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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week here in school! The children and staff have been working so hard and there's lots for you to see in this week's newsletter.

Thank you to all of you who have engaged so well with your child's teacher this week in our first ever telephone parental consultations. It was so useful for us to be able to share with you how your child is settling in and how they're working in class and I hope you found the conversations useful and informative.

I hope you have a good weekend and that you enjoy the cup of tea your child brought home for you. Thank you so much for your continued support to Macmillan Coffee Morning - #Team Clarborough appreciate it!

Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

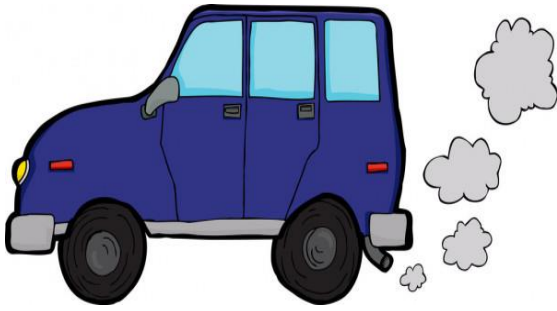
Finance queries should be directed to: finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

And IT support queries should be sent to: itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Roadworks - postponed

Some of you may have noticed that there was a sign indicating that the road to the front entrance to the school is to be closed on Friday, 2nd October. Mrs Cowell-Clark has spoken with the Council again and they have informed us that the works will be carried out over a weekend later in the year. This means that ALL drop off and pick up times on that day, including nursery children, will be as normal.





Car Engines

We politely ask that while you are waiting to drop-off and pick-up your children, you turn your engines off to reduce exhaust emissions. This obviously reduces air pollution but also makes it more pleasant for those standing around the vehicles waiting with their children.

Individual Photographs

Just a reminder that the children are having their school photos taken on Tuesday 29th September. The photos will be taken outside on the grounds of the school. Children with siblings in school will have their photos taken together and individually.

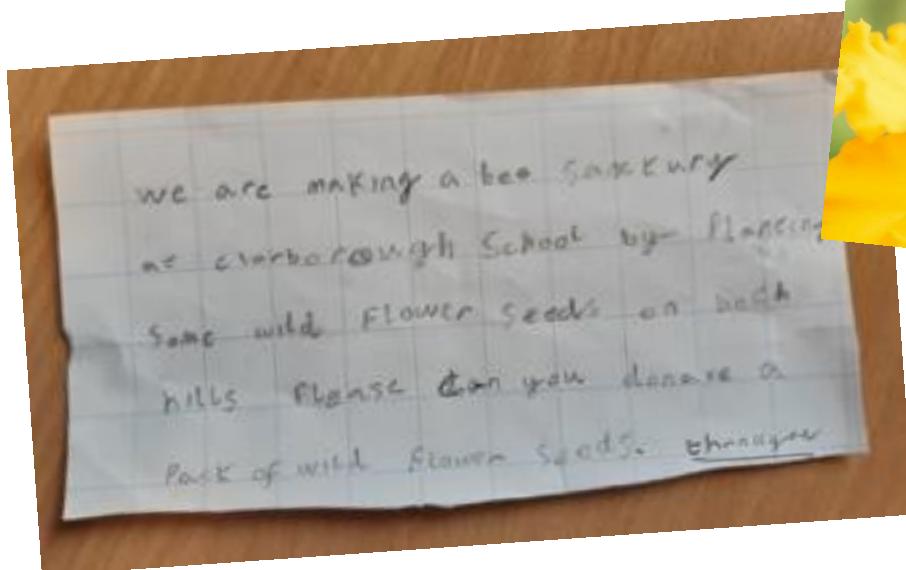
Unfortunately this year, due to social distancing, we are unable to invite parents in to school with younger siblings who do not attend school for a photo with their older siblings.



Wellies and Coats

Now the weather is getting colder and wetter, please remember to send your child to school in a warm and waterproof coat. They are also welcome to bring in their wellies or spare shoes if it is going to be very wet. The children will be outside even if it is raining so please ensure that they are ready for any weather!

Save our Bees!



Harrison in Year 4 has had a lovely idea of creating a bee sanctuary in school as part of his campaign to save our bees!

We are hoping to fill a couple of areas on our school field with the wildflowers and then hopefully watch the wildlife appear.

We would welcome any donations of a packet of wild flower seeds or bee bombs to help us with this project!



Macmillan Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Macmillan fundraising buckets today!

This is such a worthwhile cause and we are so happy that we were still able to go ahead with this amazing event!



