

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 18/02/2022

‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

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

Reception – Tiggy

Year 1 – Tilly

Year 2 – Henry

Year 3 – Zac

Year 4 – Ellis

Year 5 – Isobel

Year 6 – Rowan

Top Doodling Class – YEAR 6!

Doodle will be releasing an exciting update at the end of February, which will improve the speed and performance, and create lots more exciting possibilities for questions! After the update, the minimum operating systems able to run the Doodle programmes will be:

- iOS - iOS 11 or higher (currently iOS 10).
- Android - OS 4.4 or later (unchanged).
- WebGL - Firefox 52+ Chrome 57+, Safari 11+, Edge 16+ (unchanged).

Please make sure that the operating systems on any devices at home are updated to these ahead of the release so that your child(ren) can continue Doodling.

A message from the Head:

Another half term draws to a close but before we head into a week’s hibernation we look ahead to what’s to come.

This Saturday our own Mrs Wilson, alongside some wonderful volunteers, will be hosting a book and toy sale at the Village Institute on Hull Road. This will run from 10am until 12pm and include tea and cake. All funds raised will go to support the school.

Our new half term gets off to a flying start on the 28th of February, with World Book Week and a very exciting visit from author and artist Al Murphy. This will start the ball rolling on a week of literacy themed activities.

On Wednesday we would like to welcome all parents / carers into school at 3.30pm for an ‘open classrooms’ event. Pupils will be dismissed in the regular way, once clear they are welcome to bring you back into school to look at their books, share their classroom spaces etc. This is an opportunity for you to share their work with them and does not replace the traditional conference evenings to come later in the term. As we are still subject to an NYCC Risk Assessment we must ask all those in attendance to **wear masks unless exempt** and guidance advises a ‘flow test’ before attendance.

Finally, it is with mixed emotion we inform you that this academic year will be the last here for Mr Hedges. While we will be incredibly sad to see him leave in July, we are excited to hear of his adventures to come and a big geographical move to the deep south. We will keep you informed of his replacement in due course.

Have a super week !

Reception/Year 1:

Reception and Year 1 have had a great week and we enjoyed our visitor from Selby library on Tuesday! She read us some stories that she had brought from the library, told us all about what there is at the library and brought library cards for some of us! With next week being half term, it is a perfect time to visit the library and explore the exciting books that they have there! If you manage to fit a trip to the library in, then please upload a photo to Seesaw so we can revisit your experiences in the first week back! You might even like to tell us about a book you borrowed!

Valentine's Day brought the love monster into our classroom and we enjoyed reading the story and then making our own love monster collages! We wrote love messages about the people we love the most, and Mrs Pipes' special heart biscuits definitely made our day extra special!

In phonics, Reception have been practising their blending with different games and we have been looking at the red words 'I', 'the' and 'no' which have featured in the texts we were reading in class. Year 1 have learnt the new sounds /ow/ brown cow, /oa/ goat in a boat, and /ai/ snail in the rain! They love learning a new sound!

In our maths learning, Reception have been exploring the composition of 8, and finding number bonds which make 8. They have also started to look at the concept of one more and one less. Year 1 have completed their unit on addition and subtraction strategies. This week, we focused on using a number line to count back. We have also been practising our mental maths and recalling our knowledge of number bonds.

In computing, we revisited online safety and read a story about Smartie the Penguin. We had some great advice to give him about staying safe on his tablet! Our Learning for life allowed us to explore what classrooms look like around the world. We compared the classrooms to see what is the same and what is different!

We are looking forward to holding our final book sale tomorrow (Saturday) at Cliffe Institute between 10 and 12. I know some of you are coming to be shopkeepers but also completely understand that some of you are busy too, but you have all supported us in some way with the project and we thank you for that! Have a lovely half term break!

Mrs Wilson

Year 2/3:

What a fab final week of learning it has been in Year 2/3!

