



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

2nd December 2022

Children in Need

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this year's Children in Need. We have been able to donate £129.00 to this very worthy cause.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we are taking part in the Save the Children's annual Christmas/winter Jumper event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. If your child would like to take part, they can wear a Christmas/winter jumper to school on Thursday 8th December and a donation of £1 would be gratefully received.

Christmas Lunch - Friday 9th December

We are looking forward to Christmas lunch next Friday. If you have booked in for lunch please remember to send in payment beforehand. Lunch is priced at £2.70 per adult. Thank you.

Lunch timings are as follows:

Parents of children in Preschool and Class 1: Arrive at school at 12 pm. (Please note that this includes children in Preschool and Class 1 who also have siblings in other classes).

Parents of children in Class 3: Arrive at school at 12.15 pm.

Parents of children in Class 2: Arrive at school at 12.25 pm.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Christmas/winter Post Boxes

Class 1, 2 and 3 have received their post boxes from the School Council. They are now ready in the classrooms for Christmas/winter cards to be posted from Monday 5th December.



Class 2 News

We have done lots these past few weeks in class 2!

In literacy, we have started our new book, George's Marvellous Medicine, and we have been looking at George's recipe and coming up with our own! The children were challenged with using alliteration in their list of ingredients. Here are some of the ones they came up with:

- 5 tubes of toothpaste
- A heap of hydrostatic skeletons
- A blob of bubbling hair gel
- Sixteen sour sweets
- Seven stinky socks

And lots more crazy and wonderful things!

In maths, year 3 have been finishing off their addition and subtraction unit by making connections, estimating answers and using the inverse operation. Year 4 have started multiplication and division and have been working hard on their 3, 6 and 9 times tables.

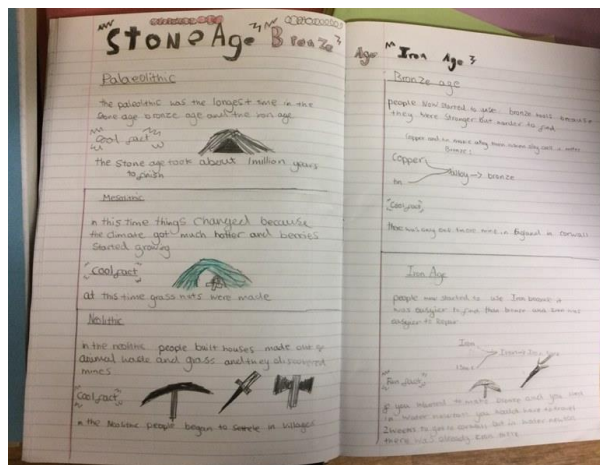
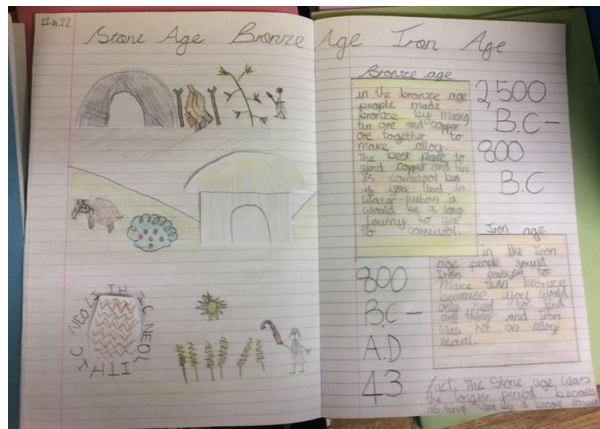
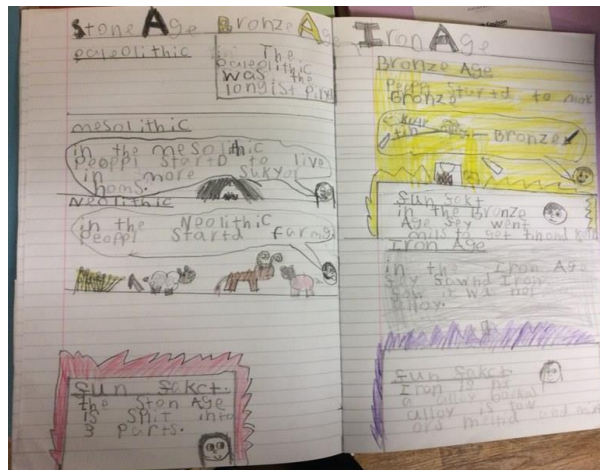
In science and history, the children have made some lovely and informative double page spreads that they have used to pull all of their knowledge together in a creative way! See the pictures below.

We also had some visitors from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty organisation. During their visit, the children looked at the life cycle of plants, discussed the local area and made some lovely

natural bird feeders using apples, sticks, string and seeds which the children then hung around the school field.

In geography, we have been studying the UK and we have started by looking at the nations and regions. Using tracing paper, they have also had the opportunity to draw a very accurate picture of the UK and I am very impressed!