A special mention and thanks goes to Mr Byrom and Charlie A in Year 6 who both had their heads shaved for this worthwhile event together with Tehya and Mitchell in Year 6 who both made cakes and brought them in for their class – A huge thank you to you all!



School Census Day – A Special Lunch!



School Census Day – Thursday 1st October

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals as part of the Government initiative launched in 2014.

Schools are given money per child to fund this, only if each child has a school meal on the 1st October. If your child doesn't have a meal on that day it will mean approximately £450 of missed funding for each child, this could mean that school doesn't receive £31,000!

The meal that we will be serving on Thursday 1st October is hotdogs, chips and beans with a pudding of ice cream with sauce and sprinkles. The vegetarian option will be Quorn hotdog.

Children of all year groups are welcome to take part too and enjoy this special meal!

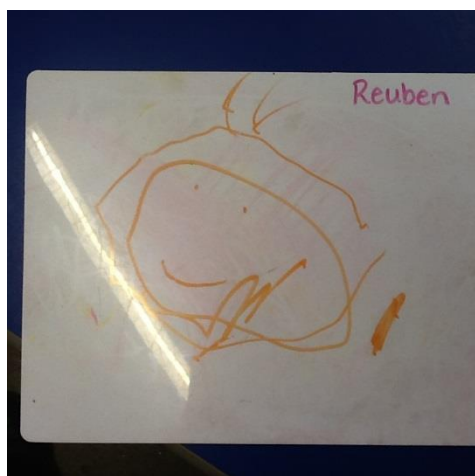
Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

Well after a very busy few weeks all our new starters are finally in and they are doing so well!

Each day is calmer with fewer wet pants and tears in the morning (that's just the staff!) and gradually new friendships are being made and new skills being learnt.

Our Wonderful Wheels Wednesday was a hit with lots of wheels both big and small joining the children at school.

The children are noticing wheels all around them - look what Jensen found in the car park at Macdonald's!



The 30hours Nursery children have been having a go at using the white boards and markers and seeing if they could draw a picture of themselves – great job Reuben!

Nursery Stars of the week:



Harry G for settling in so quickly!

Jenson for amazing us by learning 'good listeners' so quickly and for doing it so well every single time!

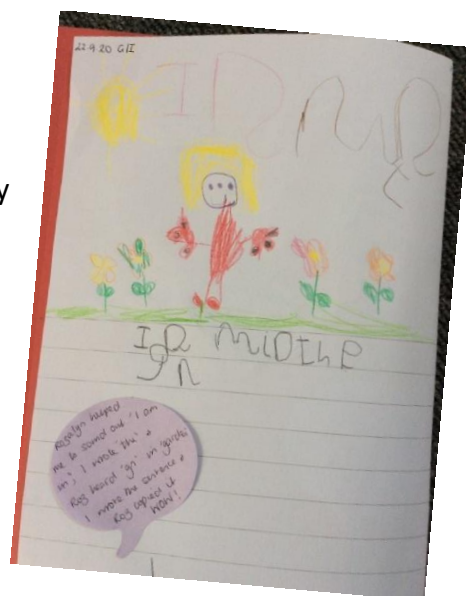
Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



This week we have been thinking about vehicles that we see on our way to school.....we have seen cars, buses, motorbikes, lorries, vans, tractors and bikes!

We had a fantastic time on Wonderful Wheels Wednesday as we all brought something with wheels into school and rode our bikes, scooters and ride-ons around the playground; and then played with our smaller wheeled toys in class.

The children have been writing in their books and Mrs Turton is very proud of their amazing work!



