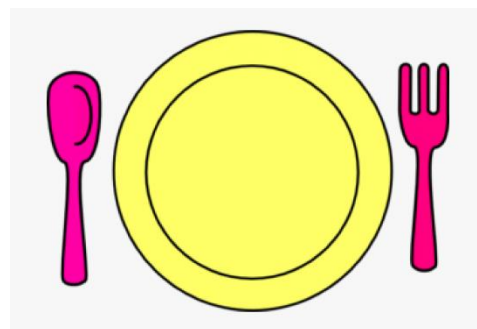
Poppies!

All of the children have been working so hard on their poppy activities and we have given them all to Lucy at the local Spar shop to display with pride for Remembrance Sunday – Great work #TeamClarborough!

Why not pop in to have a look at our wonderful creations!

Book your School Lunches in!

The booking slots on Parentmail are open and will be open during half term so please make sure you book your child's lunches in for next term! Our school menu is on our school website and can be found under 'About Us' and then 'School Dinners'. The school menu can be found as a pdf under 'Menu Sept 2020.pdf' Don't forget that the packed lunch meals will be replaced by hot meals from the menu when we come back in November.



Menu after October Half Term (from Monday 2nd November 2020)

Year group:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery (30-hours)	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal
FS2	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal
1	Hot meal	Hot meal	Jacket potato & yoghurt	Hot meal	Hot meal
2	Hot meal	Hot meal	Jacket potato & yoghurt	Hot meal	Hot meal
3	Hot meal	Jacket potato & yoghurt	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal
4	Jacket potato & yoghurt	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal
5	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Jacket potato & yoghurt
6	Hot meal	Hot meal	Hot meal	Jacket potato & yoghurt	Hot meal

This will not affect the 30hours children.

Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

This week we have had a wonderful time exploring Autumn with walks, crafts and stories... and making these fabulous Autumn wreaths! If you notice your child chatting about the trees changing, this might be why!



We have also been developing our listening skills and have sent an activity through on Seesaw for parents and carers to try at home over the Half Term. Have fun everyone!

The 30hours children have been getting into the Halloween spirit by engaging in messy play and finding out about how pumpkins grow and what is inside them!



Nursery Stars of the week: Joely who has settled into our school so brilliantly!

Harry R for playing so nicely within the classroom and practicing good sharing!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

This week we have been thinking about vehicles that are used on building sites, and have been making Halloween cards and lollies.



We have been practicing our team-work by working together to build a bridge that is tall enough for a boat to go underneath and have been very busy at the writing table!

Miss Orwin and Mrs Turton are very proud of everyone in Suva class for such a fantastic first half-term and for all their hard work!

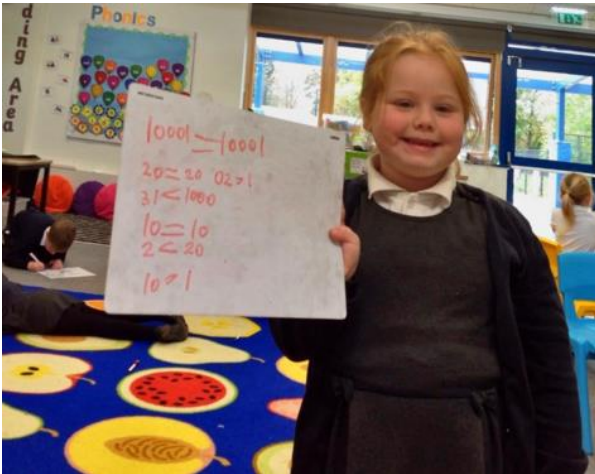


Reception Star of the week: Joey for always being kind and helpful, and for always trying his best!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

This week, Year 1 have produced some fantastic work! The class have worked extra hard this week and they have started to show how mature they can be.

In English, we have looked at the book 'It's a No-Money Day' which is about a mum and her daughter who have to go to the food bank. The children had a great conversation about how they must have felt and what it would be like if we had to use a food bank. We talked about the importance of Harvest and how we can help with making a donation to help others. The children used some fantastic words from a word bank to describe how the little girl feels in different parts of the story.



