



# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending 18/11/22**

## 'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

**Reception – Nikara and Sebby**

**Year 1 – Luca**

**Year 2 – Faolan**

**Year 3 – Eliza**

**Year 4 – Liam**

**Year 5 – Neave and Jacob**

**Year 6 – Lillie**

**Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 4!**

### *A message from the Head:*

A week of annual events here in school, starting on Monday with 'Anti-bullying week' and finishing on Friday with 'Children in Need'.

As part of Anti-bullying week we have been discussing what 'bullying' means, how we can all work to prevent it and some of the issues underlying it that can affect us all, like self-esteem and personal confidence. The children all agree that we are very lucky here in Cliffe that 'bullying' rarely, if ever, happens but agree we all have a part to play in ensuring this remains the case. As an extension to this work we have also enjoyed the NSPCC's remote assemblies this week, talking about how we all need to 'speak out and stay safe'. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will look at this idea in more detail next week, when we are pleased to host representatives from the NSPCC here in school.

The week came to a close with 'Children in Need' as the theme in school and we thank you all for your kind donations to Pudsey and friends. The children enjoyed the opportunity to attend in their own outfits and learn all about the valuable work their contributions will go to support.

As the onset of winter now approaches can we please just issue a few important reminders to help get us through the season:

- Please ensure all children have a coat with them everyday. This should be suitable for chilly playtimes and light rain.
- All pupils should have a full change of uniform in their PE bag, to allow them to change should they get wet during playtime.
- Ideally all pupils will have a change of shoes in their PE bag, indoor 'pumps' are perfect for this.
- Year 6 pupils MUST have a change of footwear available everyday – one pair being for indoor and the other for outdoor use.

As far as possible we try to maintain a 'business as usual' approach to getting outdoors over winter, as we recognise the benefit to pupils. So your support in facilitating this is much appreciated.

Finally, a few festive notes – Please can consent be given for the Year 2 and 3 trip to Kings Church, via Parentpay, as soon as possible. No payment is required but consent MUST be given in order for children to attend.

Final details for the Reception, Year 1 / 2 / 3 Christmas Performance will come to you next week. Initial ticket allocations will be made available via Parentpay at no cost, two tickets per performance, per family. All siblings

with us in school will be given the opportunity to watch their brothers and sisters during their dress rehearsal. Rehearsals are already looking very exciting !

Have a super weekend !

## *Reception and Year 1 Class News:*

Reception and Year 1 started to explore our 'Let's Build' focus on materials and their properties this week! We became scientists and investigated different objects, looking at the materials they were made from and why those materials were chosen! We learnt the vocabulary 'materials' and 'properties' and used a range of describing words in our discussions. We went on a materials hunt around our inside and outside areas, working as teams to find as many objects as we could. Then we explored magnetism and some of the children had a go at using magnets to make mini games!

As it has been the whole school 'anti-bullying week', we have approached the theme through a focus on 'what makes a good friend'. We used the story 'Rainbow Fish' to give us some ideas.

The children have enjoyed singing our nativity songs in school this week, and we have started to practise some of the dances that go with the songs! I'm sure you will be starting to hear snippets of the songs being sung around the house now! Costume requests have now gone home and if you have any issues, please let me know and we will help.

In phonics this week, Reception have learnt the sounds y, w and z and we have been doing lots of blending, with the sounds that we know, to read words. Year 1 have learnt the new sounds /ea/ cup of tea and /oi/ spoil the boy, so look out for words containing these digraphs in your books at home!

In Maths, Reception have been comparing two sets of objects, using the words 'more than'/'less than'. They have also continued to practise their brilliant subitising skills! Year 1 have been exploring the concept 'one more than' and 'one less than' using number lines. They have also been investigating number bonds to 10. We talked about how the skill of knowing your number bonds to 10 off by heart will help when you use maths throughout your life, and we looked at some real-life problem solving!

As the weather is getting wetter and colder, we would be grateful if you could send in some spare socks to keep in your child's PE bag- we are wearing wellies so much more but the water is occasionally still finding its way to our socks!

Home learning this week:

Reception:

- Read your phonics book at least three times and record in your home/school journal! Practise recognising your letter cards!
- Stay in the yellow on Doodlemaths, but reach for the green zone!

Year 1:

- Read your phonics book at least three times and record in your home/school journal! Practise reading the 'red words' on your bookmark.
- Stay in the yellow zone on Doodlemaths, but reach for the green zone!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

## *Year 2 and 3 Class News:*

The rain may have stopped play a few times in Y2/3 this week, but it didn't dampen our energy or activity levels!

