



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 18th March 2022

Covid-19

Please note that Covid levels are really high locally. If your child is unwell, please consider taking an LFT. Children can return to school on day 6 if they are well and have had a negative test on day 5 and day 6, 24 hours apart.

We would like to wish Miss Thomas a speedy recovery and hope to welcome her back to school very soon.

This week in 'Little Learners Pre-School'

In Pre-school this week the children have really enjoyed planting their own sunflower and lettuce seeds. They have also planted many wildflower seeds outdoors in one of our new, large planters and have enjoyed learning about how plants grow. We have been painting, drawing and making flowers in a variety of different ways too.



This week in Class 1



This week the children in Class 1 have also continued their science work on 'Plants'. We have been learning about which common plants are useful to us and how plants can disperse their seeds. We made dandelion seed clay models and paper helicopters to demonstrate the seed dispersal. In Maths, Year 1 have been comparing and ordering numbers to 50 and Year 2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. In Literacy we have been focusing on writing recounts. In Geography we have been learning about the differences between 'a town' and the 'countryside' and naming the countries of the UK.

The children have all enjoyed watching 'Lambing Live' daily as they have seen the increase each day of baby lambs born at Miss Lee's house. It is important for the children to learn about new life at this time of year and for them to learn and understand how the baby lambs are born and what they need to grow along with the mother sheep. Hopefully, in a few weeks' time, there may be some pet lambs to visit the children in school ☺



*1 - If anyone has any green plastic bottles like this, please can you send them in to Class 1. I would like 10 initially, if possible.
Thank you ☺*

This week in Class 2

Another busy week in Class 2! We have completed our 'Daily Lives' stories and have started our new topic of 'Poetry for Change'. We have also started a new topic in Maths and are learning how to use the 4 X table to help us with our 8 X table and different strategies for learning the 9X table.

We had a photography workshop on Wednesday afternoon for our new Tees/Swale project where we first drew what we would see around our local area and then we took lots of photographs.

In RE we learned about how and why Jesus was baptised and why this is important to Christians.

On Thursday we took part in National Science week with live lessons and lots of investigations - full report next week.

On Friday, we took part in our pyjama bike ride to raise money for Red Nose Day - the weather was fantastic and we will have a full report next week.

Here is our report for our trip to Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum last week:

On Thursday 10th March, Class 2 went to Vindolanda. It was a one hour and forty-five minute drive to Vindolanda but it was totally worth it! Once we had arrived we had a look at the broken down village (vicus) and read most of the signs about the buildings. After that, we had lunch then we hopped back on the bus to go to the Roman Army Museum. We had a look in a room with lots of Roman artefacts and saw big statues made out of realistic materials. Then we watched The Eagle's Eye which is a 3D movie. After that, we had a fun lesson with a Roman teacher and we learned to count up to three in Latin. We also had a story called The Bundle of Sticks. Then we went to the gift shop and bought something Romany. Then we went back on the bus. We had lots of fun!

By Lydia and Charlie.

All of our children were fantastically well-behaved and found the experience positive and informative. Well done Class 2 - you make me very proud! Thank you to Rachel Atkinson for helping us and to Friends of Cotherstone School for contributing £325 to cover the cost of the coach. School trips are a vital part of giving children memorable experiences to aid learning and retention of knowledge. These trips would not be possible without their ongoing support.





An update on Class 3 activities will be in next week's newsletter!



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Noah for fantastic maths work this week! Presentation: Calvin.

Class 2: Star of the Week: Billy for his great 8 x table work. Presentation: Lydia.

Class 3: To be announced next week.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Peter - for happily following the lunchtime routine.

Joe - for always tidying up the playground without being asked.

Isabelle M - for her mature attitude looking after the younger members of our school.

Homework

Class 1 - Please see your child's homework folder.

Class 2 - Spellings. Maths: 8 X table/9X table work. Literacy: To think of synonyms for *change*.

Class 3 - To be issued next week.



After School Club

TUESDAY DRAMA CLUB!

Does your child fancy joining our drama club in after school club on Tuesdays?

Do they fancy trying their acting skills or even writing their own script?

If your child would like to join, please speak to a member of staff or ring the office.



Dates for your Diary

w/c 21st March - Week 1 of lunch menu

24th/25th March - Key Stage 2 Space Camp

29th March & 31st March - Class 1 Parents' Evening

30th March - Class 2 and Class 3 - Parents' Evening

Appointment forms for Parents' Evening will be issued next week

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