



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

21st April 2023

Mrs Enid Linton

We were very sorry to hear the sad news that Mrs Enid Linton has passed away. Mrs Linton taught here at Cotherstone Primary for many years and following retirement, continued to kindly come in as a volunteer, she really did love our school!

For those of you who are unaware, Miss Lee attended Cotherstone Primary when she was a little girl, and has shared the following memories:

Mrs Linton was a fantastic and enthusiastic teacher, whose love of the colour purple shone through in many ways. She was very artistic and developed and instilled the love of art in many students and created many wonderful and colourful displays throughout the school. She was always keen to work alongside the other smaller schools in particular for 'Rounders' competitions. Once retired, she visited the school on many occasions, always bringing with her resources and memorabilia. She always spoke fondly of her family and her family abroad. She will be greatly missed.

This week in Class 3

Class 3 have made an excellent start to the Summer Term! In maths, we have enjoyed the sunshine for our outdoor learning lessons (a huge difference to before the holidays when we were adding and subtracting fractions with our coats on!). Year 5 have been consolidating their learning from Year 3 and 4 on how to find the perimeter of shapes. This has involved some tricky problem solving to find missing measurements. With Mrs B they investigated the following statement: As the perimeter of a rectangle increases, so does the area. They created rectangles using sticks/string/natural resources and then calculated the perimeter and area. They recorded their results in a table on a clipboard and paper or on the playground using chalk. Our year 6 group have been working super hard preparing for their upcoming SATs. This week we have been revising Area and Perimeter and Volume. We went outdoors for a lesson on Area and Perimeter. I gave year 6 cards with various challenges on such as 'build a rectangle using straws with a perimeter which is a multiple of 7'. Year 6 have shown so much determination with their maths revision- well done!

As part of our literacy unit on Narrative Poetry, we have been reading and exploring The Highwayman. This week we watched a Literacy Shed clip, The Alchemists Letter. We have then been focusing on description, similes and metaphors, repetition, personification and alliteration as figurative language techniques in preparation of writing our own narrative poem based on the events of The Alchemist's Letter.

We began our new unit in science, Materials, by creating a double page spread on Solids, Liquids and Gases, exploring their properties and classifying materials into either a solid, liquid or gas. This will help us over the next few lessons when we begin to describe and compare properties, explore dissolving and separating materials and investigate irreversible changes.

In French, we began to explore planets with Mrs B! We explored Online Relationships as part of our PHSE topic, safety and the changing body.

A super busy week! We also squeezed lots of reading, spelling, PE, music and handwriting in too! Well done, as always, Class 3! 😊

Class 1 Reminder

Swimming

Children in Reception and Year 2 will be going to the Sports Centre on Monday afternoons for swimming lessons this term. Please ensure your child brings in their swimming kit on Monday morning (swimming costume, goggles and towel).

Forest School will now be on a Tuesday afternoon due to swimming on a Monday. Thank you.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Lilah: for her positive attitude and great work on Space 😊 Presentation: Peter.

Class 2: Star of the week: Harry for his excellent work in maths, measuring mass. Presentation: Billy.

Class 3: Star of the Week: Finn for all of your hard work this week! Presentation- Thom.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Josie - for always saying a big 'Thank you!' to Derrick

Tommy - for always eating up his dinner

Elodie - for holding the door open for her classmates

Finn - for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Homework

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

Class 2: Science: Electrical appliance questions. Computing/Animation: Create a thaumatrope. Spellings: Practise the spellings from the end of last term for test next week.

Class 3 - Y6 - SATs Smasher pieces. Y5- Spelling Maths- Area and Perimeter Science- Solids, Liquids and Gases work



Dates for your diary:

24th April - Reception and Year 2 children swimming

1st May - Bank holiday - school closed

8th May - Bank holiday - school closed

9th - 12th May - Year 6 SATS

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mrs Gibson and the Cotherstone Team