In Maths, the children have been applying the symbols more than, less than and equal to - with the help of Charlie the crocodile! The children grasped the concept quickly and we're able to apply this independently. Brilliant work class 1!

This week in Computing we have been designing our own pet shelters and tree houses. The children had to use their mouse skills from last week to drag and select which items they wanted. There were some fabulous creations and the children were very creative when it came to their own imaginative tree house!



In Art we have used water colours to create beautiful pictures of Florence Nightingale. The children had to be careful when using the paintbrush, and make sure they blotted it every time. The children learnt that the more water added creates a lighter shade, and less water creates a darker shade. The children took their time and produced some beautiful work.



We had a fantastic music lesson. The children listened to a new hip hop song and really enjoyed moving to the beat - it was great fun! They also had to clap in time, which was a lot harder than we thought, but we all love a good challenge.

We have been learning about poppies and their significance. We have coloured and decorated some poppy bunting to go up in the local Spar shop.

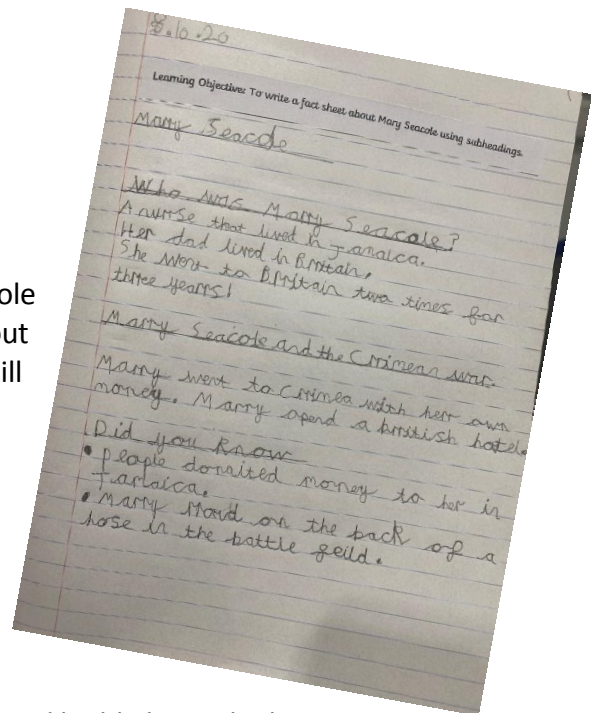




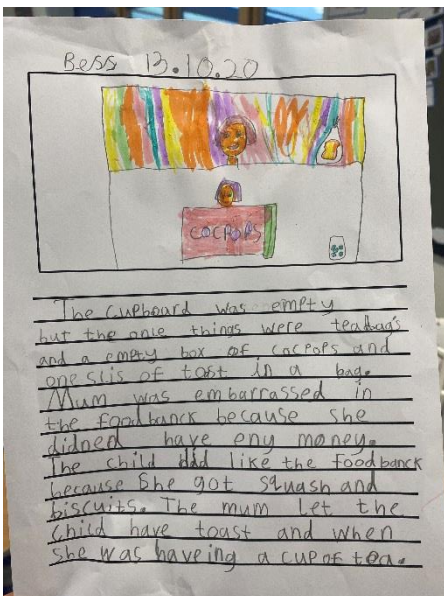
Year 1 Star of the week: Henry K for trying really hard in his Maths and Literacy learning this week – Well done Henry and keep up the hard work!

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

This week, the children completed their fact files about Mary Seacole using subheadings and bullet points. They have found out lots about her and are looking forward to learning about Winston Churchill after half term.



In Maths, they have solved multiplication word problems and enjoyed highlighting the key parts in the problem before writing which multiplication number sentence was needed.

