



# Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

## 27th January 2023

### **Notification of Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)**

#### **Wednesday 1st February**

The National Education Union (NEU), one of the Teaching unions, has announced planned strike dates for its members. The action being proposed is not against our school but is part of a national dispute with the Government.

I am writing to confirm that our aim is to keep our school open to all children on **Wednesday 1st February**. All children are required to attend school on the day of the industrial action.

However, there is a possibility that the school's circumstances will change. If this proves to be the case, we will continue to keep you informed as soon as possible.

Further dates have been announced as:

- 28th February 2023
- 15th March 2023
- 16th March 2023

#### **Staff Changes**

Just to keep you up to date, Mrs Turner has left as she has been offered a full-time position and we would like to thank her for everything that she has done to support children and staff at Cotherstone. We would like to also take the opportunity to welcome Fiona Goodman as Teaching Assistant into Class 1.

## Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

### EYFS

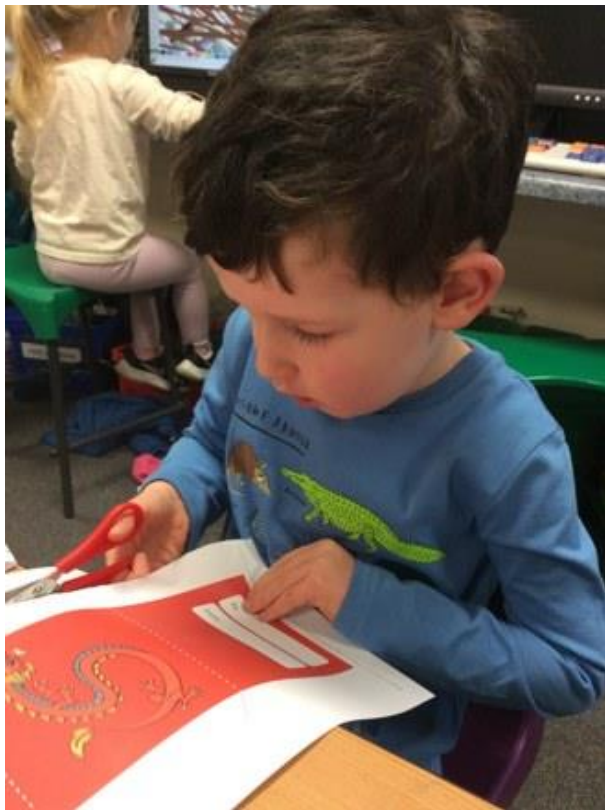
This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We started the week off by having a taster of different rice and noodles and of course prawn crackers! The children really enjoyed using the chopsticks. We had a look on our world map as to where China is compared to England and looked at a powerpoint and book to find out how it is celebrated. So far, the children have practised their cutting, folding, painting and sticking skills to make some lucky red envelopes, some Chinese lanterns, some red dragons and practised writing with a quill in Chinese to say how old they are. We have also practised a Chinese dragon dance too!



















### **Forest School**

We have started our Forest School sessions this half term. First of all, the children had to push some big logs up to the top of the field to make our circle to sit at. The children worked together and this was soon achieved. Then we made some rules as to how we behave and keep safe outdoors working together. Even though we haven't had a fire yet, we have practised walking round the outside of the circle and ensuring we don't run or walk inside it. The children enjoyed making fairy houses either independently or in groups using all of the natural materials around them. We used out 5 senses to explore outdoors and then the children finished by making a journey stick. Finally, we had a story and hot chocolate to complete the session. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for remembering to send in warm clothes on a Monday, it is much appreciated. "There is no such thing as bad weather they say, just bad clothing".























## Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy learning about information texts and instructions in literacy this week. The children wrote a 'double- page spread' all about an unusual pet and wrote subheadings to talk about how to home it, feed it etc and then added pictures.

In maths this week, we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been counting the sides and vertices on 2D shapes and sorting them. In science, we have been learning all about animals and living things. The children have learnt the 3 basic requirements for survival and the names of baby and adult animals. In RE, we have been learning about why the stories Jesus told us were special. In computing we have been learning how to stay safe and creating and saving folders. In history we have been comparing and discussing seaside pictures from the past to the future and In P.E we have been learning gymnastics, making shapes, balances and sequences. What a busy time we have had so far! Well done to everyone for continuing to work hard!

Miss Lee



### **Awards**

Class 1: Star of the Week: Noah for his fantastic blending and reading. Presentation: Tommy

Class 2: Star of The Week: Billy for his excellent ear diagram. Presentation: Lydia

Class 3: Star of the Week: Henry for always going above and beyond in your learning! Presentation: Jake



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Sophia - for being a good friend

Rupert - for helping his younger classmates during lunchtime play

Penny - for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Brandon - for always being a great help to lunchtime staff

### **Homework**

Class 1 - Please see individual work books. Reading daily and recognition of sounds and tricky words.

Class 2 - Spellings. History - Challenge question. Maths: Y4 - Formal written multiplication. Y3 Counting in 100s.

Class 3 - Spellings- please check these and write the scores in your child's homework book 😊  
Reading comprehension. Maths Mat and Arithmetic





**Dates for your diary**

17th February - School closes for half term break

27th February - School re-opens

***Thank you for your continued support.***

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

***Mrs Kidd and the Cotherstone Team***