



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

24th March 2023

Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

Friday 31st March

All parents/carers from Preschool and Class 1 are invited into school for the morning between 9:30am and 11:30am to take part in Spring activities with their children. If you are unable to attend, please send a grandparent or family friend instead as the children always look forward to a family member coming in to work with them. Thank you

EYFS

This half term pre-school and reception children have been learning about 'Lifecycles'. So far we have learnt about the lifecycles of frogs, hens, butterflies, sheep and ducks. The children have listened to various stories related to the topics and completed many different activities. The FOCS very kindly bought us some caterpillars again this year for the children to study and watch grow and develop. Miss

Lee brought in some frogspawn for the children to observe too and the children have enjoyed watching daily lambs being born at home via cameras in the sheds. We finished the week off by having Alison Lamb, from Doe Park visit us with a small pet lamb. Thank you Alison for bringing 'Fluffy' in to school to meet the children - they loved him! 😊

We have also been learning about Spring and looking for signs of Spring on our school field.





















Forest School

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been embracing and enjoying the great outdoors in all weathers! We made our own number line 0-10 and all children had great fun collecting sticks and natural materials to create and assemble it on the field. Once it was made it was accessible for all year groups. eg children were asked to find the number that was their age/ 1 more/less than a given number, a double, able to complete addition and subtraction sums and of course number recognition 😊 I recently purchased a lovely book called 'What do you see when you look at a tree'. After reading this book, the children explored all trees on our school field and had a go at leaf rubbings. They then went on to create their own little trees using bits of natural materials on the ground and made their own stories of what they see. Super work! A big thank you to everyone for continuing to send their children with warm and waterproof clothing - I have had no complaints of being cold or wanting to go back inside 😊

Class 1

Year 2 have been very busy learning about the UK in Geography. They have looked at where about they live, identified the UK on the globe, in an atlas and on a world map. We have then focused on the countries in the UK and the surrounding seas. The children enjoyed making the UK from playdough too 😊 In maths we have been learning about multiplication and division and in literacy we have been learning about tradition tales from other cultures. In P.E we have been learning to play football and playing the game 'Colour Match'. In design and yechnology, the children have been finding the difference between what is a fruit and what is a vegetable, tasting a variety of fruit and vegetables and then designing and making their own healthy smoothie -yummy! In RE we have been learning about the

days leading up to Easter Sunday and in computing the children have been learning word processing skills. The children have had a busy half-term and I am very proud of you all for continuing with your hard work. Well done!





Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Edie for happily joining in all activities and being so cheerful 😊 Presentation: Annie

Class 2: Star of The Week: Lydia for her new version of Cinderella of the Nile. Presentation: Ryan

Class 3: Star of the Week: Sennen for your excellent attitude towards learning. Presentation: Ralph



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Peter - for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Joe - for always offering to put his wellies on during football

Isla L-A - for always waiting patiently while waiting to be called up to get her dinner

Henry - for his kindness towards his younger team mates during football

Homework

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

Class 2: Spellings. Ramses II challenge. Simile and Metaphor challenge.

Class3: Year 5- Continue to practice your spelling pattern- ask people at home to test you 😊 Geography
- Rainforest information. Maths - fractions to percentages. Year 6 - SATs buster work. 😊



Dates for your diary

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

31st March - Class 1 Parent morning

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 Kidd and the Cotherstone Team