In French, we have started looking at numbers. You could challenge them to count up to ten or to greet you in French!



Stone Age to Bronze Age to Iron Age

Stone Age
 Around 300000 BC
 People lived in small groups and hunted for food.
 They used simple tools made from stone.
 Around 30000 BC
 People started to farm and domesticate animals.
 They began to live in permanent settlements.
 Around 4000-2000 BC
 People started to use metal tools.
 They began to live in larger settlements.

Bronze Age
 Around 2000 BC
 People started to use bronze tools.
 They began to live in larger settlements.
 Around 1000 BC
 People started to use iron tools.
 They began to live in larger settlements.

Iron Age
 Around 800 BC
 People started to use iron tools.
 They began to live in larger settlements.
 Around 500 BC
 People started to use iron tools.
 They began to live in larger settlements.

Stone Age to Bronze Age to Iron Age

Stone Age
 Paleolithic
 People started to use stone tools.
 They began to live in small groups.
 Mesolithic
 People started to use stone tools.
 They began to live in small groups.
 Neolithic
 People started to use stone tools.
 They began to live in small groups.

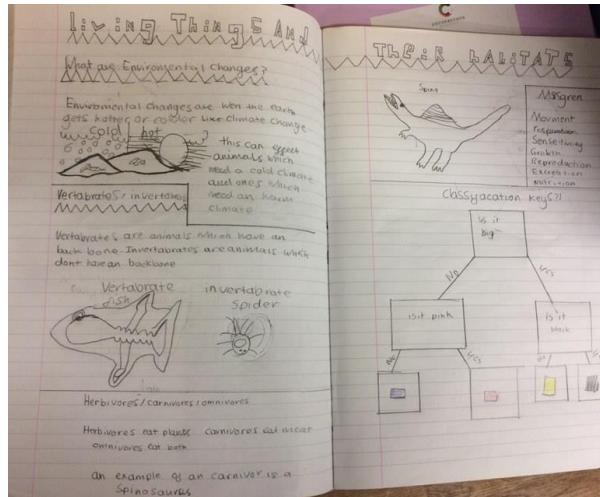
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LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS

Mrs Green
 Movement
 Respiration
 Sensitivity
 Growth
 Reproduction
 Excretion
 Nutrition

Living Things
 A living thing has a nucleus.
 It has a cell wall.
 It has a cell membrane.
 It has a cell cytoplasm.
 It has a cell nucleus.

Their HABITATS
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 It has a cell wall.
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 It has a cell nucleus.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Annie for her enthusiastic approach to our Christmas play. Presentation Award: Noah

Class 2: Star of The Week: Ryan for working really hard in maths. Presentation Award: Elodie

Class 3: Star of the Week: Oliver for your dedication to your work! Presentation Award: Robby



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Josie - for doing so well eating up her dinner

Scarlett K - for her lovely manners

Holly - for being a good friend

Emmy - for being a great help and playing with her younger class mates

Homework:

Class 1: see individual folders. Reading daily to secure your raffle tickets!

Class 2: Times tables practice and design your own label worksheet. Spellings

Class 3: Spellings. Malamander reading comprehension. Maths - multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000

After School Club

Next week in cookery club we will be making seasonal biscuits. Please contact the office if you would like to book your child in.

Message about Art Club:

I am super impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and creativity and I am blown away with the artwork they complete each session! Recently, in Art Club we were tasked with the job of creating a snowman for The Snowman Trail at The Bowes Museum that was inspired by our local area and school and it came out great! To link it in with Cotherstone's local history, we decided to make a miner, a farmer and a train driver. Please see the picture below of the snowmen standing proudly in front of The Bowes Museum's Christmas tree! If you visit over the festive period be sure to look out for them!

Miss Heaviside



Friends of Cotherstone School News

🎅🎄 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!! 🎄🎅

Hi everyone,

The Christmas raffle tickets are now available! There are lots of fabulous prizes to be won from dog walking/training, a bespoke scarf and woodland photography shoot, drinks, chocs and Christmassy gifts. 😊🎄🍷

Tickets are £1 each and they come in books of 5 but you can buy as many as you wish 🙏

They are available from Sarah Kowalski at Heatherlea (on the moor road opposite the park entrance). Just pop money through the door with your details and we will deliver your tickets to you or knock. You can also pay by BACS direct to Sarah. Please message 07530039124 for details.

Tickets will also be available at the Fox and Hounds, The Red Lion and the other FOCS committee members.

Thank you and good luck!!! 🍀



Dates for your diary

w/c 5th December - Week 1 of lunch menu

Thursday 8th December - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December - Christmas lunch/Christmas jumpers

Thursday 15th December - Preschool and key stage 1 Nativity featuring key stage 2 singers and FOCS Christmas Fayre

Monday 19th December - Christingle at St Cuthbert's church at 10:30am

Tuesday 20th December - School closes for Christmas break

Thursday 5th January 2023 - school re-opens

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