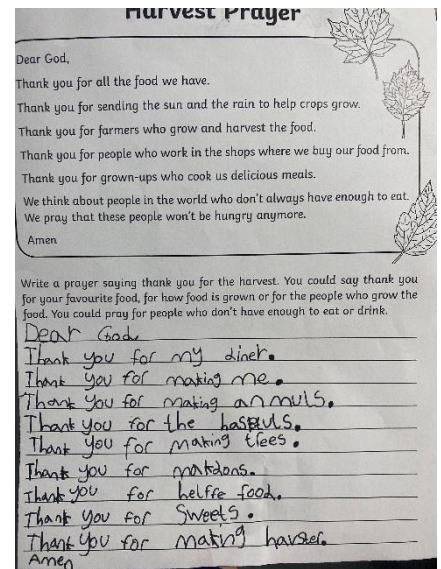


They listened to the story 'It's a No-Money Day' and understood why food banks are so useful to families that don't always have enough money to buy food. They produced some fantastic writing about the story.

All week they have been learning their Harvest song and performed this to grown-ups on Seesaw. They created some poppy bunting that has been displayed in the Spar shop for Remembrance Day.



Learning about Harvest, the children wrote their own harvest prayers, saying thank you for a range of things such as the sun and rain, food and farms and farmers.



Some children have been given a phonics pack and a Maths pack to stretch their brains over the half term and I am excited to have another jam-packed half term full of new learning after the break!



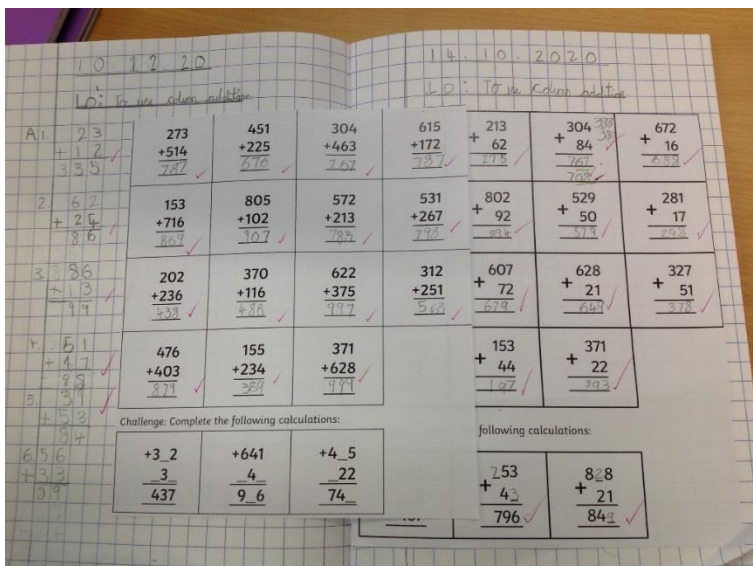
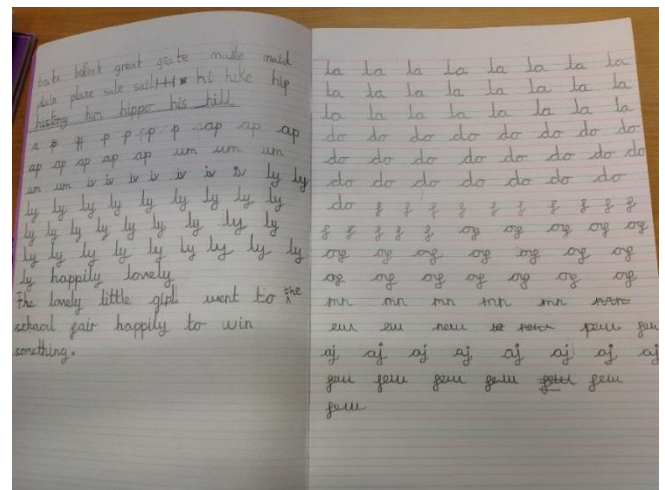
Year 2 Star of the week: Henry for working independently and developing a cursive handwriting style!

