

## **Cotherstone Primary School** **Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

### **Lunch Money**

Just a reminder that lunch money is now due.

### **Little Learner's Pre-school**

This last week in Pre-school has been very busy. We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to Dr Tamsin Coulson for giving up her time to come into school to talk to the Pre-school and Key Stage 1 children. The children shared a wonderful experience learning all about life as a doctor and what it entails. They really enjoyed the 'hands on' experience when they were able to use Dr Tamsin's real stethoscope to listen to their hearts beat and practise putting a bandage on. Annie was a super help to her mum and was very proud of the whole experience.

We have been taking our hoops for a walk on the playground and enjoying the adventure trail. 🌀



### **This week in Class 1**

Key Stage 1 have been busy in history making a timeline of toys from their grandparents, parents and Class 1. They have sketched their toys. In P.E. we have been practising lots of balances and rolls and trying to put them into sequences. We have enjoyed making story maps of 'The Three Little Pigs' story and the 'The Little Wolves'. Year 1 have been practising number bonds to 10 and place value whilst Year 2 have been learning the 2 and 5 times-tables.



### **This week in Class 2**

In literacy this week, we have been using adverbials and fronted adverbials to add information to verbs about where, when and how they took place. We have learned about Stray Cat Bob and written paragraphs about his life as well as learning about Snow Chick and asking questions about his adventures.

In maths, we have learned about equivalent fractions and how to identify them.

In science, we have been learning about the human skeleton and preparing a fair test to discover if people with longer femurs can jump further than people with shorter femurs. We will be conducting our fair test next week.

In history, we examined the spread of the Roman Empire, labelling maps and using a key to show land occupied by the Romans, Celts and other tribes.

We also learned a nice song about a dragon!

### **This week in Class 3**

In literacy this week we began our unit on The Three Pigs, which is a twist on the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs. Within this version of the tale, the wolf is the victim and, unusually, the pigs are key suspects. Class 3 have shown great enthusiasm in Literacy lessons.

After carefully considering our colour choices, Class 3 have carefully painted and evaluated their dragon eyes in art. I am impressed by the variety of design, detail and how effective Class 3's dragon eyes look.



We had a VIP visitor in school for our Music lesson last week. Kema Kay, who is a rap artist, will be working with Class 3 in the upcoming weeks. The children are working on a topic of similarities and differences between people and will create a song together, which they can record/film with Kema. Kema commented after our first workshop last week that he was 'blown away by their ideas and maturity'. Well done Class 3!

In geography, Class 3 have explored biomes. Each pair were given a biome to focus on and their task yesterday was to create a 'Biome in a Bottle' with information around this focusing on the flora and fauna of the biome, the climate, the threats and interesting facts. Class 3 will use these to create a 'Biome in a Box'.

## Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Benji for great contributions towards the history topics and fantastic sketching. Presentation - Joe.

Class 2: Star of the Week: Finley for his great adverbials. Presentation: Reuben.

Class 3: Star of the Week: Sennen for always putting in all your effort into everything you do! Presentation - Indi.

## Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Penny B - for her kindness towards her classmates.

Elodie - for always being polite to lunchtime staff.

Henry - for his kindness and understanding towards his fellow pupils.

Sennen - for being a great team player.

Owen - for being a great role model to all.

## Homework

**Class 1:** Please see individual homework folders.

Spellings for Year 1 and Year 2.

Reading books and tricky, red words to be read each night please.

PLEASE practise spellings with your child for 5 minutes each day alongside their reading book. We have lots of new books to be won in the book raffle!

**Class 2:** Spellings. Maths: Equivalent fractions. Science: Build and label a human skeleton.

**Class 3:** Spellings. Maths - Multiplication and division work. Literacy – Adverbs.

## After School Club

Would your child like to join our Lego Club on Tuesdays in after school club? If so, please either email or phone school to book them in.



***Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and record this in their reading record. 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 24<sup>th</sup> January – Week 1 of lunch menu