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Federation

The federation consultation closes on Friday 4th December 2020. If you would like to comment please do so before that date.

Home Learning

Just a reminder that if a child has any Covid-related absence that there is always work ready for them on Google Classrooms for their first day of absence, after which their teacher will be in contact with them.



Christmas Lunch

Barbara will be serving Christmas lunch on Thursday 10th December and would like children to place their orders by Wednesday 2nd December. The menu is as follows:

Roast turkey with all the trimmings
Vegetable Crown
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College Pudding
Chocolate snowball

Please email the school with your child's order by Wednesday 2nd. Thank you.

KS2 Christmas Play

As I'm sure you understand, we will not be able to invite parents into school this year to see our Christmas play. However, the good news is that KS2 are still going to perform a play that we will be recording and sharing on a digital platform.

Miss Gillard and the children have been working hard learning their lines and rehearsing; they are looking forward to presenting *Tinsel and Tea towels*.

We aim to have the play available during the final week of this extremely busy term and details of how to access it will be made available in due course.

Details of any costume ideas/requests will be sent home this week and any help in preparing these would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your help and understanding.

Mr B and Miss Gillard



Living Advent Calendar

As Friends of Cotherstone School are unable to do the traditional Christmas Lights 'switch on' this year, we will be participating in their 'Living Advent Calendar' project.

We have been allocated 1st December so keep your eyes peeled for our Christmas window display!

Christmas Post Boxes

Class 1, 2 and 3 have received their Post boxes from the School Council. They are now ready in the classrooms for Christmas cards to be posted from Friday 4th December to Friday 11th December.



Class 1

Wellies

As we are fast approaching winter, the weather is starting to get much wetter and colder. Please can all children in Class 1 bring a pair of wellies to be kept in school with their name clearly marked. This will enable the children to always access the outdoor area and be able to play on the field.

EYFS

Reception had great fun role-playing the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' Rupert was a super big billy goat and Scarlett did well to be the medium sized billy goat. They all re-told the story well. 😊



Following on from our work in Literacy based around a magic paintbrush story the children wrote their own stories at the start of the week. Year 1 and Year 2 wrote about what they would paint with their own magic paintbrush had they had one. Joseph wrote: "I woke up and saw a magic paintbrush. I painted some toys for Annie. I painted chocolate for me. I painted lipstick for Mammy. I painted coffee for Daddy. I kept my magic paintbrush. I felt very happy." All independent 😊

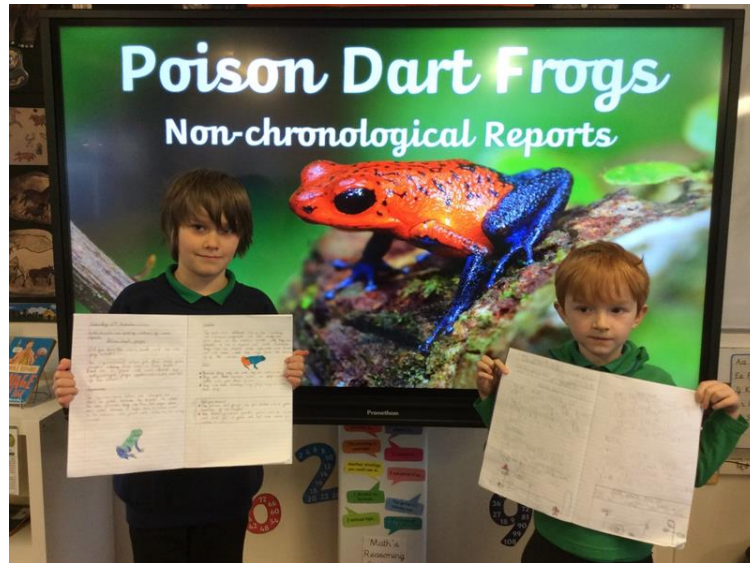
Class 2

Poison Dart Frog Non-Chronological Reports By Thomas and Charlie

In Class Two, we wrote a non-chronological report about poison dart frogs. A non-chronological report is non-fiction writing which tells us information about a person, place, event or thing. We wrote about their appearance, habitat and diet.

We learnt about the features of a report, like subheadings, formal language and bullet points and used expanded noun phrases and compound and complex sentences to make our writing better. We are going to share our reports with Class 3 so they can learn all about poison dart frogs.

Class 2 really enjoyed learning about poison dart frogs and writing our reports!



Class 3

Living Things, Habitats and Biodiversity

By Kitty and Indi



This week in Class 3 we have been learning about living things, habitats and biodiversity. We are going to take part in a competition alongside other schools to design a structure to encourage biodiversity. Biodiversity (in summary) is life. Blue tits, silver birches and lots more are all examples of biodiversity. Biodiversity is like a machine with cogs in. If one cog is taken out or goes rusty the machine won't work. Because of pollution, plastic, deforestation, global warming and human activity, biodiversity is being lost at a rapid speed. In our seas, it is estimated that in 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. If we want a clean planet we need to act now and act fast, time is running out! Moving on from all the gloom and doom, there is still time to save our planet. Whoever wins the competition will receive £3000.00 to bring their structure to life.

School Council

Hi everyone, first, we thought we would tell you a bit about our school council committee. Our school council is made up of 7 pupils from Reception to year 6 and we all have different roles to do. We all voted for each other for certain roles and this half term our Chairperson is Libby, the Secretary is Sennen, and our Treasurer is Henry.

In today's meeting we read out the reply letter from Morrisons about our request for a real Christmas tree this year and they said YES! They wrote "How could we refuse such a lovely letter!"

A big Thank you! to Morrisons for donating our school a beautiful Christmas tree!

Also, we are due to do our first interview with Mrs Matthewman, so answers to our exciting questions will be revealed next week. Bye for now.

Golden Ticket Lunchtime Awards

Golden tickets this week were awarded to:

Owen - for always being a good team player in the school playground at lunchtimes.

Sennen - for always having lovely manners at lunchtime.



Ryan - for his lovely manners at lunchtime.

Peter - for doing really well with eating his dinners all week.



Thank you for all your support.

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team