



Cotherstone Primary Newsletter 24th November 2023

Uniform

Please check your child's uniform to ensure the items they bring home are theirs. Parents and children have reported a number of items missing.

Key Stage 2 Open Afternoon

Key Stage 2 would like to welcome parents into class on Wednesday 6th December. The session will begin at 1:30pm and parents will be able to work with their children on their current DT topics.

Class 3's rescheduled Parents' Evening will also take place on that day. Booking sheets will be sent home with children today.

Thanks,

Mr B

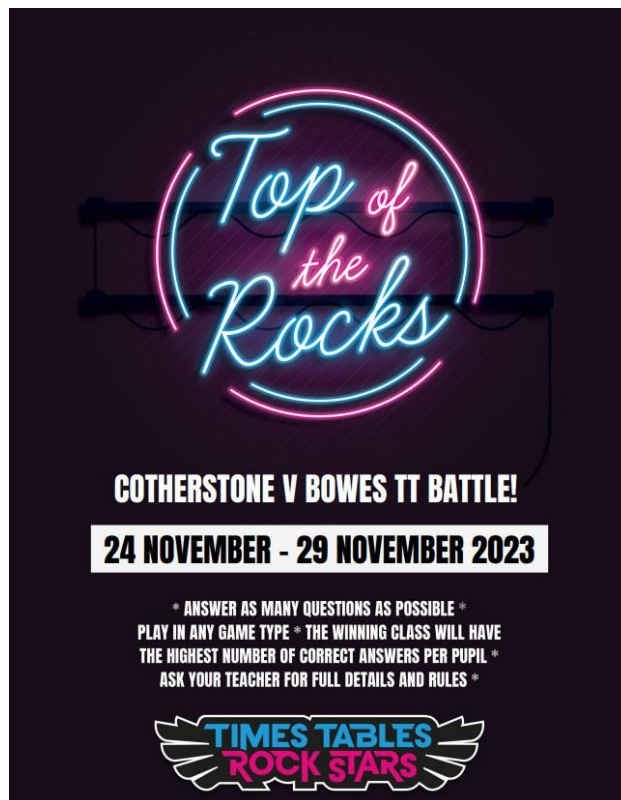
Christmas Lunch

If you would like to join us for Christmas lunch on 12th December please ensure you return your order and payment to school by Friday 1st December. *Thank you to those who have already done so.*

This week in Class 2

Times Tables Rock Stars KS2 Battle

We use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) as a fun way to practice times tables. This can be accessed via an App or on the website using a Tablet/Laptop. Children in KS2 are bringing a letter home today explaining how to access TTRS at home using their log ins. For their homework this week we have a 'Times Tables Battle' organised with KS2 from Bowes. Details can be found in their homework books.



This week in Class 2

In literacy this week we have been exploring our new text, Leon and the Place Between. When Leon volunteers to be in Abdul Kazam's magic show, he is transported to a mysterious, exotic world, called the Place Between. This is a world alive with magic and filled with rabbits, playing cards, doves, coins and even a magician's assistant!

Before reading the book we used our senses to infer what the book may include and make predictions. When Class 2 arrived back in the classroom after break, Mr Leinster arrived in a magician's cape, circus music was playing whilst the children sat beneath the parachute. Whilst unable to see from the parachute, we used popcorn and candy floss to stimulate the smell sense. Class 2 used these clues to

make inferences about what the book would be about. They were then given the front cover/blurb and added to their predictions. Whilst reading the book we have focused on verbs, adverbs, fronted adverbials and figurative expanded noun phrases.

As part of our multiplication and division work in maths we have been focusing on equal groups in Year 3 and the 3 times table in Year 4. Over the next few weeks, we will focus on mastering the multiplication and division facts for our year group. Year 3s will be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and Year 4 the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12s.

In geography we explored the cities and counties of the UK using atlases to broaden our locational and place knowledge.

We explored whether Boudicca was a hero or a villain in history, exploring her revolt and the reasons behind this.



Awards

Class 1: Star of the week: Florence for always being so keen and eager to learn. Presentation: Max

Class 2: Star of the week: Harry for your excellent attitude to learning- you always put in 100%! Presentation: Mia

Class 3: Star of the week: Kitty for her amazing scary story! Presentation: Ralph



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

Logan for happily following the lunchtime routine

Lilah for making a great start to lunchtimes at Cotherstone

Benji for offering to collect the football from the field during lunchtime play

Jon for his kindness towards his fellow pupils

Homework

Class 1: Please see your child's homework folder

Class 2: Maths - Times Tables Rock Stars battle! Instructions in homework book. Geography - countries similarities and differences task

Class 3: Spellings. Geography mat. Times Table Rock Stars Battle of the Bands

After School Club

This weeks' 'Star Bakers' in Cookery Club were Billy and Thomas. Well done!

A reminder to parents for next week's Cookery Club that the children will be baking, **but** all produce is going to then be sold at the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December.



Dates for your diary

27th November - Final swimming session

1st December - FOCS Christmas Fair and light switch-on

6th December - KS2 Open afternoon

6th December - Class 3 Parents' meetings

12th December - Christmas lunch

15th December - Key stage 1 Christmas performance

18th December - Christmas party

19th December - Christingle

19th December - School closes for Christmas break

22nd December - FOCS Breakfast with Santa

4th January - School opens for the Spring Term

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