



Cotherstone Primary School 3rd March 2023

Lunch Money

Please send in payment of £60.25 for this half term's lunches. Cheques to be made payable to Durham County Council or cash. Thank you.

Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

EYFS

During the last week of term the children had continued enjoying learning about dinosaurs. They looked at fossils and how they are made and were busy excavating different dinosaur eggs and learning all of the names of the dinosaurs within the eggs. They printed with dinosaurs outdoors and made lots of different footprints and patterns. They had slime in the water tray and used the big tweezers to rescue the dinosaurs and then count how many they had rescued. The children also made their own obstacle course outdoors and had fun adapting and changing it and developing their gross motor skills.

This week, the children have started our new topic 'Lifecycles' and have started learning about a frog's lifecycle. They have been making tadpoles and frogs using the playdough, making moveable frogs using split pins and created our very own pond life in the water tray. 😊







Forest School

Over the last couple of weeks in Forest School, we have been collecting twigs and learning how to wrap string around the twigs to attach them together. The end product was a natural photo frame. We have also made some bark rubbings using charcoal and greaseproof paper and this week we have been sketching trees within our school grounds and thinking of their uses. We always finish our sessions with a story and some hot chocolate/juice and a biscuit/marshmallow 😊 Next week, I am having further Forest School training and will look forward to my assessment of lighting a fire and cooking on it safely.











Year 2

This week in literacy, the Year 2's have been busy learning about a fantasy story called 'The Dragon Machine'. They made a character profile of the main character 'George' using adjectives and descriptive phrases. We have also been writing a recount of half term and completing a book review of the children's favourite stories during our celebration of 'World Book Day'.

In maths, we have been using money to make different amounts using coins and notes. We have been recapping on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us to count different amounts of money.

In P.E we have started to learn how to play football on Wednesday. We enjoyed lots of different games to help teach us the skills to play correctly in preparation for a football tournament in a few weeks' time.

In science, we have been learning about a balanced diet and what it consists of. We have also been learning about good hygiene.

In computing, the children have been searching for pictures online related to our topic work. The children have used the search engines well and managed successfully.

In art and design we have been completing our beach collages that we have been working on for the past 5 weeks. We used a small paintbrush to add detail and paint areas of dark and light.

Well done everyone! You have all been working well 😊

Miss Lee



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Chloe for her good concentration and listening. Noah for excellent money work. Presentation: Tommy

Class 2: Star of The Week: Holly for her great work in computing

Presentation: Penny

Class 3: Star of the Week:-Fred for your excellent decimals work in maths. Presentation: Sophie



Golden ticket holders this week:

Tommy - for always eating up all of his dinner

Isla S - for her lovely manners

Thea - for always being so polite to all lunchtime staff

Thom H - for offering to put his wellies on to collect the ball from the muddy field

Class 1: Please see your child's individual homework folder

Class 2: Maths Y3: Centimetres and millimetres. Maths Y4: Calculating perimeter

Literacy: Past simple and past perfect

Class 3: Spellings. Year 6- SATS buster work. Year 5- Decimals work and reading comprehension



Dates for your diary

22nd March - Class 1 to football competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre

23rd March - Class 3 to multi-skills event at Staindrop Academy

27th March - Class 2 to orienteering event at Staindrop Academy

31st March - School closes for Easter break

18th April - School reopens for summer term

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