



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 20th May 2022

This week in 'Little Learners Pre-School'

This week in 'Little Learners' our focused book was 'Superworm'. The children have had great fun completing lots of activities based around Superworm such as making longer and shorter worms with the playdough, chalking worms outdoors, going on a worm hunt, learning positional vocabulary related to where the worms are, rescuing minibeasts out of the gloop and making our very own wormery to study the worms over a couple of days ☺ We have also found out lots of information on earthworms and learnt the rhyme 'There's a worm at the bottom of my garden'.

Zoolab visit

On Tuesday 24th May, Zoolab are coming into our school to do a 1hr 'hands on' workshop with the children. If your child does not normally attend that afternoon but you would like them to have the 'hands on' experience of lots of different minibeasts, please can you book your child in for the afternoon by letting Mrs Sabey know or one of the EYFS staff. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of parent/carers who fundraise for our school so we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Friends of Cotherstone school for making this visit happen.

Please remember to send your child with a clearly marked water bottle each day and a surplus of spare clothes to change into, if required, in their bag. Thank you. If you would like to send in a snack for your child, that it is a healthy snack. The government does provide a piece of fruit that is offered each day to the children alongside their milk.





1 - We have had great fun this week learning about spiders! We threaded some wool to make a web and then made a spider using handprints.

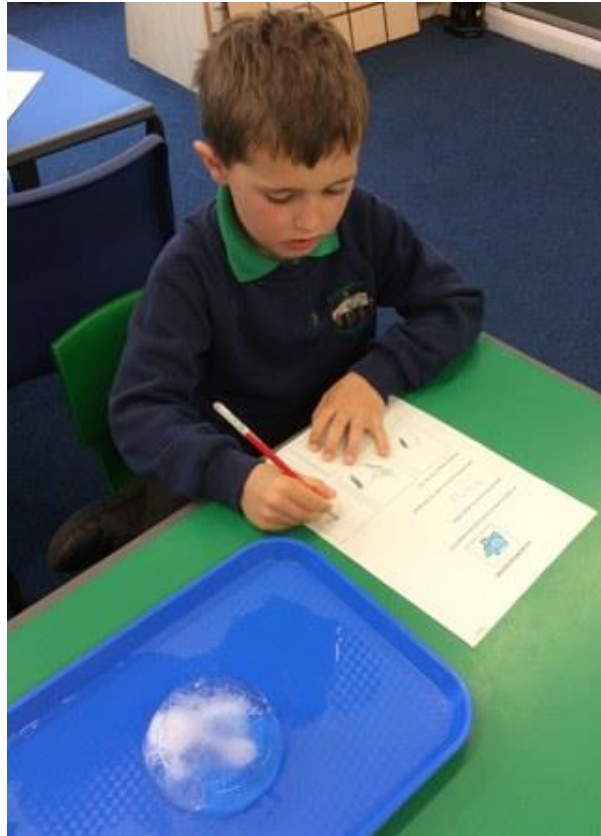


2 - We have also been learning how to pedal a trike!

This week in Class 1

This week in Class 1 we have been learning about ice in science and how it melts and what can make speed up the process.

We have also been learning about fruit and vegetables in design and technology and what grows above the ground and below the ground. In R.E this week, we have also been learning about the Buddhist wheel and what it means. The children all had a super visit to the Teesdale Sports centre for swimming on Monday and thoroughly enjoyed being in the water. Please remember to send you child with goggles each week.



This week in Class 2

We have had another busy week in Class 2 this week! We have been preparing for our cricket competition next week and have been enjoying our tag rugby sessions.

In literacy, we have nearly finished our book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Our final piece of work was to write Abilene a letter, telling her about Edward's 'miraculous' journey, you could ask them to tell you about his expeditions. ☑

In maths, we have started looking at statistics. We have been exploring coordinates and plotting different things onto our grids using coordinates. The children enjoyed asking their peers questions, collecting data in a tally chart, transferring the data into a pictogram and picked a suitable key.

In science, we are continuing our topic of Forces and Magnets and we have been exploring friction. We set up an investigation to explore the levels of friction caused by different surfaces. We made predictions, recorded our data in a table and had a great discussion about the different surfaces. We were all very surprised to find that tissue paper caused the most amount of friction!

We are pleased to inform you that class 2 will be taking part in two sports sessions next week at Staindrop Academy. On Monday 23rd May we will be taking part in an orienteering session and on Wednesday 25th May we will be taking part in a cricket competition. A letter will follow with all the details ☑

Miss Heaviside

This week in Class 3

In literacy this week we began to read a version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. We have explored the opening act to create a soundscape of the storm. We then explored similes, metaphors and personification used within the story, before writing our own poems (a spell!) to conjure up a storm!

For our statistics work in maths we collected our own data to draw a line graph. Of course, whilst collecting the data it had to be something competitive/fun so Class 3 were challenged to stack as many Oreos as they could in 30 seconds before counting their score and recording it in their table. As you can imagine, some of the data fluctuated quite rapidly each round as Class 3's towers began to wobble the higher they got! They then collected their classmate's data before working out the 'mean'. Once they had collected their data Class 3 created line graphs both on paper and then using the laptops. Finally, they wrote questions for somebody else to answer about their graph. Chloe was the champion Oreo-stacker with a total of 21 Oreos stacked in 30 seconds without it toppling!

In science this week, we have explored a beautiful book linked to our evolution topic, *Moth*, which explores the story of the salt and peppered winged moth. The book demonstrates how the moths adapted to their environment by becoming camouflaged. Within the book it explores the industrial revolution and how the charcoal winged moths began to survive as they were able to camouflage against the coal covered city buildings. Class 3 then created some beautiful story boards explaining the concept of adaptation using the story as a guide. Mrs Batchelor linked Class 3's art work to 'Moth' and Class 3 created some beautiful salt and peppered moths.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the week - Rupert. Presentation - Josie for being so interested and excited in learning about minibeasts and bringing one in from home!

Class 2: Star of the week: Claudette for always being super helpful and a great team player.
Presentation: Penny.

Class 3: Star of the week: Isolina for a fantastic 'Moth' storyboard! Presentation: Ashton for an amazing improvement!



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Thomas K - for happily following the lunchtime routine.

Calvin - for his kindness towards his classmates.

Henry - for always helping to clear the playground after lunch time play.

Owen - for being a great role model.

Homework

Class 1 - Please see individual folders and read daily.

Class 2 - Treasure map coordinates activity and spelling practice.

Class 3 - Spellings. Design a commemorative plate to celebrate The Queen's Jubilee.



3 - Don't forget to phone the office if you would like to book your child into breakfast or after school club.



Dates for your Diary

w/c 23rd May - Week 2 of lunch menu

23rd May - Class 2 to orienteering event

25th May - Class 2 to cricket competition

27th May - Jubilee celebrations

27th May - School closes for half term break

TUESDAY 7th June - School re-opens

7th & 8th July - Year 6 transition days at Teesdale School

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Richard Batchelor and the Cotherstone Team