



# Cotherstone Primary School 19th May 2023

## Headlice

Please be on your guard! They're been spotted in the area!

## This week in Class 2

Another busy time in Class 2 and busy a time out of Class 2 too!

This week we have been out enjoying the nice weather by doing lots of outdoor learning. Apart from our PE sessions where we have been honing our cricket skills in preparation for next week's competition, we have also been practicing our multiplication, division and decimals work using natural resources to help us record our answers. We then looked around for natural objects and listened to the environment to help us create a rich bank of descriptive vocabulary that we used in our writing where we created our

own chapter for the book *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. This chapter leads directly on from the part of the story where Lila, the main character, meets the Fire-Fiend and is challenged to walk through his flames. The children produced some excellent descriptive writing using fronted adverbials, conjunctions, similes, metaphors and, of course, their excellent adjectives gathered from outside.

The children have also been learning about switches in electrical circuits including how they work and why we need them. The children then created their own circuits and designed and built their own switches to a particular brief from either a lamp company or a hair-dryer company. There were varied and successful designs, showing that the children really worked hard and thought about their challenge.

Class 2 also supported National Numeracy Day by taking part in an online maths quiz, hosted by the legend that is Bobby Seagull, and creating their own budgets and deciding on priorities, wants and needs.

Well done everyone!

#### Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

In the first 2 weeks of June, Year 4 children will be taking their *Multiplication Tables Check*. This is a statutory assessment that will be used to identify children's knowledge of the times tables up to 12 X 12. Children will be asked 25 random questions using the government's MTC app and will have 6 seconds to answer each question. They have been using an almost identical app since January and are well-practiced. Please see the information, to follow, for further details.

Mr B

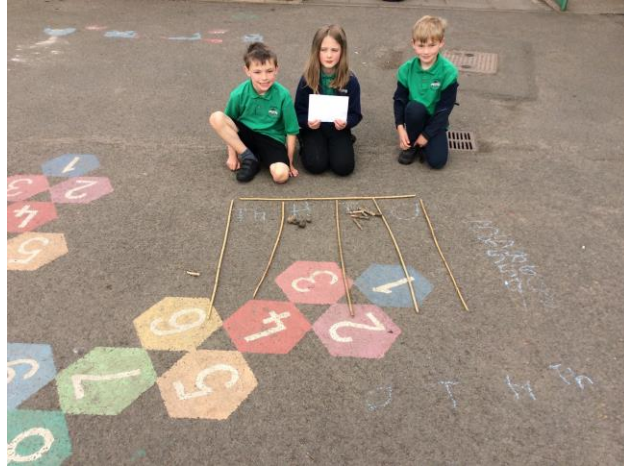
























## Outdoor Learning

On Thursday, it was Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. On two days of action each year, teachers take children outdoors to play and learn. All year round, the Outdoor Classroom Day community campaigns for more time outdoors every day. Here at Cotherstone, outdoor learning is embedded within our culture, be it in drizzle, or more recently in sunshine! Here are some of the lessons that took place outdoors this week:

**Little Learners:** In maths, our youngest learners used our outdoor tens frames and natural materials to represent numbers up to 5. Reception created a number line from natural materials representing and recognising numbers from 1-10. Year 2 focused on fractions by drawing shapes on the playground in chalk and then represented the fraction of each shape using natural materials.

Year 5/6 created line graphs in maths outdoors this week. They collected their own data by stacking Oreos within time intervals and recorded their results in a table. They then used sticks, leaves, pinecones etc to create line graphs with multiple lines to show their continuous data. Class 3 also compared the Amazon Rainforest to UK woodlands in geography. They created mini models of UK woodlands to begin and then compared these to their Amazon Rainforest models by writing similarities and differences on the playground. Finally, they searched the field for flora and fauna cards and then identified if they would be found in the UK woodlands or in the rainforest.









## Awards

Class 1: Stars of the Week: Edward and William for settling in so happily to preschool 😊 Presentation: Sophia

Class 2: Star of the Week: Joe for always giving 100% in every lesson! Presentation: Benji

Class 3: Star of the Week: Oliver for your fantastic narrative poem based on The Alchemist's Letter. Presentation: Sophie



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Sonny for always being polite to lunchtime staff

Peter for waiting patiently to be called up to join the dinner queue

Holly for being a great friend

Sophie for being a great help with her younger schoolmates

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's individual folder

Class 2: Maths - Flashback 4 Science - Write a set of instructions to make a switch

Class 3: Science- describe and compare properties of materials. Maths - have a go at the different maths challenges with someone at home to celebrate National Numeracy Day.

#### **After School Club**

If your child attends cookery club on Thursdays please remember to send a container so that they can bring their cooked items home, thank you.



**Dates for your diary:**

22nd May - Class 1 to Orienteering event at Staindrop

24th May - Class 2 to cricket competition at Raby Castle

25th May - Class 1 to multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy

26th May - School closes for half term break

5th June - School re-opens

7th - 9th June - Years 4, 5 & 6 Trip to Robinwood

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

***Mrs J Gibson and the Cotherstone Team***