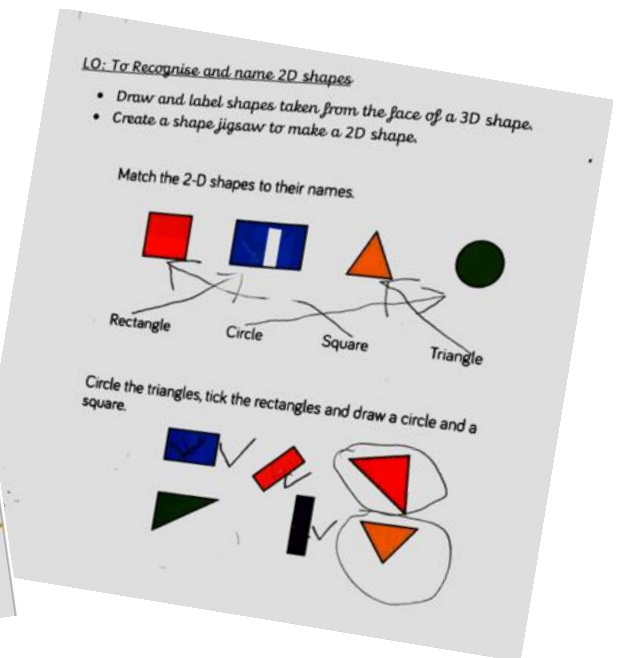
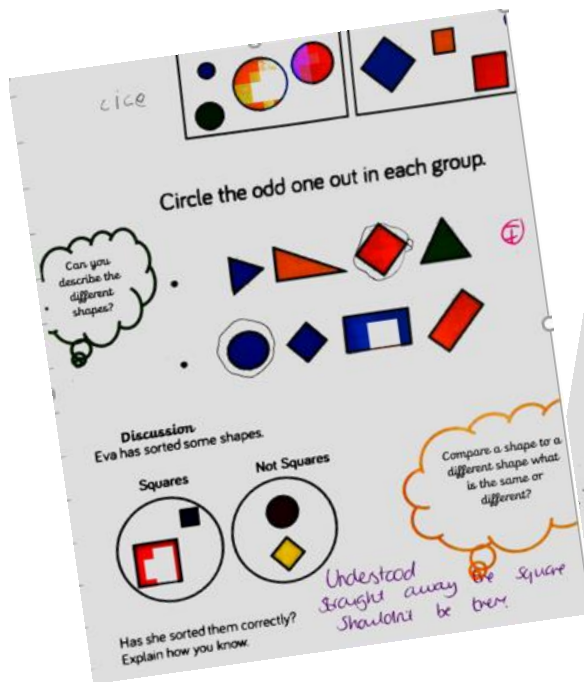
We have also been decorating a cup for the MacMillan Coffee Morning and they look beautiful!



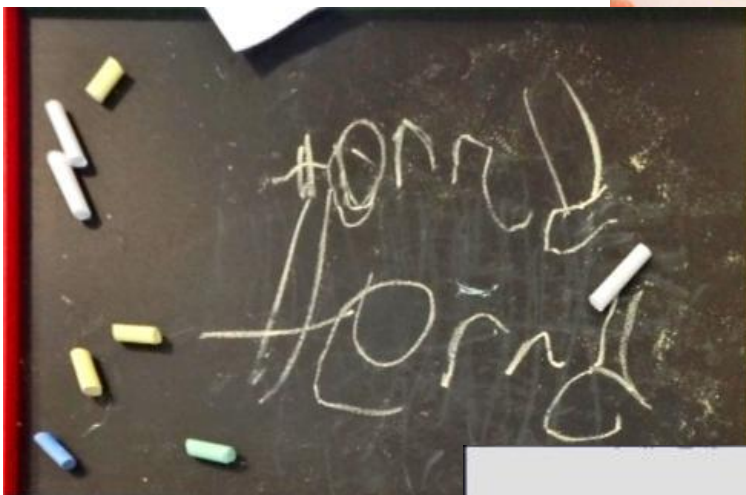
Reception Star of the week: Jacob F for always trying his best and always being so lovely!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

This week in Year 1 we have been focusing on shape once again in Maths. The children have been demonstrating their understanding of sorting shapes and linking 2D and 3D shapes together by showing that 2D shapes are the faces of 3D shapes. They have worked really hard and have been able to understand that a 'diamond' is not actually a shape name we use.



In English, the children have focused on their fine motor skills and practiced writing their name in lots of different ways! The children have been focusing on cvc words and blending them to use in a sentence. Lots of funny words have been made during our daily phonics lessons this week too!



We have had a great time in our music lessons - learning a new song and moving to the beat. We talked about the rhythm and beat of the song. It was great fun dancing to the new song 'Hey You'!

We have also been learning about celebrations in RE and in particular about the Jewish celebration of Passover - when Moses saved the Jewish slaves in Egypt. The children reenacted the scene including being locusts and frogs!

The children have been decorating a cup for our Macmillan Coffee morning. The children used different colours, patterns and pictures to make their cups look interesting ready to take home on Friday!



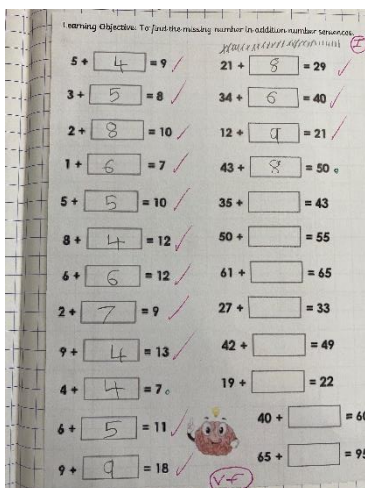
Next week, we are revisiting shape for one last time to secure their understanding. The children will also be revisiting the Jewish celebration of Passover and looking at the food they eat during this time.



