



# Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 1st April 2022

## **A note from Mr Peter Nicholls - Chair of Governors**

To all Parents/Carers of the Bowes Cotherstone Federation

To mark Mrs Chris Matthewman, our Executive Headteacher's retirement, we are holding a Celebratory Service to mark Chris' huge contribution to our schools, in St Giles' Church on Friday 8th April at 2pm. All Parents/Carers are cordially invited to share in this occasion. A separate invite has gone out to all Teachers and Support Staff, the children and the members of the Governing Body. Do come along and offer your support this service.

Kind regards

*Peter Nicholls*

*Chair of the Governing Body of the Bowes Cotherstone Federation*

## This week in 'Little Learners Pre-School'

This week in Little Learners we have been completing activities based around the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. The children have enjoyed painting fruit and vegetables, playing a matching lotto game, planting some vegetables and talking about healthy food. Well done everyone! 🌱

## This week in Class 1

Class 1 enjoyed a valuable experience on Monday when we arranged a Teams call with a school in Leeds. The video call was linked to our Geography work learning about the UK. The school we linked up with had 2 classes of 30 children per year group and was on the outskirts of Leeds. One of the valuable questions that one of the children asked was 'What can you see out of your class window?' Our responses were very different to theirs which were flats, apartments, petrol station, shops, and busy roads. The children talked about our geographical area and we talked about similarities and differences. It was a great experience enjoyed by all!

### Football Tournament

I would like to say how extremely proud and impressed I was when myself and Mr Leinster took our Year 1 and 2 children to take part in a football tournament at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Five schools took part and we came second!! We only lost to our partner school - Bowes. The children won all of the matches up until the final. The footwork, skill, determination and teamwork shown was immense. We are extremely proud of you all and have some real budding football stars in the making. Well done!

Miss Lee

### Threadworms

Unfortunately, we have had a confirmed case of worms in Class 1. Please be vigilant and treat if needed.

## This week in Class 2

### Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been using partitioning to double 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, as well as using the grid method and the ladder method to multiply 3-digit numbers. We have also been looking at word problems and reasoning, where we had to decide whether or not the problem was multiplication or division, before calculating the answer.

In Literacy, we have been writing expanded noun phrases to help with our poetry and descriptive writing.

In Geography, we looked at how the UK has changed over time and the reasons for this including war and immigration.

And...of course, we had SPACECAMP!! Here is a report all about it:

This Space Camp was awesome! We made balloon rockets. We saw the International Space Station go over at 8:55pm. It passed just underneath Orion's Belt from west to east and was very bright. We made and measured craters using different objects. We also made asteroid cakes, fizzy planets, watched 'Space Buddies', made constellation projectors, did astronaut training and got barely any sleep! We all enjoyed it. By Billy and Finley.

### This week in Class 3

It has been a very busy week in Class 3! In History we have been exploring the question 'How did WW2 affect children in Britain?' as part of this we have explored evacuation and rationing. Class 3 used sources of evidence from the past to build up a picture of evacuation. From this, they created a letter from an evacuee to their parents. They included information about rationing and reflected on the experiences they heard from audio footage of WW2 evacuees. They wrote their letters on tracing paper and then created a drawing of an evacuee to place behind which made them look incredible!

In Design and Technology this week we explored parts of a Mars Rover. Class 3 then recreated this with each child being a 'part'. They explored what each part was used for and sketched these. This research and preparation is working towards Class 3 designing and creating their own Mars Rover.

We had a very busy end to the week with SPACE CAMP!

#### Space Camp Report by Isolina

This week we were very excited to hold our second Space Camp! We came to school on Thursday and enjoyed multiple space-themed activities such as; a balloon rocket, moon craters investigation, baking rock cakes, making constellations and star gazing. We enjoyed all of these fun activities in groups. We named our groups; 'Space Spaghetti', 'Cosmic Club', 'Astro Jams' and 'Space Troopers'. Towards the end of our first day we had dinner and then settled down for our space film called....'Space Buddies'. After a long day we all tucked up in our beds and prepared ourselves for the next day.

This morning we woke up at 7:30am and packed up our things. Soon after we ate breakfast, which was cereal, juice, fruit, toast and pastries. Then we did some PE with an astronaut training session before doing a planets fizzer experiment. We all enjoyed our second Space Camp and we can't wait to show all of our work at our Science Fair Celebration Assembly.

We can't wait to hopefully do our 3rd Space Camp and thanks to all the staff and Friends of Cotherstone School who organised such a wonderful time for us all.



## **Awards**

Class 1: Star of the week: All Year 1 & 2 for fantastic teamwork and football skills. Presentation award: Thea

Class 2: Star of the Week: Jon for his excellent expanded noun phrases Presentation: Kitty

Class 3: Star of the week: Isolina for your beautiful evacuee letter Presentation: Thomas G



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Sennen - for being a great friend

Charlie - for being polite to lunchtime staff

Holly - for her lovely manners

Benji - for always offering to put his wellies to get the football from the field.

## **Homework**

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

Class 2 - Spellings. Practise times tables. See if you can find the constellation in the sky that you chose for your Constellation Projector. Create a poster for Space Camp.

Class 3 - Year 5 - Create a poster for our Class scrap book all about Space Camp. Year 6 - SATs 10 4 10 activities. Create a poster for our class scrap book all about Space Camp



1 - Don't forget Breakfast Club starts at 8am each morning and After School Club is available Monday to Thursday. Please contact the school office to book a place for your child.



**Dates for your Diary**

w/c 4th April - Week 3 of lunch menu

8th April - School closes for the Easter break.

25th April - School re-opens for the Summer term.

***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***