



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 23/06/2023

‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

A special mention for our highest scoring ‘Doodle Maths’ superstars in each class:

Reception – Nikara

Year 1 – Luca

Year 2 – Faolan

Year 3 – Kelly

Year 4 – Esmae

Year 5 – Neave

Year 6 – Millie

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 5

A message from the Headteacher;

Our half term races on, with the summer holidays firmly in sight and the weeks remaining beginning to look very busy! Thank you to everyone that joined us for a super Reception / Year 1 Open Assembly today, what great dancers they are.

As you will hopefully have seen in other communications this week, further strike action on behalf of the National Education Union will impact upon us in July. With this in mind, our remaining events timetable is as follows –

- **Fri 30/06/23** - Non-uniform day - in return for a ‘bottle’.
- **Tues 04/07/23** - Year 6 Leavers Performance – Y6 families welcome !
- **Wed 05/07/23** – **SCHOOL CLOSED – STRIKE ACTION**
- **Thur 6/7/23** – Whole school trip – Filey – Pupils will return to school for 5pm.
- **Fri 07/07/23** – **SCHOOL CLOSED – STRIKE ACTION**
- **Tue 11/07/23** – Whole school ‘transition day’ – pupils move up to their new year groups.
- **Tues 18/7/23** – Y6 Leavers celebration evening in school – all Y6 pupils invited.
- **Wed 19/7/23** – Sports Day – 1.30pm / 3.30pm
- **Thu 20/07/23** - Y6 visit to York College – NYC Police ‘Crucial Crew’ event - 12:00 - 15:30
- **Fri 21/7/23** – PM - Y6 Leavers Assembly- Y6 families welcome !

Mon 24/07/2023 to Tue 25/07/2023 Staff Training Day
Wed 26/07/2023 to Sun 03/09/2023 Summer Holiday

We hope you can join us for one or more of the events above !

Have a super weekend.

Reception/Year 1 Class News;

It's been a busy week in Reception and Year 1 as we have been preparing for our class assembly! We made a list at the start of the week of everything the children would like to show you! We haven't managed to get everything that was suggested onto our running list, but we have had a good try! We have now mastered our maypole dancing and we can't wait to show you what we have achieved! In phonics this week, all groups have been focusing on using phonics skills for writing. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 100 and Reception have continued to practise doubling. To continue our investigations into seaside holidays from the past, we have studied pictures of Victorian Scarborough, looking at the different clothes and swimming costumes people wore. Then we have watched an episode of 'Magic Grandad' which took us back to a Victorian seaside holiday! We thought it was great that people had bathing machines to get changed in rather than using a towel wrapped round us, like we do today! We have had lots of discussions about what was the same and what has changed! In PE, we have been maypole dancing as well as starting to practise the skills for our sports day races! We look forward to seeing you all at our class assembly!

Home learning this week:

- Read your school reading book at least three times and record in your journal.
- Stay in the yellow but reach for the green in Doodlemaths.
- Year 1 have a DoodleSpell assignment on red words to complete for next Friday!

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2/3 Class News;

We've had another busy week in Year 2 / 3, starting early Monday with a re-cap on the characteristics of a good story and ensuring we all had our interesting Oompa-Loompa story openings written to hook the reader! In our phonics and grammar sessions the Robots group have been practising the 'ure' and 'ture' graphemes, reading the non-fiction book 'Vulture Culture' to help us learn in context. The Rockets group have been revisiting the 'tch' grapheme, looking closely at a number of verbs containing the spelling such as 'hatch', 'switch' and 'watch'. We have also been practising the past, present and future tense of a number of regular and irregular verbs (such as jumped / jump / will jump and ran / run / will run). In Maths this week we have been learning more about division as the inverse of multiplication, seeing how knowing our times table facts can really help us with division too! The Y2 have focussed on dividing whole amounts (objects and numbers) by 2, 5 and 10, whilst the Y3 have been dividing 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number using place value charts and part-whole models to help.

In the wider curriculum we have learned about medicines and medicine safety in Learning for Life; again the children asked really sensible questions and showed a good understanding of what to do and not to do with medicines in the home. Next week we will learning about body parts and growing (please see my previous email for more details). In Science, we have continued our 'Animals including humans' topic by looking at skeletons with a focus on vertebrates and invertebrates. Dan taught us another fun afternoon of summer sports in anticipation of Sport's Day and in Geography we have researched information about Filey, before our whole school trip on Thursday 6th. We are comparing village life and the amenities in Cliffe with coastal town living.

Thank you to Mr Blackwood, Miss Waddington and the lovely supply teacher Miss Amps for stepping in to cover my short illness. I'll hopefully be fighting fit again by Monday!

Just a quick reminder to Doodle as much as possible in short, frequent bursts; it really does make a difference to the confidence and rapid recall of facts for the children who regularly practise for 5 minutes a day. This is the same for the Doodle Spell assignment which is set weekly and relates to work covered in class. Although the Year 2 have now

completed their national tests, we still have our in-school termly assessments coming up and want to make the most of the last month of term!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pears

Home Learning;

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, aim for the green by next Friday.

Doodle Spell – complete the additional assignment by next Friday.

Reading – 3x a week recorded in the journal, strive for 5! We still hold our weekly in-class book raffle 😊

Year 4/5 Class News;

It's been a fantastic week full of learning in Year 4/5.

In English this week we have looked at the question: Should plastic be banned to save our environment? We have researched the subject and found reasons for and against as well as the evidence to back these up. Using this planning and research, we have started writing balanced discussions on the topic. Later in the week we practised discussing authors' choice of words and phrases in texts and spelling a range of prefixes and suffixes such as -ous and re-/de-.

In Maths we have been using the four operations to solve problems involving money including finding the change. We have used our estimating skills to check the answers and our knowledge of place value and decimals. We then moved on to learning all the different types of quadrilaterals and their properties. On Friday we learned about polygons and practised drawing different regular and irregular polygons.

This week in Science the children enjoyed carrying out an investigation to find the best thermal insulator. We used our knowledge to predict and considered the different variables including how to ensure it was a fair test. In RE we looked at the holy texts of Hinduism and in particular at the story of Rama and Sita from the Ramayana. In Learning for Life we identified and discussed the external changes that happen during puberty.

Home Learning;

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, aim for the green by next Friday.

Doodle Spell – complete the additional assignment by next Wednesday.

Reading – 3x a week recorded in the journal, with a signature, by next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Capewell and Mrs Townend

Year 6 Class News;

This week we designed a zoo where we practised maths, English, science and art. In task 1 we added up how much the compulsory items add up to then we used the rest of the budget to decide how many of the optional things we could include. In task 2 we checked our finances and used the area of each one to plan our designs. In task 3 we did an inventory of the different types of animals using their scientific name. We have read up to chapter 4 on Cool and used evidence from the text to justify how characters were feeling. We also to predict and summarise each chapter. In swimming we did freestyle and most of us achieved 25m. We have helped reception and yr1 practise sports day skills (egg and spoon, running, skipping, etc). We have also been designing and making props and doing set design for our production. Have a good weekend. Millie 😊

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Dates for the Diary -

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