Year 1 Star of the week: Dellah-Rose for trying very hard in all she does and showing a good attitude

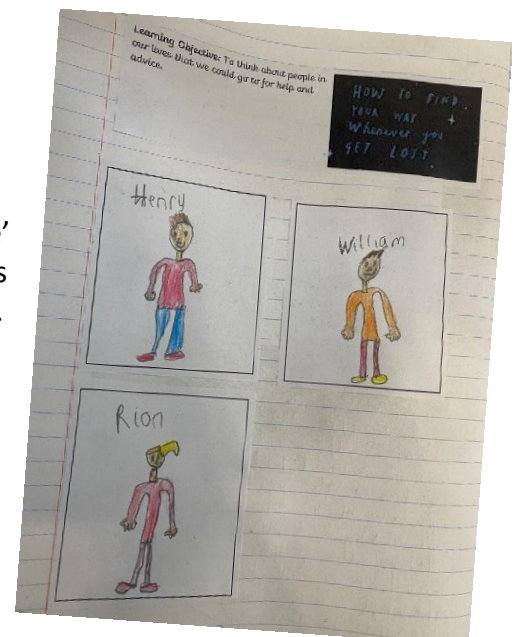
Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

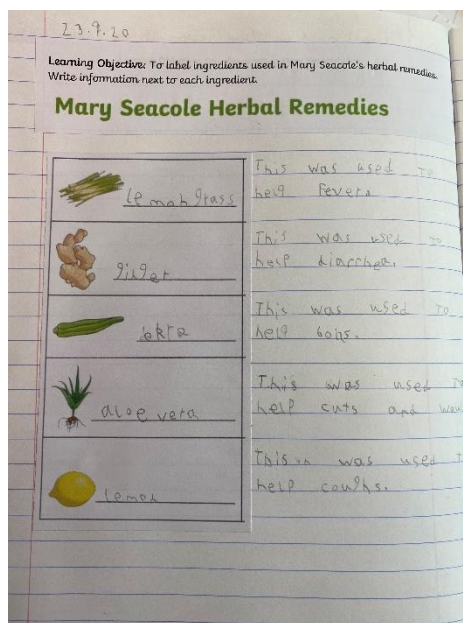
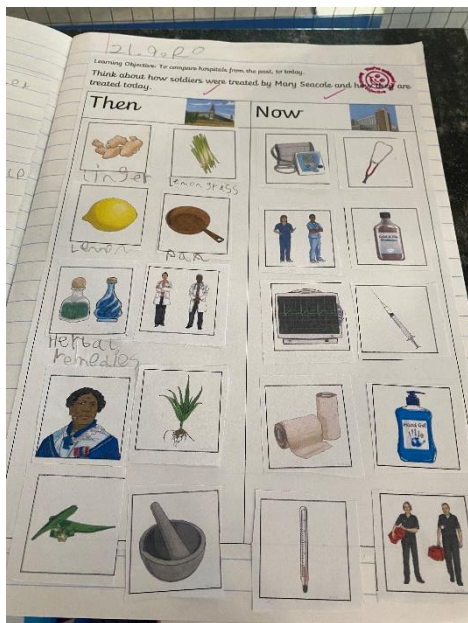
Wellington class have had a busy week full of learning!



In Maths, they have found missing numbers in addition and subtraction sentences and part whole models.

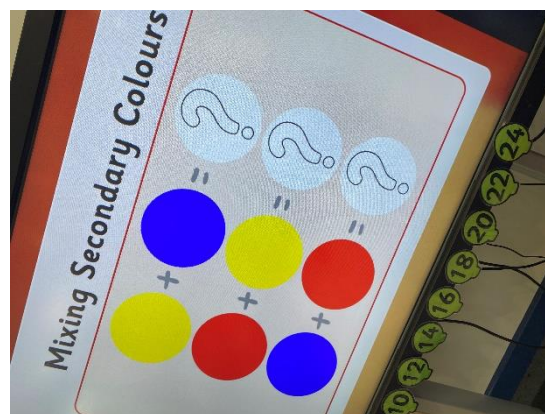
We finished the book 'Here We Are' and thought of grown-ups in our lives that we could go to for help and advice.





