



Cotherstone Primary School Newsletter

4th May 2023

Lunch money

Please send in £65.07 for your child's lunches for this half term. Cheques to be made payable to Durham County Council. Thank you.

Class 1 and 'Little Learners'

Donation Request

We would like to develop one of our big planters for growing vegetables in Key Stage 1's garden area. If anyone has any seedlings that have started to grow and would like to donate to school for the children to continue to nurture and grow, we would be very grateful 😊 We would particularly like to grow potatoes, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes and peas.

Thank you in advance.

Preschool & Reception

Preschool and Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Space topic so far. They have been dressing up as astronauts, developing our roleplay area into a space station, starting to make a 3D solar system using paper mache and balloons, learning lots of new vocabulary linked to space, weighing and making space rocks and finding out about famous astronauts. The children have also been learning about the King's Coronation and during Forest School we made a huge nature crown! The children have also been designing their own crowns for the King and finding out what happens on Coronation Day. Our butterflies all hatched during our first week back to school and the children LOVED letting them go free in our garden. Thank you FOCS once again for paying for them. 😊

Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy recently. In Science the children have been looking at the key question 'How do we know something is alive?' So far, we have been learning about column addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions in maths. In literacy we have been completing and practising lots of reading comprehensions. In science, we compared the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive, identified and named a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats and named a variety of plants and animals in the habitats. In RE, we have been learning about who Buddha was, where he was born, why he is special and the story of Prince Siddhartha and the swan. In history, we have been finding out where kings and queens lived through time. This has been a great topic and we have been able to find out about King Charles too. 😊 In Computing, the children have been practising their computing skills using a laptop and computer. Mrs Batchelor has been teaching a fun and interactive music lesson each week alongside supporting Mr Leinster with P.E on a Wednesday afternoon. The first swimming session was a huge success and the children are all very excited and keen to return. If you are able to volunteer on a Monday afternoon from 12:15-2:30 to accompany the children on the bus to their lesson and help once there, please let myself or another member of staff know. Thank you.





Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Isla L-A for great maths work and Evie for super work regarding the King's Coronation. Presentation - Calvin

Class 2: Star of the Week: Kitty for her firework-maker's daughter's letter

Class 3: Star of the Week: Jake for your amazing double-page spread on Rainforests! Presentation - Sennen.



This week's lunchtime awards will be announced next week.

Homework

Class 1: Year 2 -reading daily, spelling and work in books. Reception - see book.

Class 2: Maths - Year 3: Capacity and volume. Year 4: Decimals and hundredths. Spellings.

Class 3: Year 6 - see your Homework folder for your 'special' homework this week.

Year 5 - Maths - create a 'dream school' using squares, rectangles, rectilinear and compound shapes. Calculate the area and perimeter of each part. Reading comprehension.



Dates for your diary

8th May - Bank holiday for the King's Coronation

9th-12th May - SATS week

17th May - FOCS Blue Bag Collection

18th May - Class 3 trip to Killhope

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mrs J Gibson and the Cotherstone Team