



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 25/11/22

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

Reception – Nikara

Year 1 – Ronnie

Year 2 – Owen

Year 3 – Freed

Year 4 – Trent

Year 5 – Jacob

Year 6 – Lillie

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 5

We're thrilled to announce the return the DOODLE Winter Calendar, a seasonal challenge where your pupils can earn in-app rewards by using Doodle 'little and often!' Encourage your children to complete at least one exercise a day between the 1st and 24th of December in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish to open the calendar doors. They'll find exclusive seasonal treats behind each one – and if they open all of the doors on one or both calendars, they'll receive a virtual Winter Calendar badge! **Happy Doodling!**

A message from the Head:

A lovely week in school this week and perhaps the last 'regular' week we will have before the many events of Christmas are upon us !

We are very excited to be hosting the PTA Christmas Fair in school this coming Thursday, the 1st of December. Lots of exciting attractions on offer between 3.30/5.30pm ;

- ❖ Proceedings will start with KS1 and KS2 both singing us a song from their upcoming performances ! This will be done on the playground at 3.20pm. Gates opening at 3.15pm (pupils will then go back into school and be dismissed in the regular way)
- ❖ In the school hall you will find a variety of activities, including tombola, lucky dip, craft and book stalls and festive photo booth !
- ❖ Inside you will also find hot drinks and cakes on sale.
- ❖ Outside on the playground we have 'Time and Plaiçe' fish and chips. (cash preferred if possible – open till 6pm)
- ❖ Finally, don't forget to book your slot to visit Father Christmas himself in our grotto ! This can be done via Parentpay for pupils or at the office for younger siblings or even those adults that still believe !

Stalls (ex fish and chips) will be running on a 'token' basis – purchase your tokens at the token stall when you arrive.

Now a call for help with the Fair ! We would very much appreciate donations of cakes or any other festive baked goods for us to sell at the fair. If these could be brought into school on the morning of the 1st that would be great.

We look forward to seeing you there ! Have a lovely weekend !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

A super week in Reception / Year 1 this week and the children have impressed a variety of staff this week, with their hard work and lovely manner. Christmas has been creeping up on us and we have been spending some of our time perfecting our singing and projecting our voices ready for our starring role in the Nativity.

Then in phonics this week, Year 1 have learnt the split digraph /a-e/ make a cake and /e-e/ go Pete and Steve. We spent time looking at how a split digraph works as 'special friends' in a word, and finding words with the spelling in. Year 1 also wrote a dream Christmas list with a focus on balancing their letters on a line and letter size!

Reception have learnt the new sounds q, x and the special friend, sh!

In maths, Reception have been exploring the 'fiveness of five'! They have been experimenting with composition of 5 and practising their subitising skills. Year 1 looked at doubles and made some interesting discoveries linked to odd and even numbers!

The children continued to explore the properties of different materials and did some sorting to find objects which were bendy, stretchy, hard and soft. Then we recorded our findings on charts. We have also been busy making props this week too, Bethlem is coming together!

Home learning this week:

Reception:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your home/ school journal. Practise recognising your letters.
- Stay in the yellow on Doodlemaths, but reach for the green!

Year 1:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your home/ school journal. Practise reading (and writing, if time) the red words on your bookmark!
- Stay in the yellow on Doodlemaths, but reach for the green!

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News.

We have been singing and dancing our way through the week and we're so proud of the children for how much effort they're putting in to learning lines and some tricky dance moves! For many it will be their first 'big' stage performance, so expect a few nerves to be frayed and please do offer any support you can with practising lines next week - our last before it's show time!

Of course, we've also continued with our core curriculum learning, including addition and subtraction of hundreds and ones (Y3) and two, 2-digit numbers (Y2) in Maths, with an introduction to the column method.

We've worked on our reading comprehension, retrieval and inference skills in English, all based around our current storybook, Cavegirl. We had a try at some character role-play, imagining how we could persuade the boy 'Gron' to give his piece of amber the story's heroine 'Aggie'. Look out for some clips on SeeSaw soon! In Learning for Life with Mrs Capewell, we discussed how we can show people that we care about them.

Today has seen us getting creative again with some fossil art as well as taking part in a special online 'Stone Age Story' workshop with author Robin Price. We zoomed in for the live, interactive lesson and were thoroughly absorbed in all of Robin's enthusiastic ideas and inspiring tips!

A couple of requests; please do send in any costumes by Monday or let us know if you're having problems sourcing anything. We've been lucky to have PTA support to supplement the school stock and have hopefully not asked for too much at this busy time of year.

As the weather turns wetter, another reminder to provide a change of clothes (especially socks & joggers) in PE bags, along with indoor shoes. Basic plimsols are perfect! If you're sorting through outgrown uniforms & would like to donate joggers, leggings, socks, shoes or wellies for our stock cupboard, that would be much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pears and Miss Waddington

Homework:

Reading – x3 but strive for 5! Practise your nativity lines!

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

No Doodle Spell this week – please focus on your nativity lines.

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

It's been a productive week in Year 4/5 full of exciting learning. This week in English we created our own Maya God or Goddess. We drew pictures of our God or Goddess and wrote descriptions. We were careful to include interesting vocabulary and relative clauses to enhance our descriptions. Later in the week we had a go at the ancient Maya ball game called 'Pok-ta-Pok'! It was very tricky – we couldn't touch the ball with our hands, feet or heads so we had to use our elbows, knees and hips to hit the ball to the other team! We then wrote down notes about the rules of the game which we will turn into a set of instructions next week.

In Maths we have been multiplying by 10 and 100 with year 5 also working on multiplying by 1000. We have had a real focus on understanding what is happening to a number when we do this and applying what we know to reasoning questions. We then applied this to dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

In our Mexico topic we have started to make booklets containing what we have learned including food, sport and festivals. We had a very interesting lesson exploring Maya numbers and how they are made with just 3 symbols. We created them using practical resources such as beads and straws, and learned to work out larger Maya numbers. We've also been practising Young Voices songs for a lot of the week, particularly 'Troll Medley'. On Friday afternoon we learned about the Chichén Itzá city-state and had a go at drawing its famous 'Kukulcan Temple' which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World!

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 – this has now been set. To be completed by 5th December.

YOUNG VOICES – Continue to practise the songs learned so far. 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:

This week in maths we have been doing adding and subtracting fractions and been converting them to mixed numbers. For example, $1\frac{2}{5} + 2\frac{3}{10} = 3\frac{7}{10}$ but you have to convert the $\frac{2}{5}$ into $\frac{4}{10}$ then add the $\frac{4}{10}$ and the $\frac{3}{10}$ together which equals $\frac{7}{10}$ and then you have to add the wholes together which is 3. In English we have been writing a draft of a flashback narrative from the piano clip and writing it in are books. In science we have been doing about the circularity system and answering questions about it in full sentences in our books and the lesson was really fun. We had a nspcc workshop and they came in and talked about different type of abuse and we talked about to reach out and stay safe. We have been practicing for young voices are new song is don't worry mashup. Have a good weekend, from Lillie and Maiya ☺

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