In Topic, we found out about herbal remedies that Mary Seacole used and what they were used to cure.

In Art and Design, we mixed primary colours to make secondary colours and then added black at white to make different shades. The children loved experimenting with the different colours!



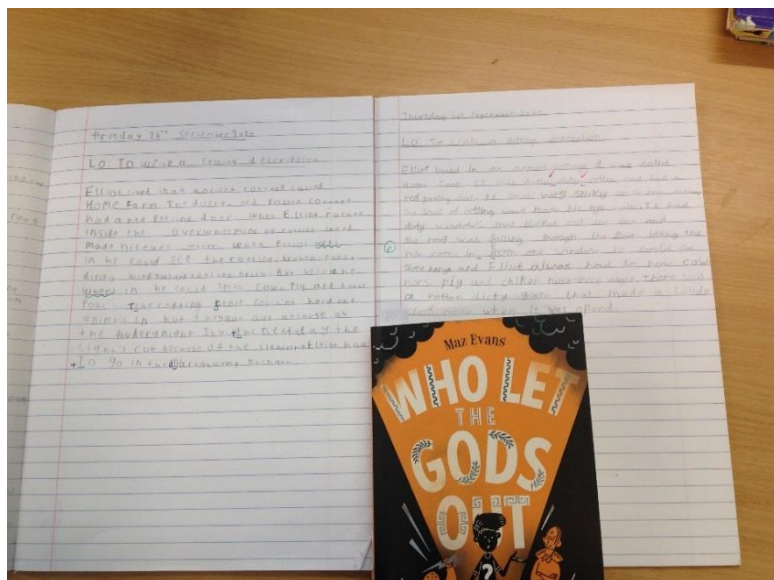
Next week, we will have a go at chopping, grinding and heating ingredients that Mary Seacole used and even try some honey and lemon! In English, we will put information into alphabetical order as well as understanding and using a glossary.



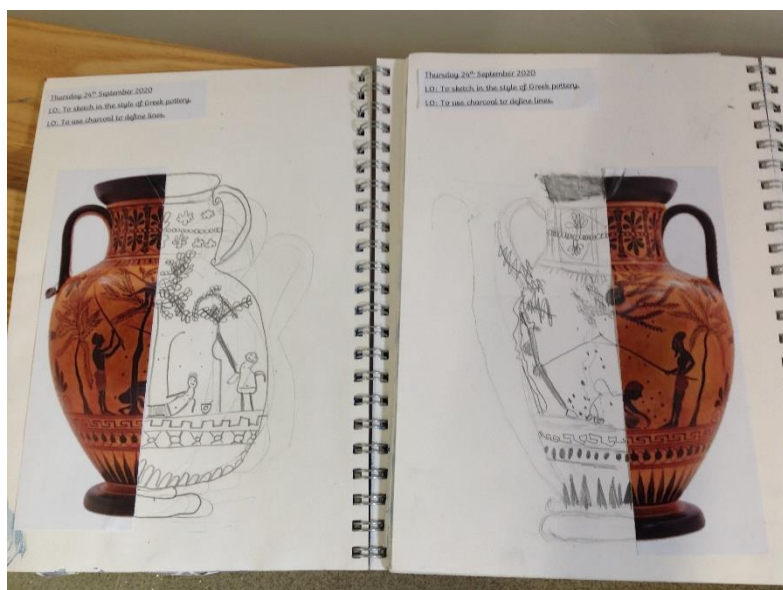
Year 2 Star of the week: Isla H for trying extra hard this week and not letting anything bother her!

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

This week Zagreb class have really stretched their brains with their writing. They have been working hard on creating setting descriptions for Elliot's cottage and his farm.



In Maths, they have been exploring place value to 3-digit numbers and we have introduced number lines...it took a lot of practise using their rulers to draw straight lines!



Following the Clarborough curriculum, Zagreb have been exploring what influenced the Ancient Greeks using secondary resources and they had a really good go at sketching Greek pottery!

In French, they have learnt how to say 'Hello, how are you?'

Last weekend, Penny went on a lovely evening walk with her grandma and found some wonderful flowers and wildlife, she loved explaining to everyone what she had found.



Next week, Zagreb class will be exploring Myths in more detail and working towards creating their own. In Maths, they will be ordering and comparing numbers to 1000. Using the Clarborough curriculum, they will

be exploring how the Ancient Greeks influenced the rest of the world and they will be designing and making their own chariots!

