



# Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

## 10th February 2023

### **Roof Work**

As you will have seen, the scaffolding is now all in place and the preparation work is now complete. The work on the roof will start in earnest next week.

### **Lunch Price**

The cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.41 after the half term break. Lunch for a pre-school aged child will be priced at £2.89 (£2.41 plus VAT).

### **Sports Events**

On Wednesday, after an early lunch, Class 3 will travel to Newton Aycliffe to take part in a netball competition. The following day, the children in Class 1 will travel to Staindrop Academy to take part in a multi-skills festival.

### **Reading Books**

We appear to be missing several reading books. Please can parents/carers have a quick look at home to check for any 😊.

Thank you!

## Safer Internet Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day as a whole school. The theme this year is 'Want to talk about it?' which is all about making space for conversations about life online. We began the day with an assembly introducing this year's theme and discussing what we already know about what it means to stay safe online. Each class from preschool to Year 6 then spent the morning doing activities linked to the theme. In the afternoon, we explored some online safety books within our classes. Each one with a different online safety message appropriate for each age group. The children were then given the task to create something where they could teach the rest of the school about their book and the message behind it. They came up with some excellent ideas; puppet shows, PowerPoints, leaflets, E-books, stop animations and posters! Each class will share these in a special celebration assembly to teach others as digital ambassadors! For homework this week there will be an activity to do together to talk about staying safe online.

## This week in Class 2

Another busy few weeks in which everyone in Class 2 has been working very hard! We have recently completed our current work on multiplication and division and have moved onto measurement of length and perimeter. We now know the length and width of our classroom and almost everything in it - including us!

We are coming to the end of our work on the book *The Story of Tutankamun* and are preparing to write a biography of the famous Egyptologist, Howard Carter.

Our Ancient Egyptian theme continues in history and we have learned about some of the many gods and have been looking at all the gruesome details involved in mummification. While in art we are creating scrolls from our papyrus with Mrs Batchelor.

We are also nearing completion of our dance sequences based on *Machines*. There are some very interesting pieces coming together and I am looking forward to seeing the final products next week!

We have been continuing our work using *Turtle Logo* in computing and we can now command our turtle sprite to move, hide, return, clear and draw intricate shapes efficiently while using our programming skills to debug our algorithms.

In science, we conducted an investigation on behalf of the BFG who had tweeted a question relating to his pinnae (ear flaps) and his ability to hear. The children devised and conducted their own investigations to see if bigger ear flaps mean that you can hear sounds louder. The children ensured that their tests were fair by considering variables to do with sound, distance, volume and, of course, different-sized ear flaps. The results were conclusive that, yes, the BFG can hear sounds louder due to his large ears.

Well done Class 2! 😊

Please ensure that you read with your child at home. Our book raffle is next week and there are some excellent books up for grabs for those with tickets in the draw!

Thanks.Mr B 😊



### **Awards**

Little Learners: Star of the Week: Florence B for learning and singing 'Old MacDonald' to the rest of the group independently

Class 1: Star of the Week: Josie for excellent language and vocabulary used in all areas. Presentation: Scarlett

Class 2: Star of the Week: Thea for her fantastic reading. Presentation: Kitty

Class 3: Star of the Week: Finley for your excellent history work exploring the enquiry question: How were the Maya ruled? Presentation: Jake



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Josie - for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Noah - for his mature attitude

Claudette - for always being so helpful to lunchtime staff

Ralph - for making a great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone

### **Homework**

Class 1: See individual folders

Class 2: Spellings. Maths: Y3 - Measure 5 objects in cm and mm and list them in order of size. Y4 - Find 5 squares or rectangles in your house (cereal boxes, light switches etc) and measure their perimeters. Then list them in order of size. Science: Create a device that children could wear to help them listen to their teacher better!

Class 3: Safer Internet Day activity - this will need to be completed with an adult. Reading comprehension. Arithmetic work



Dates for your diary

15th February - Class 3 to Netball Competition at Newton Aycliffe Sports Centre

16th February - Class 1 to Multi-skills event at Staindrop Academy

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 L Kidd and the Cotherstone Team***