Merit Award: Ben

Courtesy Award: James

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

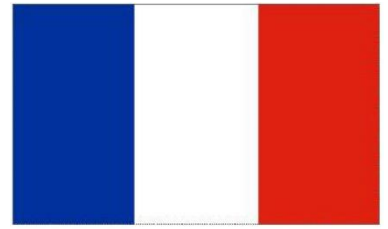
This week Zagreb class have worked really hard on trying to transform their handwriting. Everyone has tried their very best!



In Maths, they have learnt column addition using 3 digit numbers and 2 digit numbers. They were so super sparkly that Mrs Holmes and Mrs Brown stretched their brains even further by introducing 3 digit numbers by 3 digit numbers with no regrouping and regrouping!

During their Clarborough curriculum, Zagreb class enjoyed finding out about the Greek Hoplite and the Olympics; comparing the ancient Greek games to ours today and making comparisons between the UK and Greece.

In French they recorded a French conversation on to their Seesaw accounts, they all tried very hard with their French accents! *Fantastique!*



Finally, this afternoon some of the children have really enjoyed having their 'Starbooks' reward of cookies and hot chocolate with a film. These children have worked really hard adhering to our whole school reading agreement which consists of reading at home 3 times a week and getting their planners signed. A huge well done to them all!



Year 3 Star of the week: Toby for your brilliant perseverance with your cursive handwriting. I'm very proud of you!

Merit award: Winnie for your incredible transformation in your attitude to reading! I am so proud of you and all of your hard work this half term. A huge well done!

Courtesy award: Lola for always being kind, polite and helpful to everyone you meet. Lola you are a fantastic role model to other children in our school!

Smashers: Charlotte, Winnie, Beatrice, Lola, Heidi, Penny, Stanley

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

This week, Year 4 have been creating their final drafts of their dragon poems and created their own anthology: this involves a simile poem, cinquain and onomatopoeia poem.

To: To be able to write an onomatopoeia poem

I'm a dragon my teeth are big as megladon...slice?
I'm a dragon my spike will flatten you.
I'm a dragon my tail can slice your head off.
Whoosh!
I am a dragon and my breath will burn you to smithereens. Hiss!
I am a dragon with sharp, ferocious teeth. I can demolish you and lick your scraps off the floor.
Sturp!

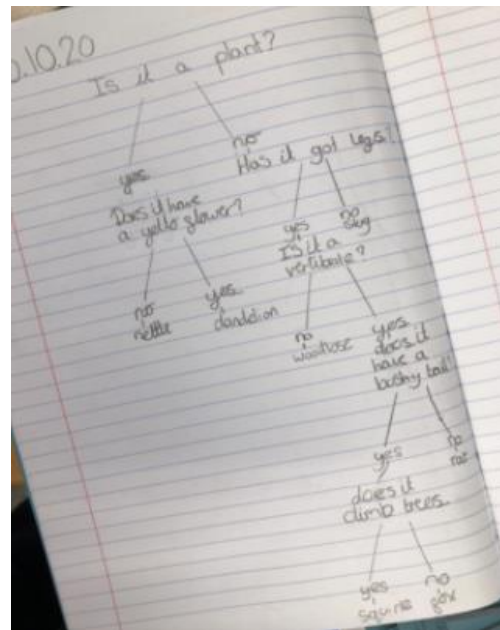
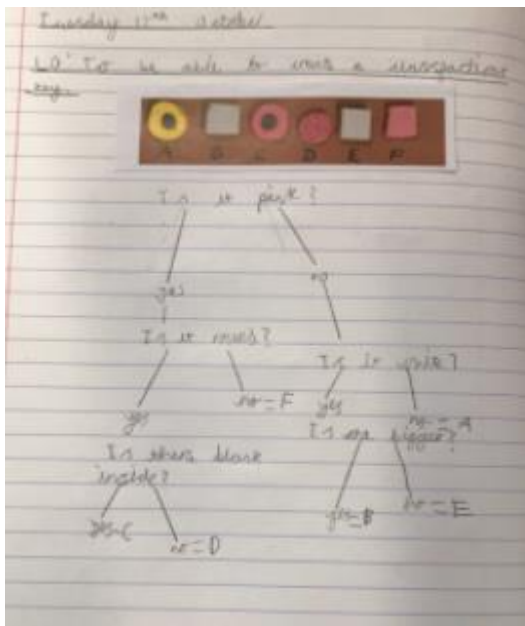
Dragon poem!!!!