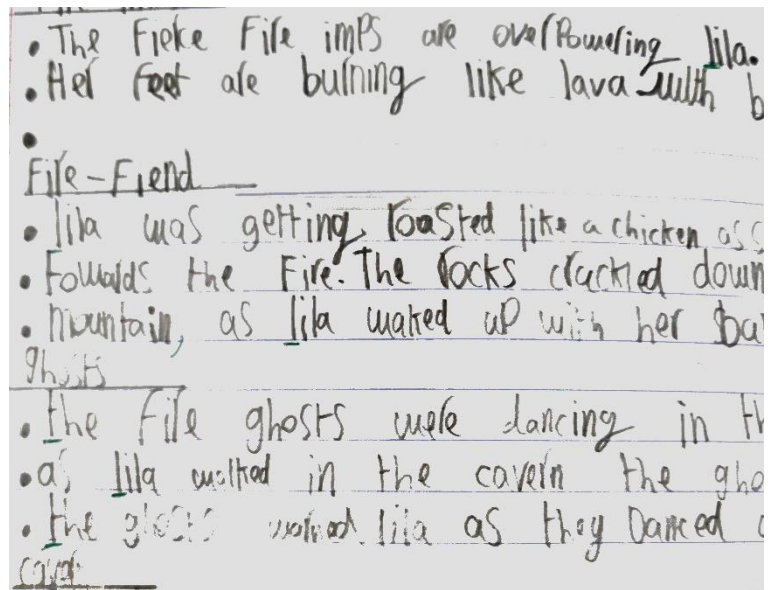


Year 3 Star of the week: Reece for brilliant concentration skills in Maths!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

This week we have been looking at measurement and converting from mm, cm, m and km. The children have worked really hard to convert between different measurements and partitioning them correctly. They have been able to make the link between multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 - A great start to Year 4!

In English we have continued to enjoy the story of 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'. Lila has just entered the grotto of the fire fiend, and the children have made a brilliant job of describing all the different elements of her experience by including; adjectives, expanded noun phrases, similes and personification.



In Topic the children have been learning about the hierarchy system of the Shang Dynasty and thinking what it would have been like to live during that time and how important each role was.

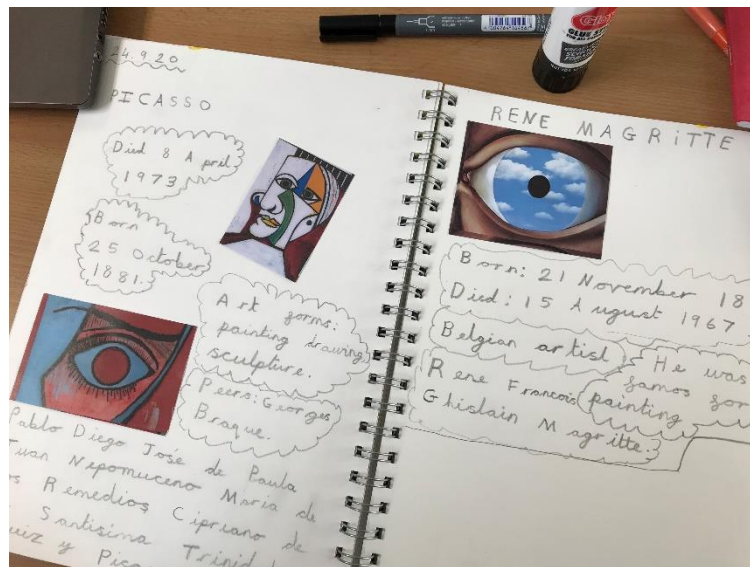
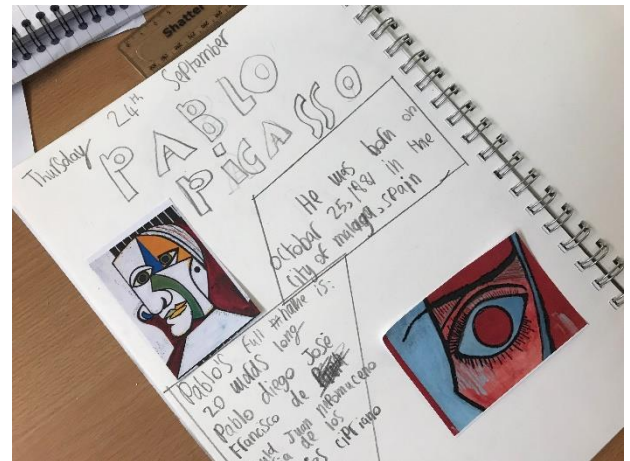
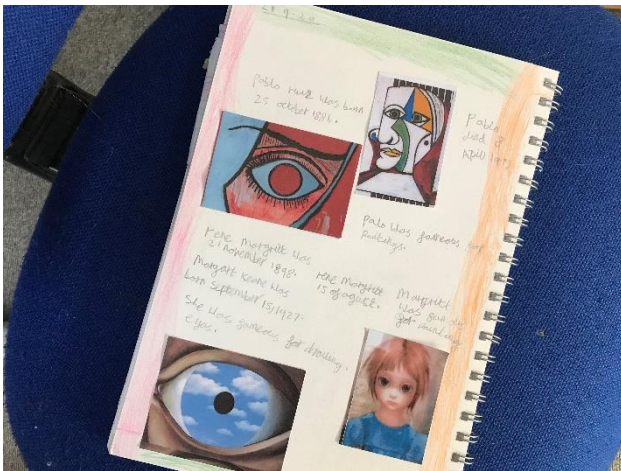


