



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 12/03/21

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

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

Rec – Owen Marshall
Y1 – Josh Woodbridge
Y2 – Zac Wallinger
Y3 – Neave Buckle-Williams
Y4 – Jack Dawson
Y5 – Ameliya Buckle-Williams
Y6 – Tyra Buckle-Williams
Doodle Class of the week: Year 6

A message from the Head:

It has been a real delight to welcome pupils back into school this week and fill the building with the life it has very much been missing since December. The children have all coped incredibly well with the return to routine and smiles and laughter have been abound.

Thank you to all of our families for maintaining the start and end of day routines and ensuring we stay as 'COVID safe' as possible throughout. As you know things are not quite 'business as usual' in school but we are trying to look ahead and plan for some familiar events to still take place;

- Standard end of term class assessments will still take place in the final week and we will inform you of the outcomes of these after the Easter holiday.
- Home / School Conference Evenings, which would typically take place around now, will still occur but we will push these back until May so have a little more insight into how pupils are coping post return. It is likely that these will once again be via Zoom.
- End of year written reports will still be issued in July.
- We are led to believe that risk assessments will be revised come the Summer Term to allow off site visits. If this occurs we will look to offer Year 6 access to swimming lessons and all pupils the opportunity for a day trip off site.
- We are currently told there are no firm plans to reinstate residential visits this academic year, however that is not to say that this will not change. Furthermore we are told that the future of North Yorkshires outdoor education sites (of which Bewerley Park is one) very much 'hangs in the balance'. For now our residential visit remains in the diary and we will share any further updates on this with you when we have them.

As ever, we will let you know of any changes to routine or diary dates with as much notice as possible and we thank you in advance for your ongoing support with the challenges this current context continues to present. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything else we can help you with.

Have a super weekend !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

Our Reception and Year 1 children have had a fantastic week! From the Monday morning smiles and excitement (which we renamed Christmas morning!) which have continued right through to the end of the week, we are so proud of how amazingly well they have returned and settled back into school! We have had a week long focus on wellbeing; reading stories, playing games, enjoying our friendships, art and lots of active, outdoor play. Our afternoons have been a celebration of National Science Week! We have investigated floating and sinking, made density towers, explored how craters are made on the moon (you may have noticed the 'moon dust' on our clothes!) and explored the science of bubbles! We have focussed on the language we use when we carry out experiments like 'predict', 'results', 'fair test' etc. The children have also been very busy preparing for a special day this coming Sunday, so we hope you enjoy their efforts!

If you haven't yet returned the school reading books/ name writing boards from your remote learning pack, then please send them in ASAP, as we will be sending new reading books out next week. We are also collecting in your 'gold star' charts from home (that you collected from seesaw during home learning) so please send them in ASAP too so we can add in the children's dojo points! Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What a brilliant first week back at school! Every child has come back with a can do attitude and worked incredibly hard. They have all had smiles on their faces and enjoyed playing and learning with their friends in person once again! The whole Y2/3 team are incredibly proud of how well the pupils have returned and we look forward to seeing all that they achieve in these last two weeks. In class, the children have been eased back into their learning. In Maths, the children have continued to learn about shape and their properties. In English, the children have been looking at diary entries and how to express characters feelings. In the afternoons, we have been celebrating National Science Week! We have focused on the children's practical enquiry skills, looking at different types of investigations, key vocabulary and how to write up different elements of an experiment i.e. predications, methods and conclusions. The children have had their first dance session with our PE coaches from First Steps on Friday and they seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed it. If you haven't yet returned the school reading books please do as we will be sending new reading books out next Monday. I hope you have a fab weekend! Mr Hedges

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

It's been so good to have year 4 / 5 back this week. They have all settled in so well and have hit the ground running with their learning. We have carried out lots of group tasks this week to get the children working as a team and co-operating with each other. In maths we have recapped on equivalent fractions, multiplication, division and comparing fractions. In English we have continued with the non-chronological reports the children began at home during their remote learning. This week we have completed our tiger reports and began to plan a large factual poster. This week we have celebrated British Science week by carrying out an invertebrate hunt in the school outdoor education area. Building on their work on invertebrates, the children also had great fun inventing their own 'robo-bug' on Friday designed to achieve goals such as search and rescue or construction. On Thursday the children started their music lessons with Mrs Moulds playing the ukulele! They did amazing! PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has warm clothing particularly as we're still shaking off winter it seems! Homework: Doodle Maths, Doodle English

All children now have a home / school reading book. The target is for them to read this at home at least three times a week.

Year 6 Class News:

It has been lovely to be back at school with our friends and teachers. It is definitely much easier at school than at home. In learning for life this week we have been learning what stereotypes are and how people might be affected by negative stereotypes. At the end of the lesson we had to work in groups to rewrite comments so they didn't promote stereotypical thinking. In Science we have started our new topic living things and their habitats. For our first lesson were working as taxonomists to classify animals based on their similarities and these are on Seesaw. In English we have been exploring and discussing a poem called 'Windrush Child' by John Agard. Then, we used preposition phrases to generate ideas for our poem and then we have been drafting our poem. In maths we have been recapping the 4 methods with fractions and solving lots of reasoning challenges. In PE we have been learning a street dance which remind me of Tik Tok dances and we all tried to learn a move called the freeze. The starter very fun because we had to all stand in a circle and try getting a hula hoop around is and get it all the way round. Have a great weekend and a good mother's day. Lucie ☺

Homework:

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

Reading – minimum 3 x weekly and recording these in our home-school journals

Please make sure you have a spare pair of shoes in school for break times

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!

Dates for the Diary:

Half term holiday: Monday 29th March 2021 to Friday 9th April 2021

Professional development day – Monday 12th April 2021