Its eyes sparkle like the crimson amber sun.
Its purple tongue is as fast as a venomous snake.
Its tail thrusters like a cogitated cat about to eat its lovely, delishy good.
Its scales are emerald shiny body scales they are his its scaly body
Its spreads its wings like a magic mythical creature to look down
On his prey from the sky
Its long clawed paws is giving prey.
Its breaths through your soul like a long snort common.

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Its crimson red, vicious eyes are like a lightning strike trying to pierce through your soul.
 Its pitch black coloured tongue is like a venomous snake ~~bitting~~ bolting at me.
 Its scaly, razor sharp, spiny tail is snaking towards me like a gox stalking its unfortunate prey.
 Its porticant body is pumping angrily like a volcano about to erupt.
 Its wings gold outwards like the ocean about to cover the seabed.
 Its claws are so razor sharp they could cut a tree down.
 Its fiery breath is like a phoenix shooting out of its mouth.

They have also been learning about classification keys in science. Firstly they learnt to sort sweets into groups based on their criteria, then they sorted woodland animals using specific questions – this was a tricky task!



The Year 4s are so proud of their Harvest Festival rap and using the Green Screen in computing this week – they hope to use this more this year, so watch this space!





After half term, Year 4 will be learning about 'All around the World' in Geography and about the human body, in particular teeth and the digestive system – expect lots of messy science experiments!



Year 4 Star of the week: Ayda for always trying so hard to be the best she can be, always wanting to help the teachers and offering to read tricky parts in the Harvest Festival performance!

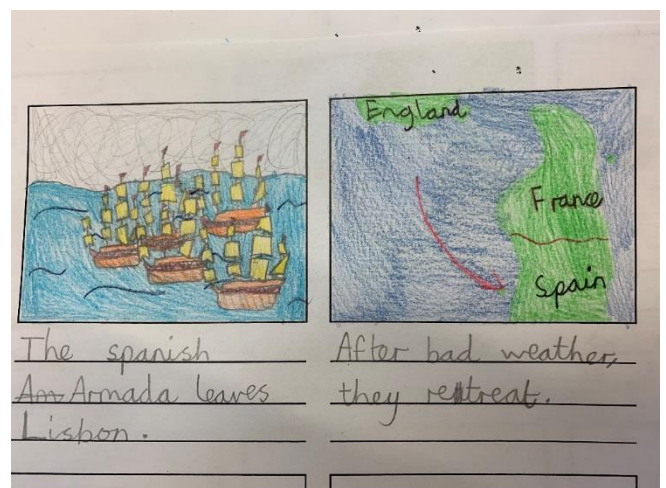
Smashers are: Freya, Ruby, Saffron, Sarina, Anya, Molly and Luke.

