



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 24/09/2021

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

Reception – Ronnie

Year 1 – Faolan

Year 2 – Florence

Year 3 – Layla & Matthew

Year 4 – Owen

Year 5 – Jack D

Year 6 – Ameliya and Scarlett

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 2!

A special mention to Dan Woodbridge who reached a 1000 day streak this week!!! 😊

A message from the Head:

I must start by thanking you all not only for your attendance and participation this morning but also for your generosity on two counts;

To begin, our Macmillan Coffee Morning proved a great success ! Thank you both to those who brought along donations of cakes / baked goods and also those who came along to enjoy a warm drink and tasty treat. We are yet to tally up all of your donations but will let you know a total next week.

Then of course we must say a huge 'thank you' for everyone that has already gathered sponsorship funds for today's 'Fun Run' and those set to do so next week. Our pupils really did do themselves proud this morning, with everyone showing their athletic prowess, fancy dress fashion sensibilities and a great sense of spirit. It was lovely to see so many families come to join us on site and your encouragement (and participation!) really made the event special. Again, we will let you know the total raised for school funds next week. We look forward to putting it to good use, enhancing our pupils experiences this coming school year.

Next week shows no sign of being any less exciting, with a number of activities and learning opportunities set to happen;

- As part of our 'Harvest' celebrations and 'British Values' work next week we will be discussing and taking donations for our local Food Bank. A drop off point will be available every day before school, by our carpark entrance. All donations warmly received.
- Next week is also national 'Bike to School Week'. We have put together a plan of activities for the week, please see letter attached.
- As part of our ongoing commitment to introducing pupils to wider cultures and beliefs, we have a visitor from Madhyamaka Kadampa Buddhist Centre with us on Wednesday. Telling the children all about the beliefs and practices of Buddhism.
- Finally, on Friday we are inviting all pupils to participate in our Harvest Festival Sculpture Competition. Prizes for the best entries and fun for all ! Please see the paper letter brought home, also attached for ease.

One final note to say we have moved **spelling homework for all pupils** (from Year 1 up) across to the 'Doodle Spell' format from this week onwards. Those using a tablet will be able to download the Doodle Spell app from the webstore and log in using their standard 'Doodle Maths' login details. If you are using a web browser on a laptop / desktop etc you will have the option to switch from Doodle Maths to Doodle Spell on your control panel. There is no expectation for pupils to do a set amount of work on Doodle Spell, as we encourage with their maths, instead class teachers will set a single spelling task on a Friday, to be completed by the Friday following. They are of course welcome to tackle other learning challenges on there too should they choose.

A lot of information there, thanks for bearing with me !

Have a lovely weekend.

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

There have been some mysterious happenings in Reception and Year 1 this week... we finally discovered that we had some cheeky Evil Peas causing havoc in school! After interviewing staff and children around school, the only solution was to call for Supertato to help us to sort it out! We had a visit from 'Super Wilson' and now we hope to see Supertato himself too next week!! Everyone made their own superhero masks, and we have started to talk about how we are all superheroes in our own way!

Year 1 have created 'wanted' posters, drawings of Supertato and descriptions of what he looks like! In Year 1 maths, we have been looking at different representations of numbers and counting forwards and backwards.

We have been so proud of our Reception children who have been staying for lunch this week! They have been really enjoying the yummy food prepared by our amazing Mrs Pipes and have adapted to the new routines fantastically well!

Our first Stay and Play was very successful and we look forward to welcoming you all back next Wednesday!

Remember that Monday is our Teddy Bear's Picnic day, so we are inviting you and your favourite Teddy to come to school for the day!

Could you also email awilson@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk (or upload to Seesaw) baby picture please for a discussion about how we have changed from being a baby, by Friday 1st Oct please!

Home Learning this week:

Year 1:

- Aim to read for a minimum of three times over the week and record in your home/school journal.
- Ten minutes a day of Doodlemaths- stay in the yellow but reach for the green.
- Complete this week's 'extra' on DoodleSpell (I have set a special activity with specific words for you to complete!)

Reception:

- Aim to read for a minimum of three times over the week and record in your home/school journal. Enjoy your new lilac book!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson.

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What another brilliant week we have had in Year2/3! The children are working as hard as ever, even with a cold floating around! In Maths, the class have continued to learn about place value and understanding how digit placement is crucial including adding zeros. They have also been learning about number lines to 100 and 1000 to support their understanding of larger numbers and their size. In English, we have started to look at adventure stories as well as many new spelling and grammar rules. In Science, we have started looking at animals and learnt the different life functions that make something living. The children have then explored the school identifying things that either were living, dead or had never been alive. In History, the class have begun to learn about Captain James Cook as one of our significant people that we are learning about this term. The class learn about his life, voyages and eventual death. In P.E., the class have continued to develop their football skills with our coach Dylan.

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Have a fab weekend! Mr Hedges

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

The children have produced some excellent paired writing this week. They have built on the expanded noun phrases planned last week to produce a setting description for a specific picture. To produce a detailed description they also used adverbials and prepositional phrases. They have also worked on punctuating speech using inverted commas.

In maths we have compared and ordered numbers up to one million. The children used place value grids and counters to aide their initial understanding before moving onto applying this understanding in reasoning questions. Later in the week they worked on rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, with many moving onto the nearest 1000.

In Art this week we have completed a portrait of ourselves, taking care to ensure that the proportions of the face are correct. We then used different tones of the same colour to show contrast. In Science the children explored electrical safety and created posters. They continued to work on reading music when playing their guitars and continued to practise their rugby skills in PE.

Your child should now have completed their baseline assessment in Doodle Spell and can now access this using their Doodle maths password. Weekly extras will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Homework:

Reading 3 x a week recorded in home-school journal

Doodle Maths (get into the green!)

Doodle Spell Extra activity

Year 6 Class News:

Nyah - In English we have been exploring and evaluating the meaning of the poem Refugees by Brian Bilston also reading it from top to bottom and bottom to top because it is a palindrome. In Maths we have been rounding any number within ten million to the nearest 10,000, 100,000, 1000,000 also counting in negative numbers. In History we have been working in groups and making a timeline and plotting events from Ancient Greek times. We have been doing maths games on a Friday morning to level up our math skills. On Wednesday we went to the reception classroom and outdoor area to read their books with them and help them with some tricky words. In P.E we used a fitness video to guide us and played a game for a warm up. Friday morning at 9.00 we had parents come and sit/stand in the playground and watch us run for the marathon and had some cake at the Macmillan coffee morning. We have been reading Who let the gods out by Maz Evans. From Nyah ☺

Homework –

Doodle maths – stay in the yellow zone but reach for the green zone

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

Spelling – Complete your 'extra' activity on Doodle Spell. This will appear on the app when you log in. You do not need to reach any 'zones' like on Doodle Maths.

Housekeeping:

Please see attached letter about Morrisons 'Good to Grow' campaign and how you can help us here in school while you shop !

Dates for the Diary - Autumn 1 :

Mon 27/09/21 to Fri 01/10/21 – Harvest collection of goods for local Food Bank

Tue 28/09/2021 to Tue 5/10/2021 – 3.30 – 4.00pm - Scholastics Book Fair (S)

Tue 28/09/2021 – Buddhist visitor and workshops – Focus day in school.

Fri 01/10/21 – 3.30 - 4.00pm – Harvest Fruit & Veg Competition (WS)

Mon 11/10/2021 to Fri 15/10/2021 - Black History Month - Focus week in school supported by York Uni

Tue 19/10/2021 - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 1 (WS)

Wed 20/10/2021 - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 2 (WS)