



# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending 11/11/22**

## ‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

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

Reception – Nikara and Skyla

Year 1 – Arthur

Year 2 – Evelyn

Year 3 – Daisy

Year 4 – Liam

Year 5 – Jacob

Year 6 – Lillie

**Doodle Class of the week: RECEPTION!**

### *A message from the Head:*

A brilliantly busy week this week in school, classrooms brimming with everything from rocket shaped poetry to acts of remembrance .

Thank you to all that attended our ‘Open Classroom’ event on Wednesday. It is always great to share your child’s efforts and progress with you and we hope you enjoyed your visit. Towards the end of the term we will also send home a written record of your child’s attainment. Of course if you need any further information in the meantime, please just make an appointment to see their class teacher.

A few festive notices, as we approach the season of goodwill –

We are pleased to announce our wonderful PTA are organising a school Christmas Fair, on Thursday the 1st of December. School will play host to a variety of festive stalls, drinks and snacks, children’s activities and even a visit from Father Christmas himself ! Should you wish to book an opportunity for your children to visit Santa in his grotto, receive a small gift and opportunity for photos then this can be booked via Parentpay for £3.50 per pupil. Further details of the event will follow in a separate email soon !

Just a reminder that our Reception, Year 1,2 and 3 pupils will be presenting their own festive spin on ‘Strictly’ on Tuesday the 6th of December (2:30-3:30) and Thursday the 8th of December (17:00-18:00). Details on ticket allocations to follow.

On Wednesday the 7th of December our whole school will take a trip to Cast Theatre, Doncaster for a super morning of Pantomime. Please give consent and payment for this via Parentpay as soon as possible.

Then on Friday the 9th of December our Year 2/3 pupils will take a trip across to Kings Church, Selby for their super Christmas Experience. This trip is subsidised as part of our RE curriculum, so no payment necessary but please give consent via Parentpay.

Finally, a little sooner in the diary, next Friday will see us looking to support the Children in Need campaign for this year. Pupils are offered the opportunity to attend school without their uniform, in return for a donation to the charity. A simple donation of loose change can be brought in on the day, the spottier the outfit the better !

Have a lovely weekend !

## Reception and Year 1 Class News:

Reception and Year 1 have had another very seasonal week this week and it was lovely to see so many of you enjoying our classroom on Wednesday evening!

Fireworks have continued to be a major theme in discussions and activities following bonfire night at the weekend! We followed on from our 'Zim Zam Zoom' poem with a focus on onomatopoeia and firework sound words! Year 1 went on to write their own firework poem which we will share soon! We have explored different ways of making firework art too! At the end of the week, we started to talk about why the children are seeing poppies around, and introduced the idea of 'peace' and what it means to us. There were lots of lovely descriptions and ideas. We went on a leaf hunt and found some orangey-red leaves, then we used our cutting skills to snip them up and stuck them on Poppy templates to make our own natural poppies!

In phonics, Reception have covered the letters r, j and v. Year 1 have covered /ar/ (start the car), /air/ (that's not fair) and /ou/ (shout it out). They have also been having a go at 'proof reading' their work and others'. In maths, Reception have been exploring 3 and 4, practising their subitising skills. Reception's first week of Doodlemaths at home has been a brilliant one! Thank you for all your support with this! Year 1 have been looking at different way of comparing amounts and we introduced fact families, following on from our part/whole model work.

We have started to rehearse the nativity songs this week and the children are picking them up quickly! You might hear the odd hum around the house and, before long, you'll get full blown song performances, I'm sure! Costume requests will be sent out next week!

Reception home learning:

- Read your books at least three times and record in your home/school journal. Practise recognising the letters in your phonics packs.
- Stay in the orange but reach for the green in Doodlemaths.

Year 1 home learning:

- Read your books at least three times and record in your home/school journal. Practise reading (and writing, if you get chance!) the red words on your book marks!
- Stay in the orange but reach for the green in Doodlemaths.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson

## Year 2 and 3 Class News.

The children have enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day this week in our assemblies, understanding the symbolism of the poppies we've been buying as part of the British Legion fundraiser in school. This culminated in a 2 minute silence at 11am today, whilst we watched footage from war memorials around the country. We also read an online story book called 'Lest We Forget' and this afternoon we enjoyed creating some poppy field paintings using a variety of printing techniques.

At the start of the week we were excited to have another fun and competitive PE session with Mr Taylor. This definitely wakes us up on a dreary, chilly Monday! In the rest of the wider curriculum we have been rehearsing the songs for our Christmas play and then became mini geologists for the week, studying rocks; how they are formed, different types and the rock cycle. Can the children tell you about Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rocks?!

We continued our poetry topic in English, learning about onomatopoeia (try spelling that first thing in the morning!) and thinking of lots of words to describe fireworks and bonfire night sights, smells and sounds. The children have worked well in small groups, creating vocabulary mind maps and sharing ideas. Now we are putting our descriptive phrases into our own firework shape poems.

In Mastering Maths we have learnt that two odd or two even numbers always total an even number, using images to help us see how. In our Maths lessons we have been adding and subtracting tens from 2 digit or 3 digit numbers.

Nativity costume requests will be sent out next week; we have managed to source the vast majority from our school collection and with support from the PTA. So the items from home will mostly be garments to wear under their costumes. Thank you for your support with this and do practise the children's lines and song words with them if you get the chance!

Next week we will be having a lesson using the NSPCC 'Pants' resources. Please check these out online and if you have any questions please let us know on Monday morning.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Pears and Miss Waddington.

Home learning

Reading x3 per week but strive for 5! Please record quickly in the home school record.

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, reach for the green!

Doodle Spell – complete the Extra assignment by next Friday.

## *Year 4 and 5 Class News:*

Another week flown by!

In English this week the class have been planning and writing a persuasive letter discouraging the Little Bird from being unkind to the Big Bird. They learned how to use formal conjunctions and support main points with supporting points. They also worked hard to use emotive language and rhetorical questions. In Maths this week the children have learned how to find factors and common factors of numbers. They have also learned/revised their 6 and 9 times tables.

With Mrs Jones on Tuesday the class finished their anti-bullying posters as part of their Learning for Life and ready for anti-bullying week. In PE the class continued to practise their basketball skills in small games.

We had a very interesting first lesson on the Maya Civilization in History, learning about who they were and where they lived. The children had a great time using 'Google Earth' to find all the Maya city-states and the ruins they left behind.

Homework:

YOUNG VOICES – continue to practise the song 'Nile Rodgers Disco Party' and the 'Proud' chorus. Links here:

<https://myclassmate.ai/content/98>

<https://myclassmate.ai/content/101>

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 – set on Mondays, complete by the following Monday

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

## Year 6 Class News:

Hello. This week in year 6 we have been learning about (BIDMAS) which stands for brackets , indices , division , multiplication , addition , subtraction. Also in maths we have been simplifying fractions so if you have four 6,s you can divide both of them by two or another number to simplify it (your answer would be two 3rds.

In English we have been doing expand sentences using expanded noun phrases, identifying adverbials, expanding sentences using relative clauses. Most of our work so far has been based on a short animation called the piano its about an old man who plays the piano and has tons of memory's about his past such as his wife who has died, him in the war and him when he was little. In reading we have been doing a poppy quiz about how the poppy became so famous and how the day came around (poppy day). Thank you for reading and have a great weekend. Kayden and Malci :)

Y6 Homework:

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

Doodle English – stay in the yellow, reach for the green

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 -

- Mon 14/11/2022 to Fri 18/11/2022 Anti-Bullying Week
- Fri 18/11/2022 (All day) Children In Need
- 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