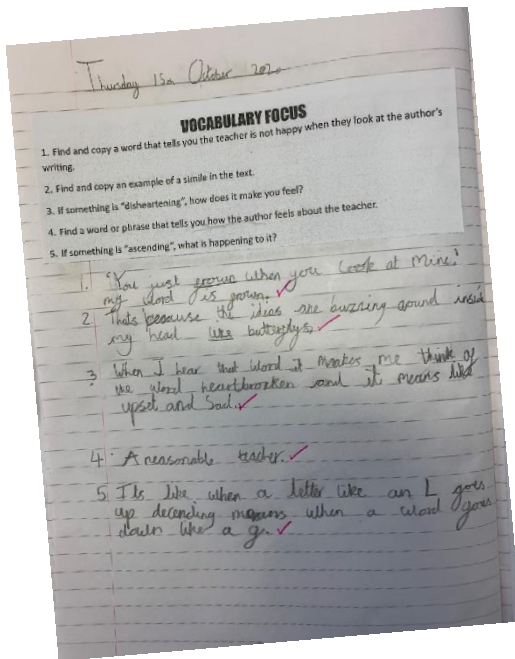
Merit Award: Charlie

Courtesy Award: Emilia

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

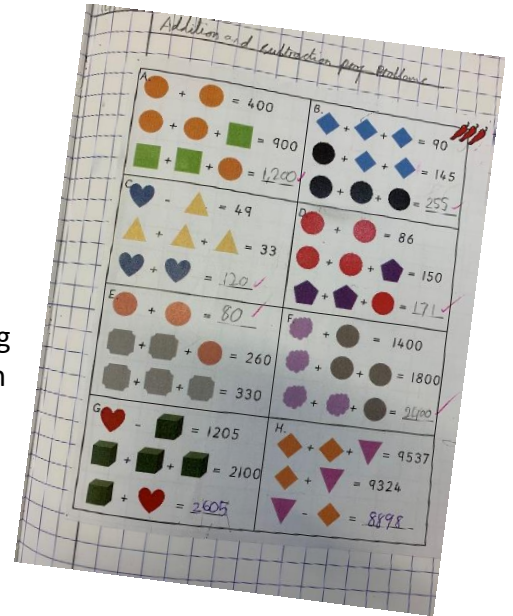
This week in Caracas, children have rounded off their Tudors topic by learning about the Spanish Armada. They enjoyed communicating their knowledge of the timeline of events by creating their own comic-book style chronologies. Throughout the term, they have been focusing on developing their reading skills, specifically their ability to retrieve information from the text.





This week, we read two balanced arguments, one about homework and one about pen licenses, answered retrieval questions as well as other VIPERS questions (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary/sequence). They are all getting much better at 'finding the evidence in the text' - a phrase they hear Miss Mayhew say a lot!

In Maths, they applied their addition and subtraction skills to solving problems and really enjoyed the shape problem-solving activity on Wednesday.



Reflecting on recent events and thinking of the positives, we decided to use the song, 'What a Wonderful World' as the basis for our Harvest Assembly. The children were truly amazing, learning to sign the lyrics using Makaton before performing for you. Have a look at their performance on Seesaw!



Finally, we made some poppy wreaths for Lucy at the Spar to display in the shop for Remembrance Day in November.



After half term, we will have a Science focus on 'Animals and Living Things'. In Maths, statistics, multiplication, division, perimeter and area will be our focus. In English, we will continue developing our reading, writing and GPS skills through a range of texts. Miss Mayhew hopes you all have a fun and safe and half-term break!



Year 5 Star of the week: Hera for showing a positive and resilient attitude to her learning, particularly in Maths!

Smashers: Isabella, Freddie, Luke, Olivia, Rose, Chloe, Amelie, Lexi, Lilia, Joe

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

Maths:

This week we have finished off our understanding of the 4 operations - long multiplication and division. The children have worked really hard at trying to consolidate their understanding of the 4 operations.

Next half term we will be focusing on fractions!

English:

Year 6 finished their setting description this week. They have found this tricky as they have not written an extended piece of writing for a considerably amount of time, however they have produced some really lovely pieces of writing.

Computing:

The children have extended their computing knowledge and skills by trying to edit photos - adjusting the sharpness, brightness and adding texts.

P.E:

We have concluded our work on handball and look forward to next half term when we will be doing some orienteering and basketball.

Music:

This term the children have been learning the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. We have tried to harmonise and our finished piece is available to listen to on Seesaw.

Harvest Festival:

This year we were challenged with trying to celebrate Harvest in a virtual way. So the children decided to surpass my expectations and re-write the lyrics to Havana to make their very own Harvest edition. This song is also available to listen to on Seesaw. We are waiting on our record deal!!