This week in Science, the children have been learning about invertebrates, distinguishing between insects, annelids, protozoa, crustaceans, molluscs, arachnids and echinoderms.

First they looked at classification keys to assess which specimen they had found and then they went on a hunt around school, discussing what makes an environment ideal for a particular living thing.



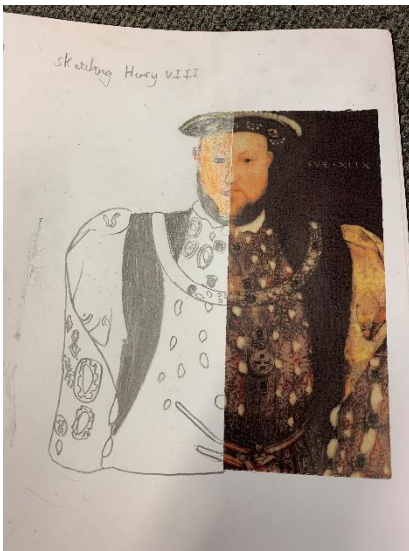
Year 4 have also been researching famous artists and presenting this information in their art books. They have been looking at: Rene Magritte, Margaret Keane and Picasso – all of whom have famous works of eyes in their art!



Year 4 Star of the week: Finlay for being an absolute superstar in all that he has done this week. He has such a fantastic attitude to learning and has produced some excellent work this week!

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

This week, children in Caracas Class have continued their learning about the monarchs in the Tudor dynasty and have created some amazing sketches of King Henry VIII. Your child's sketch is in their Seesaw Journal so make sure you log in (Home Learning codes are in the back of their planners) and have a look!

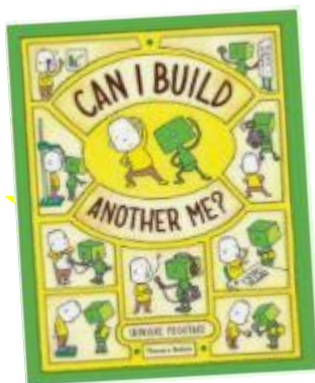


In English, they have been using the book 'Here We Are' and some clips of Blue Planet to create their own audio documentaries about marine creatures. Again, these will be uploaded to Seesaw when complete so you can have a listen.

In Maths, they have continued working on rounding and counting forwards and backwards in powers of 10.

Next week, they will compare and order numbers in Maths, as well as interpreting negative numbers in context.

In English, they will use the story 'Can I Build Another Me?' to think about what makes them unique and special before writing a manual about themselves!



In History, they will begin to learn about significant Africans during Tudor times, such as Jacques Francis, who was a salvage diver on The Mary Rose.

Year 5 Star of the week: Lexi for her unwavering enthusiasm and outstanding knowledge about the Tudors!

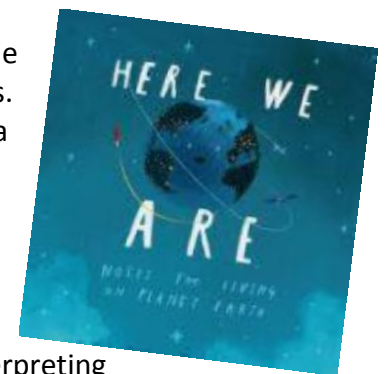
Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

English:

We have begun our new class book - The Explorer. Year 6 have been using it for reading comprehensions as well as improving their writing through learning all the different SPaG elements. We even got to take our learning down into the jungle area where we imagined our plane had crashed and used our senses to describe what we might see, hear, touch, taste and feel.

