



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 12th November 2021

Covid

We would like to thank all of our parents for adhering to the re-introduced measures which will help to keep us all safe.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the children will be taking part in lots of activities, assemblies, and discussions about this event, what bullying means and how we can prevent it from happening. In addition to this, it would be great if all the children could take part in 'Odd Sock Day' which will be held on Monday 15th November to show their support.



Little Learners

Our 'Little Learners' made some lovely poppies this week!



This week in Class 1...

It's been another busy week in Class 1. Here are just a few of the subjects we have covered;

In Literacy we have continued to read silly poems and have had a go at writing our own silly poems using some great adjectives! The children have designed their own aliens and written descriptive sentences about them too. We completed a reading comprehension about 'Remembrance Day'.

In Numeracy, Year 1 have been learning number bonds to 10 and systematic number bonds. Year 2 have been adding three 1-digit numbers and ordering them and adding and taking away 10.

In Geography, the children have enjoyed using 'Google Earth' to look at the bigger picture of where we are, then we have looked at our country and then focused on Cotherstone. The children labelled a map of Cotherstone using an ariel photograph.

In Art, the children created some beautiful watercolour painting of poppies and enjoyed creating their own tissue paper poppy. We learned about the 4 different coloured poppies.



Brollies!

We would welcome donations of used children's umbrellas. If you have any at home that you are finished with please send them in. Thank you!

This week in Key Stage 2...

Class 2 and 3 DT lesson by Indi and Thomas

In preparation for Remembrance Day, in our DT lesson we created our own poppies. We painted plates red and cut 10 slits to make our loom. We then needed to weave wool through the slits to make our warp. Once we had completed this we needed to weft a different shade of wool through the warp to make our pattern. We found this really fun, and you had to concentrate to stop you from getting all tangled up! We displayed them outside the front of the school to represent our own Flanders fields.

Yesterday morning Key Stage 2 took part in a Remembrance Service at the war memorial in Cotherstone Cemetery with residents of Cotherstone. Our children showed exemplary behaviour throughout showing great respect throughout the service. Well done!!



Key Stage 1 observed 2 minutes silence at school.

This week in Class 2...

This week in Class 2, we have continued our work on The Wolf's Secret by looking at past and present tense verbs and how to change them.

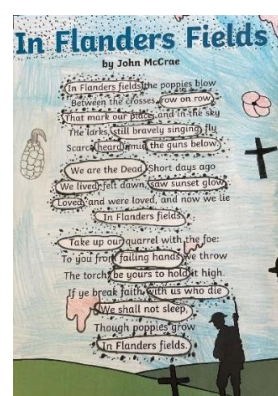
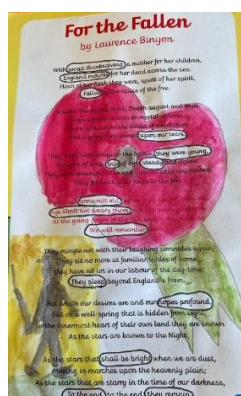
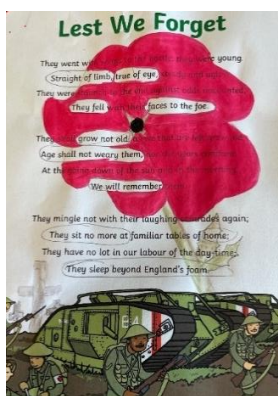
In Maths, we have been using doubling and halving to help us with our 4 and 8 times table multiplication and division facts.

In Geography, we looked at maps of the UK and learned the countries, capitals and major cities and their relative directions to each other.

This week in Class 3...

In Class 3 we have read some more of our book, 'Darwin's Dragons'. Syms is now abandoned on the island and he has been snatched up by a mysterious 'Sky Beast'. We have been focusing on writing a variety of sentence types to make our writing interesting and exciting using DADWAVERS, an abbreviation for a variety of sentence types, such as similes, adverbials and dialogue.

For Remembrance Day we created some 'Black Out Poems'. We focused on key words within an original famous Remembrance poem to create a new poem using these words. We then painted poppies or other key symbols of Remembrance over the top of the poem.



School Council Children in Need

The School Council have had a meeting this week to discuss plans and preparations for Children in Need day, which is next Friday 19th November. They decided that the school will take part in a 'Pyjamas and Spotty day'. Children will be able to come to school wearing either their pyjamas, (please add lots of layers to keep warm), or something spotty and a donation of £1 would be very much appreciated towards supporting children in poverty in the UK.

Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Joseph for excellent manners, behaviour and being a fantastic role model to his peers. Presentation Award: Rupert for beautifully presented work in all subjects.

Class 2: Star of the Week - Charlie for his 8 times table work. Presentation Award - Penny

Class 3: Star of the Week - Thomas for your fantastic inference skills in Literacy. Presentation Award - Aaron

Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Rupert - for always being kind to his class friends.

Joseph - for being a great role model.

Lydia - for always being so polite to lunchtime staff.

Isabella - for being a great friend to everyone.

Homework

Class 1: Please see individual homework folders.

Please, please continue to read with your child at home. 5 minutes each night makes such a difference and greatly supports their learning and development.

Class 2: Spellings. Times Tables. Create a poster to explain Remembrance Day and why we have a 2-minute silence.

Class 3: Spellings. Literacy- Write a letter to Mr Darwin from Syms Covington whilst stuck on the island. Maths - Multiples work

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and record this in their reading record. Thank you.

Friends of Cotherstone School Update

- The annual general meeting is **7pm TONIGHT at the Fox and Hounds Pub**. All welcome!
- [Prosecco and Pamper](#) session at East Briscoe Farm Cottages next Thursday 7pm. Places are going quickly! Contact Rachel Atkinson: 07990687636.

- CHRISTMAS PRODUCT ORDERS - Please take a look at the 'touch and feel' FOCS notice board for sample products, before placing your orders either via the school office or Rachel Atkinson no later than 19th November.

For anyone wishing to pay via BACS, the bank details are as follows:-

FRIENDS OF COTHERSTONE SCHOOL

Sort code: 20-25-29

Account: 50388424

- Please remember to pay for any pre-loved uniform you have collected from school. Payments can be made in cash to the school office or via BACS using the details above. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team

Dates for your diary:

12th November – FOCS AGM at The Fox & Hounds 7pm. All welcome

w/c 15th November – Week 3 of new menu

15th November – Odd Sock Day

18th November – FOCS Pamper and Prosecco Night (details above)

19th November – Children in Need

2nd December – Carol Service followed by Christmas Fayre

7th December – Christmas lunch

15th December – Christingle service