

Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter 19th November 2021

Christmas Tree

The children (and staff) loved having a real tree in school last year and we wondered if anyone is able to donate one for this festive season? Please get in touch if you could. Many thanks.

Odd Sock Day - by Sennen

We took part in Odd Sock day to promote uniqueness and individuality. We are all different in our own ways and we wanted to show this by wearing odd socks!! I think this is a great way to express this.



Little Learners

We would like to thank everyone who has donated pre-loved toys to our new pre-school, your support is very much appreciated.

We have had a busy week in 'Little Learners' celebrating 'Anti-Bullying week' and 'Nursery Rhyme' week. The children enjoyed choosing different colours to paint their hands in heart shape to show that we are all different and that we use our hands to be kind, caring and gentle.



We have also been singing lots of Nursery rhymes, both traditional and from across the seas looking at Miss Lee's book of Australian rhymes and Korean songs and rhymes.



Lilah really enjoyed singing the rhyme 'Incy Wincy spider' and acting it out

This week in Class 1 Anti-Bullying week

We have been discussing in detail and the children have been taking part in many activities based around 'Anti-Bullying week'. The children especially enjoyed making paper chain dolls resembling their friends and families and talking about what qualities they have and what makes them special. We have also discussed the definition of a 'bully' and what to do if you were ever bullied or knew of anyone that was being bullied.



We had a visitor in school!

My Daddy came into school to talk about Remembrance and what it means to him. He is a soldier and has been all over the world. You try to keep peace in the world as a soldier and fighting is the last thing to do. I felt very happy and proud of him coming into school. By Elodie.



A detailed drawing of Jon and Elodie's Dad by Holly

We would like to thank Jon and Elodie's Dad for coming into school and giving up his time to educate the children about Remembrance Day. He provided a wonderful PowerPoint presentation about his career and time in the army and the children were enthused and excited to learn all about it.

This week in Class 2

In Class 2 this week we have been learning about adverbials & fronted adverbials and how they can answer questions about verbs in our writing.

We have also been investigating doubling and halving - including halving odd numbers and how to share juicy, delicious, light-green grapes fairly.

In Geography, we learned about the seas and ocean around the UK, the names of some of the main rivers, where they start and the seas that they flow into.

This week in Class 3

Another busy week in Class 3!

We used our DADWAVERS sentences work to write in first person as Syms Covington whilst he was stuck on the island with a mysterious 'Sky Beast'. Class 3 produced some excellent work!

In Maths we have been working on multiplication, multiplying two 2-digit numbers. We worked on mastering the skill of the column method and then we moved onto some tricky problem-solving work where we had to find missing numbers within calculations. We used our reasoning skills to 'Be the Teacher' to explain errors in calculations.

We began our Geography topic, 'Fantastic Journeys - Where could we go?'. We chose two countries, one from the Southern Hemisphere and one from the Northern Hemisphere and compared the Geography of the two countries.

In Science we learned about mammal and bird life cycles and used zoological illustrations to show these life cycles!

Awards

Class 1: Star of the week: Thomas for settling into Pre-school full-time so happily! He is always such a happy, smiling boy 😊 Presentation award: Benji 😊

Class 2: Star of the Week: Henry for his great adverbials work. Presentation award: Finley

Class 3: Star of the Week: Indi for a fantastic piece of writing as Syms Covington!
Presentation Award: Finn

Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Class 1: Scarlett – for always being polite to the lunchtime staff. Holly – for her kindness towards all of her classmates

Class 2: Jon – for being a great role model

Class 3: Summer – for always being so helpful to lunchtime staff

Homework

Class 1: Please see individual child's folder.

Please continue to read with your child for 5 minutes each day -it is better than nothing at all.

Class 2: Spellings. Times tables. Create a fact file about the River Tees.

Class 3: Literacy- Spellings and SPAG Mat. Maths - Column multiplication 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



Final call for Christmas card orders! The order will be sent on Monday so you still have time to drop your order off at the office if you haven't already done so.

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FOCS Christmas Raffle tickets are now available. They are £1 each. If you would like some please get in touch with Sarah Kowalski (07530039124) or any of the FOCS committee. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 15th December. There are some fantastic prizes to win and all money raised goes to Friends of Cotherstone School. 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:

w/c 22nd November – Week 1 of lunch menu

2nd December – Carol Service followed by Christmas Fayre

7th December – Christmas lunch

15th December – Christingle service