Year 6 Star of the week: Zara for having a brilliant attitude towards school this week and making excellent progress with her understanding of the 4 operations and producing a high-quality piece of writing!

Smashers: Emilia, Zara, Daisy, Teyha, Nevaeh, Lucy, Laurie, Rosie, Olivia

**Merit Award: Zak R - You always have a thirst for learning and I have noticed you always want to challenge yourself and deepen your understanding further. You have now developed a love for learning which is great to see. You are like a sponge at the moment, absorbing everything being taught to you. You have made huge academic progress. Well done for being the best you can be!
#TeamClarborough**

Courtesy Award: Olivia O - Thank you for always being yourself. I have particularly noticed you helping your peers when they are struggling with work. You have impeccable manners and always give 100%. You are a great asset to the class and have a great attitude to learning. Well done for always being the best you can be. Keep it up! #TeamClarborough

Out of School Achievements

Isabella, Saffron and Freya were proud to show us their medals that they were awarded when they completed the Swimathon this year. Great work girls!

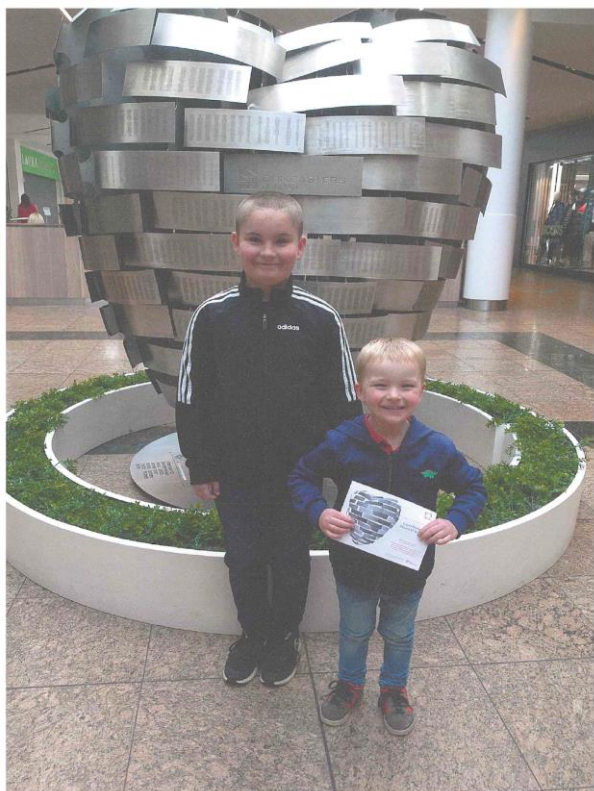


This week, Sophia got her Level 2 swimming certificate. She only started swimming lessons 4 weeks ago! Mummy, Daddy and Olivia are super proud at how well she is listening in the lessons – Well done Sophia!

Last weekend, Rowan was awarded Man of the Match playing in goal for Retford United under 7s. Great work Rowan - Well done!



A huge well done to Isla O for achieving her 10m swimming certificate – great work Isla!



This is to certify that the name of

will be engraved forever
on the Heart of Steel.

You have joined thousands of people on this
monumental work of art. Each and every
name helps us fund life saving research to
beat heart and circulatory diseases.



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A special mention to Logan who has had his name engraved on a beautiful piece of art 'Heart of Steel' which is a symbol of bravery to those who have had heart surgery. We are so proud of you Logan! #TeamClarbrough!

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.....

16th October – Last day of term

19th – 30th October – Half Term

2nd November – Children return back to school

12th, 13, 16th and 17th November - Bikeability Level 2 Year 5, Groups 1 and 2



Please ensure children in Years 1-6 come to school on Mondays and Fridays in their **correct** 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

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

Did you know that The Clarborough and District Community Association (CDCA) that manage Clarborough 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.



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- Click on the ≡ at top left of the screen.
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- Return to the ≡ section to start choosing your required Amazon area – or *Full Shop Directory* to start from Amazon's opening page.