In English this week, the children have been learning the features of a book review before writing their own about our class book *Hector and the big bad knight*. In Maths, we have finished our multiplication and division topic, practising lots of reasoning and problem solving style questions to help embed our learning. In Science, we have continued our rock topic and focused on what soil is made of and how it is formed. The children explored this themselves by studying different soil samples from around the school. In Music, the class continued to improve their bow work and learnt new pieces of music to further develop their skills and musical knowledge. Finally, in P.E. the children finished their tennis topic by using all the skills they have developed this half term and played a variety of games to support this.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and I hope they enjoy a restful and fun half term!

There is no expectations for homework this week but they will still have access to all the Doodle platforms.

Have a great fab! Mr Hedges

Year 4/5:

Year 4/5 have had a very busy final week of the half term.

In English we have been planning, writing and editing a prequel story, taking care to use descriptive vocabulary and punctuated dialogue. In Maths this week we have been learning about fractions greater than 1, revising our work on equivalent fractions and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In Science this week the class had a great session learning about the phases and movement of the moon

using chocolate biscuits! Pictures are on Seesaw! In Computing the class finished their planet posters, including many features such as tables and diagrams.

We had a very interesting Learning for Life lesson this week exploring gender stereotypes in different jobs and careers. We discussed where stereotypes may have come from and vowed to challenge these. In French we finished our unit on 'Les Vetements' by writing sentences about what different celebrities were wearing in different pictures! Finally, in Geography the class learned about the weather and the climate of the Tropics, presenting their own weather forecast for different countries in the tropics!

Homework this half-term:

Keep up the Doodle Maths - try and be in the yellow ready for the first week back

Keep reading! How many books will you read this half-term? (Mrs Townend is aiming for at least two!)

World Book day is on Thursday 3rd March. We will be having an extra special book share so bring in your favourite book of all time! We will also be having a poetry focus, so if you have any favourite poems, whether in a book or printed out, please bring these in!

Have a lovely half-term and most importantly, give those brains a good rest!

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6:

This week in maths we have been learning about function machines and algebraic expressions, for example $2a + 2b$ to show the perimeter of the shape. Then we solved 1 and 2 step problems, for example,

$$9 = 2y + 8$$

$$2y = 1$$

$$Y = 1/2$$

And we had to work out the value of the letter. In English we have been doing our healthy positive relationship posters. Some of the paragraphs are about consent (consent is where you ask someone permission before touching them) and some were about when should we keep a secret and when shouldn't we. In reading we were practicing our reading skills so we had to scan through the text to find answers to questions and after that we drew our own cowshed from what the gods made in who let the gods out based on the details from the chapter. We also pretended that we were news reporters and scanned through text to find what happened and we had to answer: when? Where? What? Who? Why? How? Now we're finishing our book of who let the gods out. For a treat we watched a movie, Thor, today! Have a good half term from Scarlett and Rosie

Homework this half-term:

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

Doodle English - stay in the yellow zone, but reach for the green zone

Reading – continue reading and recording it in your Home School journal – they will count towards our chart!

Please note there is no Doodle Spell activity for half term. Homework this week is not compulsory, but is strongly encouraged.

Diary Dates :

Mon 21/02/2022 to Fri 25/02/2022 Half Term

Mon 28/02/2022 to Fri 04/03/2022 - World Book Week - literature focus week in school

Mon 28/02/2022 - Visit from author / artist Al Murphy

Wed 02/03/2022 - 15:30 - 16:30 - Open classrooms - families invited in to visit their child's class and share work.

Thu 03/03/22 - World Book Day – Focus day in school

Fri 11/03/22 – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 6 Open Assembly

Mon 14/03/2022 to Fri 21/03/2022 – Forest School Week – Sessions for all pupils.

Fri 18/03/2022 - Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' focus activities in school.

Fri 1/4/22 – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 4/5 Open Assembly

Wed 6/4/22 - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 3 (WS)

Thur 7/4/22 - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 4 (WS)

Mon 11/04/2022 to Fri 22/04/2022 Easter Holiday