



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We have had a busy and exciting week back with lots of great activities going on.

As we start a second National Lockdown, I would like to thank you for following the changes that have been made outside of school when you drop off and pick up your child. You will have noticed that staff are now wearing face coverings when they meet you at the gates. We continue to ensure that the children are washing their hands regularly and an enhanced cleaning programme continues in school. These measures help to keep the staff and children safe in school. Please ensure you continue to contact school if you or someone you have come into contact with tests positive for COVID-19 so that we can take action as required.

Next week, you will receive further information about remote learning. Remote learning means that children access their lessons if they are not able to attend school via SeeSaw. If your child has to isolate or if your child's class bubble has to close, work will be set the next day for them to access. There will be a home/school agreement for home learning to read and sign and the school's policy on blended learning for your information. Please get in touch with me via the school office or at the gates at drop off and pick up if you have any questions about this.

At the end of the newsletter, you will find the dates for key events planned for this half-term including the plans for celebrating Christmas. I am sure you'll agree that the staff are doing an amazing job to ensure that COVID does not stop the learning and fun here at Clarborough!! One event I would like to tell you about is our Clarborough Christmas Tree Festival. As the St Swithun's Christmas Tree Festival has had to be cancelled this year, we decided that we would create our own here to spread a little Christmas cheer! There will be a virtual tour on SeeSaw, our school website, Facebook and Twitter later in December.

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

Emotional Well-Being

Here at Clarborough Primary School we actively encourage our pupils to take care of their emotional health and well-being in order to build healthy minds and bodies that will help them to *'be the best they can be'*.

Mrs Cooper has created an Emotional Health and Well-Being page on our school website showing how integral this is within our school and all the different programmes the children follow, for example, Take Five. There is also a list of useful links to organisations involved with emotional health and well-being such as Young Minds, CAMHS and NCC Family Service.



You can find this information on our school website under Clarborough Curriculum > Emotional Health and Well-Being. Please take a few minutes to have a look and maybe have a go at some of the activities on there – the Mindfulness Finger Labyrinth is great fun!

Eco Warriors

We have now signed up to a new recycling scheme run by Plastic Free Retford. They have kindly donated to us a recycling bin and some sacks so we can recycle cans.

The cans will then be traded for trees to expand our garden area. So please start saving your fizzy drink cans and bring them to school for recycling! Help us plant some trees around our school grounds!

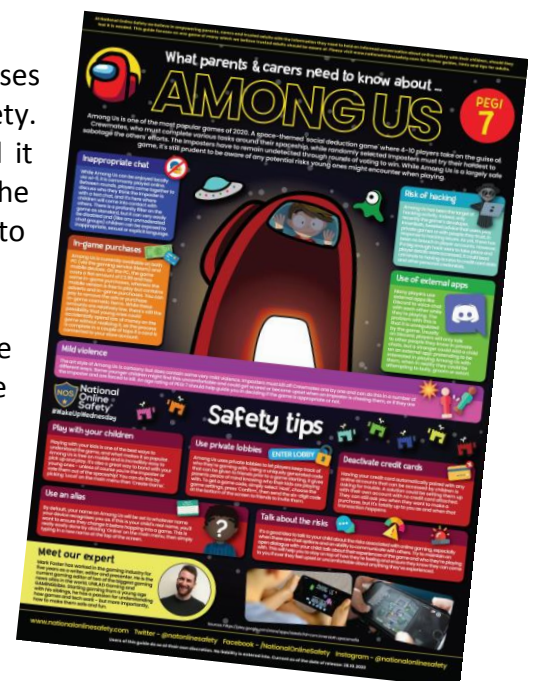


National Online Safety

National Online Safety offers the school community training courses and resources for teachers, parents and children in online safety. Their aim is to make the internet a safer place for children and it achieves this by equipping school staff, parents and children with the knowledge they need to understand online dangers and how best to react should an incident arise.

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned the online game 'Among Us'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on 'Among Us'. Please take a few minutes to read through this as we have heard some of the children talking about this particular game in the playground.





