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## **Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

### **COVID-19**

Thank you for continuing to adhere to the guidance and requests we have issued with regards to staying safe during the pandemic. Please email the school if a member of your household tests positive on the Saturday or Sunday after we break up.

### **School Milk**

Once your child reaches 5 years of age unfortunately they are no longer eligible for free school milk. If you would like your child to continue receiving milk please sign them up by using this link:  
<https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>

### **Egg Rolling Competition**

Next Friday, we are holding our traditional Egg Rolling Competition in school. Prizes will be given for the furthest rolled egg. Please could you send your child in with a hard-boiled egg so that they can take part. Eggs can be brought in any day during next week and we will keep them safely stored until the competition.

### **Decorate an Egg Competition**

To all the fabulous creative, arty families out there - we are holding an Egg Decorating Competition and the theme is a character from a film or TV programme. Have a go at home and submit your entry before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to be in with a chance to win a prize. Good Luck!

### **Thank you**

Class 1 would like to say a very big thank you to the Friends of Cotherstone Primary school for purchasing a selection of items for Class 1. The children have enjoyed using some of the resources already. The CD player which arrived with 10 Julia Donaldson story CDs and the story spoons and chalkboard have been greatly enjoyed this week. Up to 5 children can now all enjoy listening to a story together using the 5 new headphones.



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## Reading Books -Class 1

Class 1 will be changing reading books on a Monday and Thursday.

## Art in Class 2

Over the past few weeks in Art we did observational drawings of insects in pencil, using shading and then we introduced using colour. Miss Dryden brought us some real insects in glass cases so we could really see the tiny features clearly. Miss Thomas gets a bit of a fright every time she goes into the cupboard, forgets they are there and is greeted by a variety of insects!

This week as part of our Insect Art Topic we made insects sculptures with Mrs B using newspaper, tissue paper, pipe cleaners and wire.

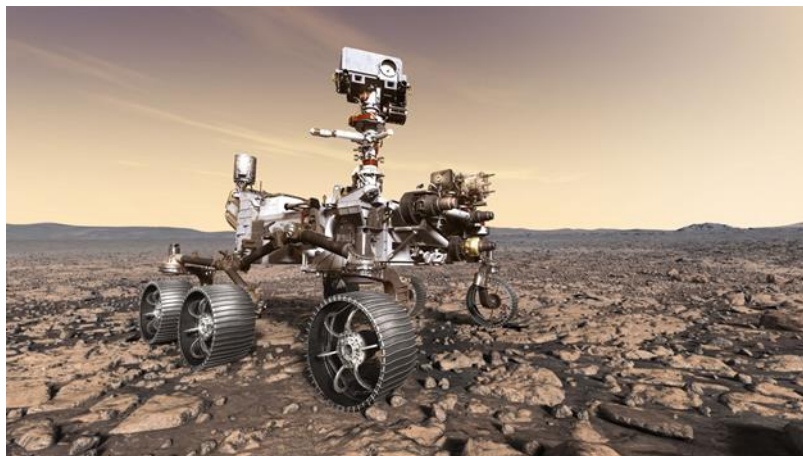
Here are some of our finished results! Miss Thomas is super impressed! We're hoping to get outside next week to create some using the natural resources we can find.



## Mars Day/Black Hole

By Indi and Aliccia and Technical Consultant: Owen

Yesterday it was Mars Day. We went onto a Zoom meeting with Tim Peake and he told us a little bit about Perseverance and the person who started the meeting wanted to register to be a new astronaut so that he could put his rejection letter in the bathroom. Mr B might do this aswell!



We then joined another meeting and we met a robot called NAO. She had a command list made from Scratch Programming which we use in school and we got to choose the order of the commands, A, B, C or D. Did you know that Mars could have had signs of life because billions of years ago Mars was similar to Earth? We also learnt how rovers land on Mars with co-ordinates. After that we learnt that there were some house designs we could use in the future to live on Mars, like the Roly-Poly Bug and we learnt about Perseverance's drill and how it's looking for fossils of past life on Mars. A couple of days ago in Science we learnt about Stephen Hawking and his idea about black holes. First of all, a black hole is a star that has died and all the gravity from the star pulls even light in and if you did visit a black hole and if you came too close you would get spaghettified and people would see you stretch out, up to about a mile! There is an area called 'The Point of No Return', (Event Horizon) it makes a dip in Space. You could make a science experiment with a piece of fabric and one marble with quite a hard marble and there you go, a science experiment!

## **Comic Relief 2021 Donation Total**

Thank you to all the families and children for your kind donations to a very worthwhile cause. We have managed to raise a whopping £120.50!

Write-ups from the children for today's activities will be reported in the next edition of the newsletter.

### **Breakfast Club**

Club costs £3 per day and includes a nutritious start to the day for your child. Please contact a member of staff if you would like to book your child a place.

### **After School Club**

Club runs Monday to Thursday 3:15pm – 5:15pm, contact Alison if you would like to book your child in.

### **Homework**

All – Please see your child's Google Classroom account for this week's homework.

### **Upcoming Dates For Your Diary**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Egg rolling competition  
Decorated eggs need to be in by today  
School closes for the Easter holidays

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens

***Thank you for all your support.***

***Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team***