



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 13th October 2023

Dear Parents,

*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 18th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks.

Visitors!

Please check your child for headlice and treat them accordingly. There's quite a bit of itching going on in class!

This week in Class 2

In literacy this week we have been reading our class text, 'Escape from Pompeii', we have been focusing on writing a setting description of 'Peaceful Pompeii' before Mount Vesuvius erupts. We then watched a fantastic animation of the day of the eruption and collected lots of vocabulary such as powerful adjectives, verbs, prepositions and adverbs to create a vivid description of the eruption.

Within our maths lessons we have started our work on Addition and Subtraction as we have mastered our Place Value steps. Year 3s have been thinking about adding mentally including crossing 10s, to do this they have been using lots of manipulatives/practical work to support their learning. Year 4 have been mastering their formal written methods of column addition using lots of problem solving and reasoning opportunities once they have mastered the method.

As part of our reading lessons we have been reading texts for Black History Month. We began with the Little Leaders Series of men and women and have learnt about three key figures. Class 2 have continued to use their VIPERS reading skills within Reading sessions.

In history we have been looking at how powerful the Roman army is and the different strategies they used.

We have been busy preparing for our upcoming Tag Rugby tournament in PE and have been getting very muddy in the process! **We will be heading to Staindrop Academy next Wednesday afternoon following an early lunch for the tournament. Class 2 will need their full PE kit and suitable footwear.**



Awards

Class 1: Star of the Week: Annie for her great gymnastic moves. Presentation: Sophia C

Class 2: Star of the Week: Isla for always working super hard in maths lessons! Presentation : Scarlett

Class 3: Star of the Week: Robby for his great work with prime numbers. Presentation: Zara



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Izacc for happily following the lunchtime routine

Brandon for clearing up the field without being asked to

Mia for making a great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone

Claudette for being a great help to lunchtime staff

Homework

Class 1: Please find your child's homework in their homework book

Class 2: Maths - consolidation of this week's learning. History - 'Professor know it all' activity based on this weeks lesson.

Class 3: Maths Y5: Written subtraction. Maths Y6: Prime numbers to 100

Literacy Y5: Electric Vehicles comprehension. Literacy Y6: Stages of Human Life comprehension

Spellings.

After School Club

If your child attends Cookery Club on Thursdays please remember to send a container to school with them, so they can bring their cooked produce home.



Dates for your diary

17th October - KS2 Cross Country at Staindrop Academy

18th October - Class 2 to Rugby Festival

19th October - Class 3 to Multi-skills Festival

24th & 25th October - Pre-school and Class 1 Parents evenings

25th October - Class 2 and Class 3 Parents evenings

27th October - School closes for half term break

27th October - FOCS Halloween Party at the Village Hall 5pm - 7pm

6th November - School re-opens

12th December - KS1 Christmas performances (time to be confirmed)

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