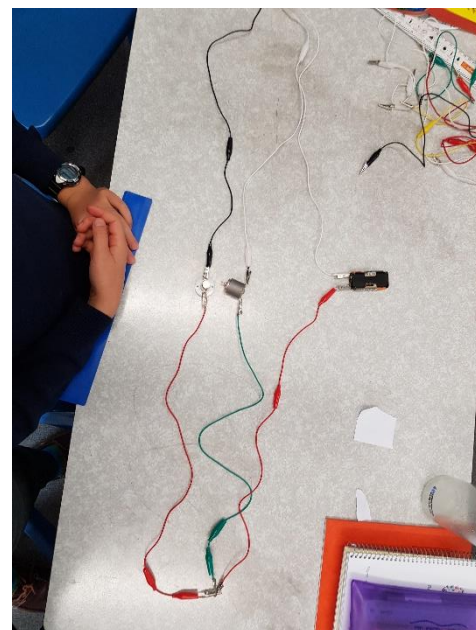
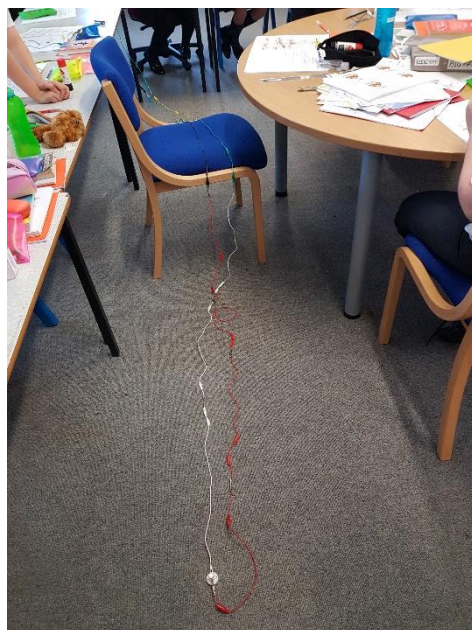
Maths:

Year 6 have been furthering their knowledge surrounding multiples, factors, prime, square and cubed numbers. They have carried out investigations to find multiples and factors of numbers, while applying their knowledge to sort numbers using both Carroll and Venn diagrams.



Science:

Year 6 have been carrying on with their learning about electricity. This week they have looked at conductors and insulators as well as series and parallel circuits. The children have really enjoyed the practical element of this science topic, with most of the learning being hands on carrying out investigations!



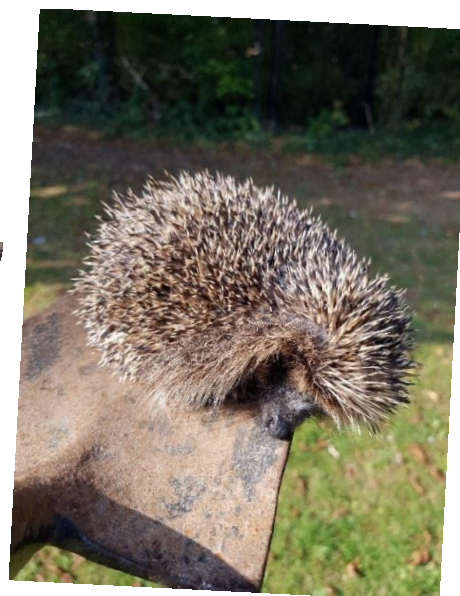
PE:

We have loved getting back to PE with Ben and this half term we are focusing on tag rugby. As we are only doing PE in our Year 6 bubble we are really enjoying learning about the laws of the game and applying them in different game situations.



In other news....

Mrs Brown saved another hedgehog this week...





Year 6 Star of the week: Tehya for her fantastic work ethic. Tehya has worked well both independently and within a group!

Out of School Achievements



A huge well done to Heidi for completing her Level 4 Swimming Award! Great work Heidi!

Charlotte is enjoying her membership at Retford Golf Club with the new junior tee boxes in place for 2020. Her biggest achievement was a 70 yard drive on the 17th – Fantastic work Charlotte!



If you have any out of school achievements you would like to share with us to put in the newsletter, please forward your photos to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk with a brief description of the award/achievement.

School Dates for your Diaries.....

29th September – School Photos

16th October – Last day of term

19th – 30th October – Half Term

2nd November – Children return back to school



Please ensure children in Years 1-6 come to school on Mondays and Fridays in their PE kits and trainers.

Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club and Wraparound please email Mrs Bennet on sbennett@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

If you have any questions or queries regarding 30hours and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Please note for all of those attending school, if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should remain at home. Please follow the link below to find more information about this:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>