



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 05/11/2021

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

5.11.2021

Reception – Arthur

Year 1 – Tom

Year 2 – Florence

Year 3 – Zac

Year 4 – Neave

Year 5 – Jack

Year 6 – Alannah

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 6!

A message from the Head:

Somehow we find ourselves here at the start of what will quickly become 'the Christmas half term', where has the year gone ?

It was lovely to see attendance back up this week, after what had been a particularly difficult half term before the holiday. As the email sent earlier in the week indicates, the situation within North Yorkshire remains of concern to the local authority and as a result a number of COVID related measures have been reinstated within school. This may impact on a variety of events we had scheduled between now and Christmas so please keep an eye on your email for updates and apologies in advance should changes have to be made at short notice. We are however pleased to say that from next week both Breakfast and After School Clubs can resume.

In brighter news, it has been a super start here in school this week, the children returning with a real spring in their steps ! It was also great to see Mrs Wolff back in school to complete an 'Introduction to Forest Schools' for those classes that didn't participate before the holiday. These sessions have been highly praised by both pupils and staff alike and we hope to be able to offer follow up sessions for all classes later in the school year.

Finally, sorry for the delay in confirming but thanks to your generosity it took us a while longer than expected to collect in and total up the the funds raised from last half terms sponsored run. We are pleased to announce that collectively you raised for the school just under £3,000 ! Thank you so much for your efforts, given the difficulties faced in organising PTA events over the last 12 months these funds were desperately needed and we will certainly put them to good use. Please extend our thanks to all of the family members, friends and co-workers that sponsored our pupils and we will keep you informed as to how the funds will benefit pupils in the coming months.

Have a super (and safe) bonfire weekend !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

The children have come back to school with so much enthusiasm this week, keen to share their stories from Halloween and other experiences from the holidays! This moved us into thinking about the upcoming Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated. We explored the history of Bonfire Night and the story of the Gunpowder Plot! Year 1 have made Guy Fawkes 'wanted' posters and written in the role of characters from the story. We talked about how to keep safe with fireworks and the children have made firework safety videos. We watched a firework display on the whiteboard and have produced some firework art! The children have also built a bonfire in the outdoor area (and are constantly checking there are no hedgehogs inside!!)

In phonics, Reception have introduced t, i, n, p to their letter sound repertoire and we have been practising blending words with these sounds in. Year 1 have been working on their group reading books, practising the story red and green words.

In maths, Year 1 have been consolidating their understanding of part/whole models and have used them to make 'fact families'. We spent a couple of lessons on this and they grasped it really well by the end! We have introduced the concept of 'one more' and 'one less' with numbers 1, 2 and 3, using a number track. Then the children investigated circles, thinking about the properties and making some circle art!

In other areas of our classroom, there has been potion making, spooky stencils, pen disco, firework dancing, building the Houses of Parliament in construction, leaf clearing for our compost bin in the outdoor area and lots more!!

Home learning for this week:

Reception:

- Enjoy your reading book at least three times this week and record in your journal.
- Practise recognising your letter sounds in your phonics pack- can you start to make some three letter words with the letters we have learnt? tin pat nap etc?
- Can you go on a circle hunt in your house and take some photos for seesaw?

Year 1:

- Enjoy your reading book at least three times this week and record in your home/school journal.
- Stay in orange on Doodlemaths and reach for the green!
- Complete your DoodleSpell Extra task.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News.

What a fantastic return to school it has been for Year 2/3. The class have hit the ground running with their learning and have not stopped! In Maths this week, the class have continued to learn about addition and subtraction and have focused on using bar models to support them solving word problems. In English, the class have learnt about shape poems and written their own all about Bonfire night. In History, the class have wrapped up their learning about Captain Cook with a fact file all about his life and voyages. In Science, we have started a new topic about Forces and magnets and so the class had time exploring what magnets are and seeing what objects they were attracted to. In P.E., the class also started learning how to dribble in basketball.

Home learning this week:

- Enjoy your reading book at least three times this week and record in your home/school journal.
- Stay in orange on Doodlemaths and reach for the green!
- Complete the extra on Doodlespell.

