

Cotherstone Primary School **Newsletter 28th January 2022**

NSPCC Number Day

We are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day next Friday (4th February). The whole day will be jam-packed with maths-based activities, both indoors and outdoors. It will be a non-uniform day and we ask, if possible, that the children wear something with numbers or shapes on and bring a donation of £1 for the NSPCC. There is more information available at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/events-fundraising/social-special-events/number-day>.

Little Learner's Pre-school

This week, the children have been busy playing 'Doctors' in the roleplay and learning all about the role of a vet. Richard Matthews, a local vet who lives in Cotherstone, kindly gave up his time to come and talk to the children about his job. He examined Mrs Murtagh's guinea pigs and made sure they were fit and healthy.



This week in Class 1

This week, the children have been learning all about different types of puppets in design and technology. In maths, the children have been learning the 10 x table, learning about equal groups, sharing, addition and subtraction within 20. In literacy, we have been re-telling stories, looking at sentence structure and stories with feelings. We have also been celebrating Australia Day on the 26th.

Thank you

A big thank you to Joseph and Annie's parents, Joss' parents and Claudette's parents for donating several items of play equipment to the Pre-school. A donation of a big box of mixed building bricks was also donated by Kelly Maser from Middleton-in-Teesdale and also a bike with stabilisers from Rebecca Wallace, also of Middleton-in-Teesdale. THANK YOU ALL! 😊

This week in Class 2

In Class 2 this week we have been planning and writing biographies of extraordinary animals using paragraphs, chronological order, adverbials and fronted adverbials.

In maths, we have been adding fractions with the same denominator as well as using mental strategies (and spiders and flies) to help us add and subtract near-multiples of 10.



In science, we completed our 'Can people with longer femurs jump further than people with shorter femurs?' investigation and look forward to interrogating the data we have gathered.

In art, we have begun planning our Roman mosaics whilst in geography we learned how to read topographical maps. We also managed to squeeze in some netball, swimming, music and lots of reading! We have also taken part in the RSPB bird count by setting up a hide in Class 2 and using our binoculars.

Phew! Well done Class 2!

This week in Class 3

In literacy this week, we have read lots of evidence as part of Mr Big Bad Wolf's trial. We have looked at modal verbs and how they can alter a sentence. Finally, we focused on adverbials of time to interview key witnesses.

We looked at the work of Peter Thorpe, who created some fantastic space art. We used a variety of media to recreate a piece of art inspired by his work. We used powder paint, chalk and marbling ink to recreate planets, moons and stars. Next week, we will recreate a rocket using oil pastels.



As part of our science lessons, we have explored Geocentric and Heliocentric theories of planetary movement.

Awards

Class 1: Star of the week - Calvin for good reading and starting to write sentences independently.
Presentation award: April.

Class 2: Star of the week - Emmy: For her great animal biography. Presentation Award: Henry.

Class 3: Star of the week - Isolina for challenging yourself in your maths work. Presentation Award: Summer.

Lunchtime Golden Tickets

Golden Ticket Awards for this week:

Thea - for always remembering her manners.

Emmy - for being polite to lunchtime staff.

Indi - for being a great role model to all.

Homework

Class 1: Please see individual homework folders.

Year 1 - Play 'Hit the button' and practise addition and subtraction facts within 20.

Year 2 - Play 'Hit the button' and practise 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

Please read with your child every night and record this in their reading record.

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: Adding fractions. Geography: Mountain postcard.

Class 3: Spellings. Maths: Fractions. Literacy: Reading comprehension.

After-School Club

The children have had lots of fun in After-School Club this week. There's been dressing up, board games, car games, outdoor fun and Football Club on Wednesday seems to be going down a storm! Lego Club is our latest addition. If you would like your child to attend, just let us know.



Running for Autism

Craig Huddart, who lives in Holwick, parent of a Cotherstone pupil, will be running 81km a week, for a whole year - that's over 4200km to raise funds for two amazing charities. He'll be running 10km every day, with a half marathon every Sunday just to make things interesting! There are two links below, so if you can help either the Alan Shearer Centre or the North East Autism Society, he'd be extremely grateful!

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/runningforautism>

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/runningforautism2>

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 31st January – Week 2 of lunch menu

4th Feb – NSPCC Number Day (please see above for more information)