



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 04/12/20

'Top Doodlers of the Week !'

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

Reception : Austin Naylor

Year 1 : Florence Chapman

Year 2 : Tristan Topping

Year 3 : Neave Buckle-Williams

Year 4 : Jack Dawson

Year 5 : Ameliya Buckle-Williams

Year 6 : Tyra Buckle-Williams

Doodle Class of the week: Year 6

★ **SPECIAL MENTION! – Miss Rose this week received NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE WEEK AWARD** from Doodle Maths, in recognition of her work in promoting the scheme in our school. Well done Miss Rose ! ★

A message from the Head :

December is well and truly upon us and the festive spirit is certainly rising in school ! Just a couple of quick reminders about next week's Christmas related activities –

- **Wk beginning the 7th of December** – Every morning we will be putting out boxes to collect donations for The Trussell Trust Food Bank in Selby. We will be speaking to pupils about how important it is to remember others at this time of year and how we can help, if we are able. A list of most desired donations will be circulated prior and we ask anyone that is in a position to help us support this cause to do so. Donations will be quarantined prior to delivery and all COVID related considerations in place.
 - **Urgently needed food items** - tinned meat/fish and fruit (400gms), tea bags (80's), coffee, jam, uht milk (1 litre)
 - **We've got plenty of** – soup, baked beans, cereal, pasta, rice.
- **11th of December** – Christmas Jumper Day – all pupils (and families dropping off / collecting!) invited to wear non-uniform and their favourite festive jumper ! (Year 6 – still sports clothing plus your Christmas jumper please !)

Looking ahead to next year, many of you would have no doubt heard that some changes to statutory assessments have been announced this week. In brief; KS2 SATs papers in reading and maths, as well as the Year 1 phonics check, will take place next year as expected.

However, all KS1 Sats, as well as the English grammar, punctuation and spelling test at KS2, will be cancelled in 2021. Schools have been told we can take a "flexible approach" to administering the KS2 tests and phonics check by extending the original timetable by a week, until 26 May and 25 June respectively, the DfE said.

Obviously within school robust and ongoing assessments will continue for all classes throughout the year and you will receive a further update on your child's academic progress in January. As ever, we are here to help should you have any further questions to ask, please don't hesitate to send us an email.

Have a super weekend !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

Christmas has arrived in Reception/ Year 1 this week! The children have been enjoying playing in Mrs Claus' kitchen where they have been role playing baking Christmas cookies and making Christmas Dinner. They have been decorating our Christmas trees, choosing Christmas books to read, making Christmas cards and we have made the boat into Santa's sleigh outside! The Christmas excitement is definitely building! A child each day is being chosen, by our kindness elves, to open our random acts of kindness advent calendar each day and they are completing a kindness challenge! (The red elf returned from her holiday!) Our story theme of Three Little Pigs has continued and the children have been practising telling the story orally (ask for a story when they get home😊) We have made story maps and wanted posters to find the big bad wolf! Reception have been practising finding the number one more and one less in our maths sessions and they have learnt the letters r and j this week. Year 1 have been exploring the place value of number to 20, learning about tens and ones. In phonics, they have learnt the new sounds 'are' (care and share) and 'ur' (nurse with a purse). We can't wait for more Christmas fun next week! Home learning continues to be:

- Stay in the green zone on Doodlemaths
- Read at least three times this week and record in your journal.
- A new seesaw challenge will be assigned on Monday

Have a good weekend! Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

Another week has flown by and it has been another opportunity for the children to show just how incredible they are! In English, the children have been learning about Wallace's (and Gromit's) cracking contraptions. The children received a letter from Wallace explaining his blueprints for his new inventions had been stolen and now the children have to design their own machine for Wallace and then write an explanation text for him. In Maths, the children have been building upon their learning from last week by comparing, adding and subtracting money. In French this week, the children have practised introductory conversations, learnt how people in France celebrate Christmas, different Christmas vocabulary and the names for certain colours. In P.E., the children have again played miniature games with a focus this week on positioning and communication. In Geography, have continued to develop their knowledge and understanding of counties in the UK and how to find them in an atlas. As well as this, they have researched famous Yorkshire landmarks. Well done to those children who have read and been on doodlemaths three times this week. New spellings and a challenge activity will be uploaded to seesaw today for next Friday. I hope you all stay safe and have a fab weekend!

Homework:

Doodle Maths – 3 times a week and stay in the yellow zone but reach for the green zone!

Doodle English – once a week just so the children become familiar with it.

Read 3 x and record this in your Home-School journal.

Spellings on Seesaw.

Optional challenge: Spellings challenge in Seesaw.

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

Year 4 / 5 have had a very productive week and have demonstrated a high level of motivation in their Maths and English tasks. In English we have read the Ancient Mayan Myth, The Hero Twins and the children have enjoyed summarising the story into a comic strip. We had to consider the important point of the story and use concise vocabulary. This week in English we have also completed our class novel 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and written reviews on the book. In Maths we have worked on interpreting a range of timetables including two-way tables. We have focused on our multiplication tables and identified multiples of different numbers. This week we have also found out about Mayan Gods and carried out an investigation into the best material to soundproof a room (making predictions and interpreting results).

Homework

Doodle Maths

Read at home at least 3 times a week

Spellings on seesaw

Year 6 Class News:

In maths we have been simplifying fractions using the highest common factors of the numerator and denominator. We have done a test and we are all pleased with our result. In English we have finished writing up our flashback narratives. In reading, we read chapter 7 and we found out that Prisoner 42 is Thanatos (the evil daemon of death). In History we had a little competition for who could find the most words we use in English with prefixes or suffixes that come from Greek. We created our own baubles and decorated our class xmas tree. We have collected our leaver's hoodies! In active maths we had to collect roman numerals from the centre of the room and try to order them. We also had to put together a maths jigsaw. In dance we learnt a piece of choreography in groups to add to our dance mashup. The children who did the optional homework presented their findings. We have had a great week. From Izaac, Elliot, Tajana, William, Annie and Declan.

Homework:

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow zone but reach for the green zone!

Read 3 x and record this in your Home-School journal

Read Theory – 2 tests

Optional challenge: What are the 7 types of nutrients? How do they help keep our bodies healthy?

Housekeeping:

- Please be extremely careful when dropping off/collecting your children from school. Main Street can get very busy at these times. We have a lot of children cycling to school. Please be mindful when driving / parking on Main Street and take care not to block our neighbours driveways.
- If you need to contact school, please do not come to the school office, please telephone Mrs Stacey on 01757 638426 or email admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk during the current situation.
- Please ensure coats are in school every day and suitable for the changing season !
- Please could we ask that your parent pay accounts are kept in credit. The way the system works regular texts or reminders will be sent out if you go above £10.00 debit and a letter is generated if you have had 3 text reminders. If you are having trouble making payment please speak to Mrs Stacey in the Office

Dates for the Diary :

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11 December 2020

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 16 December 2020

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

Professional development training day: Monday 4 January 2021

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!