Have a fab weekend and stay safe this Bonfire Night! Mr Hedges

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

It was lovely to welcome the class back after half-term and they have worked their socks off this week!

On Monday we used our summarising skills to record key points from our research on Anglo Saxon Settlements and homes. We took care to only include the main points and organise our points into a bulleted list. On Tuesday we began to identify the features of biographies and autobiographies in preparation for our next English unit. We read an extract from *Boy* by Roald Dahl and an informative text about the author. Later in the week we had an exciting couple of sessions exploring the idea of an 'inspirational person', using a biography of Nelson Mandela as a focus. This will inspire our writing across the next couple of weeks.

In Maths we have been working very hard on improving our rapid recall of times tables and started the week by looking at what happens when we multiply by 0, 1 and divide a number by 1 and itself. We made generalisations about what happens and applied these to reasoning challenges. We then moved on to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000.

In Art we have been using our drawing skills to record ideas of what an Anglo-Saxon house looks like. We focused on the shape of the building, the texture of the roof and how we could add "personality" to our sketches by interpreting the subject rather than just copying as we had done in our still life work last half term. In Music the children continued to practise different strings playing 'House of Doom' and other spooky songs. They even started to learn how to play chords!

In French the class have learned vocabulary for different members of the Simpsons family and practised spelling. The class had an excellent day on Wednesday for 'Forest School'. They made lots of different outdoor crafts, tried out rope swings and even relaxed on a hammock!

Homework this week:

Doodle Maths (strive for green)

Reading 3 x weekly and recorded and signed in their home-school journal

Doodle Spell Extra activity

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Capewell and Mrs Townend

Year 6 Class News:

Charlotte - This week at school we did a lot of things but let's start at Monday. In History we were painting the pots that we made before the holidays these were Greek pots and every one enjoyed painting them.

On Tuesday it was outdoor learning day and all the year sixes could agree that it was very fun. Before lunch we were making small fires and building dens and we could do what ever we wanted to the only rule was that we were not allowed to leave the outdoor area unless we were going to the to the bathroom. In the afternoon we put the fires away but it was still great fun, there was a huge swing and a hammock they were the things that everyone loved. Then was the end of the day and we all went home. On Wednesday we were doing all about relationships and how they work and all the different types of them as well. We had a big poster with a picture in the middle and we had to describe the picture in different ways and every five minutes or so we would swap the poster and describe the other poster. We are finding out what makes a healthy, positive relationship.

On Thursday we were using BIDMAS in maths which is a pyramid that helps us remember the order of operations. For example $4 + 6 \times 3$ is not 30 it is 22.

Have a good weekend. Enjoy bonfire night and marshmallows. Charlotte.

Homework this week:

Doodle Maths

Reading 3 x weekly and record this in your home-school journal

Doodle Spell Extra activity

Dates for the Diary - Autumn 2 :

PLEASE NOTE ALL BELOW EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS

~~Wed 10/11/21 - 3.30 / 4.30 - Open Classroom event (WS) - CANCELLED~~

Mon 15/11/2021 to Fri 19/11/2021 - Anti-Bullying Week – Focus week in school.

Thu 18/11/2021 - United Nations Climate Change School Event – focus day in school.

Fri 19/11/2021 - Children In Need – Focus day in school.

Thu 02/12/2021 - 17:00 - 18:00 - Y2/3 - Christmas Performance

Mon 06/12/2021 - 13:00 - 15:30 - Flu Vaccinations

Thur 09/12/2021 - 17:00-18:00 – Rec/Y1 - Nativity Performance

Fri 10/12/2021 - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 10/12/2021 - 15:30 - 17:30 - School Christmas Fair - in school

Tue 14/12/21 – Aladdin (Pantomime) – 12.00/5.00pm Cast Theatre, Doncaster. (Pls note late return)
(WS)

Mon 20/12/2021 to Fri 31/12/2021 - Xmas School Holiday
Tue 04/01/2022 (All day) Training Day - Holiday for pupils