A fun PE lesson with our coach Mr Taylor gave us the fresh air and movement needed on Monday afternoon, as well as helping us improve our teamwork skills. We began reading a new class short story called 'Cavegirl', which ties in well with our recent Stone Age learning. We've predicted story events using visual and written clues such as cover illustrations and the blurb, worked out the meaning of some new vocabulary and researched how amber is formed. This resulted in some fabulous fact sheets worthy of the pages of a non-fiction book! Our phonics lessons have focussed on the alternative graphemes for the sounds 'ay' and 'oa', using commas in lists and how to use adverbs.

In Maths we have continued our work on addition and subtraction, using hundreds, tens and ones. Our Science this week meshed our lessons on rocks last week with our recent research on amber; we learnt how fossils are formed and how they are revealed to the world, often after millions of years!

We have also been busy revisiting important messages about staying safe, as part of anti-bullying week, using the NSPCC 'Pants' resources, through assemblies and lessons. Please see their website for great advice when approaching the topic or answering questions your children may have.

Last but not least, we're on a roll with Nativity play rehearsals and hope you'll enjoy the modern twist on the traditional story! The children have a lot to practise (please do work on reading their lines in 'big voices' at home!) but have embraced the singing & dancing with enthusiasm. You should now have a costume request slip; most costumes have been sourced in school but please chat to us if any issues with your request.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Pears and Miss Waddington

Homework:

Reading – x3 school book reads a week but strive for 5! (Extra reading of home books or magazines can count towards the 5)

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

Doodle Spell – complete the extra assignment by next Friday

## *Year 4 and 5 Class News:*

Another busy week in Year 4/5! In English this week the class have written compliments for each other and turned these into a kenning poem. They practised their reading skills reading an extract from the folktale 'The Chocolate Tree'. They then moved on to learn how to use relative clauses to add more information to sentences, and applied their learning to writing about Maya gods.

In Maths this week the children have continued to learn and practise their times tables, including the 7, 11 and 12 times tables. Times tables are absolutely crucial for so many areas of maths and very easy to practise at home. We use the website aptly named [www.timestables.com](http://www.timestables.com) a lot in class to practise. Please encourage your child to practise their tables as much as they can, little and often. This will really help their learning in school.

The year 5s have learned all about square and cube numbers and how to find these.

In History this week the class had a very interesting session learning all about where the Ancient Maya civilization fits into world history by constructing large timelines. They learned about the different periods of the Maya, including the pre, classic, and post-classic periods. They then moved on to learning all about the different Maya gods and chose a few to write about. In PE with Dan this week the class practised their dribbling and shooting skills. In their ukulele session with Mrs Moulds they learned how to write musical notations.

Homework:

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

Doodle Spell – complete the Extra assignment by next Friday

Seesaw reading activity – set on Mondays, complete by the following Monday

YOUNG VOICES – Continue to practise the songs learned so far, including the new song 'Pop Medley: Trolls'.

Parents – You can access our Young Voices dashboard and find all of the songs/lyrics by using this link:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=OBYT9jr2A1OJmyaC>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

## Year 6 Class News:

In maths this week we have been converting mixed number fractions to improper fractions. Then comparing fractions, some of us used our bar models to help. It was tricky at first but then we all got the hang of it !

In English we have been writing a flash back narrative, that's when you tell the story of something that has happened in the past. Ours are based on a video we watched about the old piano player and his life in the war. Science was all about the circulatory system, which is tricky to say ! The most important three parts are the heart, blood vessels and blood.

Our Young Voices practice this week was The Trolls Pop Medley and Nile Rodgers Disco Party. It's going well and everyone is getting into it !

Have a nice weekend, from Cara and Tifa.Y6

Homework:

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

Doodle English – stay in the yellow, reach for the green by next Friday

Doodle Spell – complete the Extra assignment by next Friday

Reading – Read 3 x weekly and record this in your Home School Journal

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## Dates for the Diary -

- Thur 01/12/22 – Christmas Fair – 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Tue 06/12/2022 2:30-3:30 KS1 & Y3 Nativity - performance 1
- Wed 07/12/22 – Pantomime – Cast Theatre, Doncaster
- Thur 08/12/2022 17:00-18:00 KS1 & Y3 Nativity - performance 2
- Thur 08/12/2022 (All day) Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 09/12/2022 - Year 2/3 School Trip to Kings Church, Selby - 09:00 - 12:00
- Tue 13/12/2022 – Christmas Dinner
- 19/12/2022 to 02/01/2023 - Xmas School Holiday
- Tue 03/01/2023 (All day) Training Day - Holiday for pupils