Anti-bullying

During the last academic year we took part in the All Together scheme, an anti-bullying programme run by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. As part of the programme, Key Stage 2 pupils were asked to complete an online questionnaire about their experiences at school and then an action plan was developed to deal with the issues that arose from this. The children responded brilliantly and, despite us having to stop midway through due to the lockdown, we are delighted to say that we have received a silver award which can now be displayed in school and on the website. A huge thank you and well done to all of the children - keep up the great work!

Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

We have had a fantastic week learning about spiders in Nursery and some children even brought a spider into school! The craft activities shown here were very popular and show how hard the children had to concentrate to thread the pipe cleaners or sprinkle the glitter during those activities - this is handwriting practise - Nursery Style!





The children also developed their physical skills as they climbed through the elastic spider's web outside. It was great fun... but quite tricky!

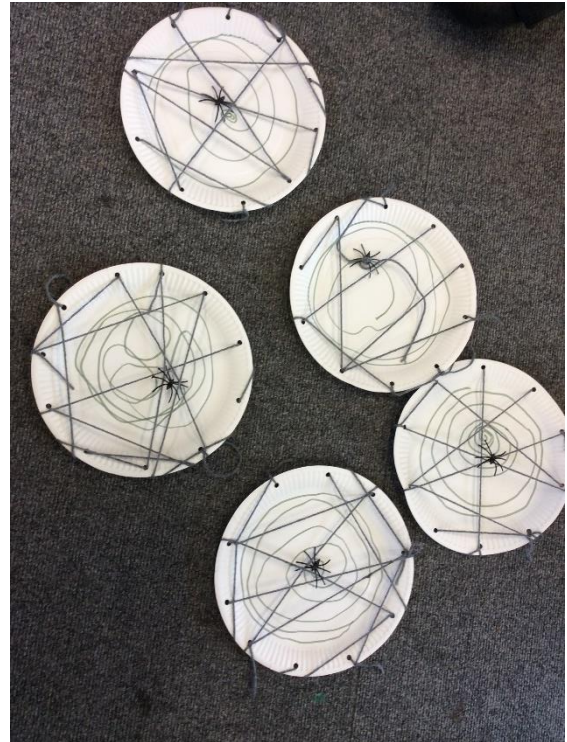
The children enjoyed the Autumn sunshine whilst painting and decorating an array of autumn leaves. We spoke about how the leaves fall from the trees during Autumn and that they return by re-growing again in the Spring.



Nursery Stars of the week: Joely who, having said she couldn't do the pipe cleaning activity, kept trying and eventually did it! With every leg she added to her spider's body – we all shouted 'Yes we can!'
Alfie for trying really hard to recognise when he needed the toilet and then taking himself off independently. Brilliant!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

This week we have been really busy learning about all sorts of things! We have found out all about spiders, went looking for them outside, and made our own cobwebs.



We have been making poppies to remember the soldiers who went to fight for their countries and we have talked about how to keep safe on Bonfire Night.



We also had lots of fun in the Autumn leaves and making fireworks in a jar with Miss Orwin!

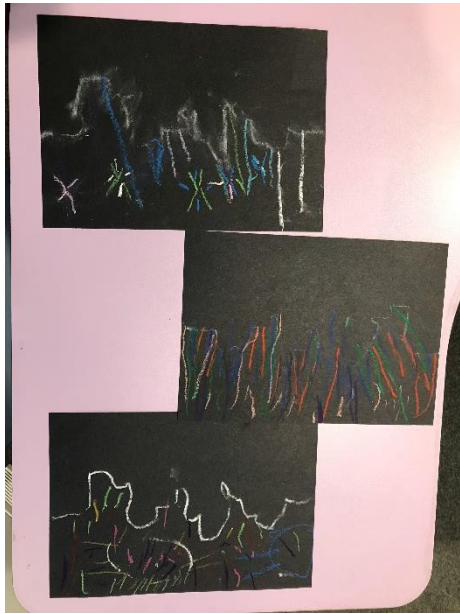




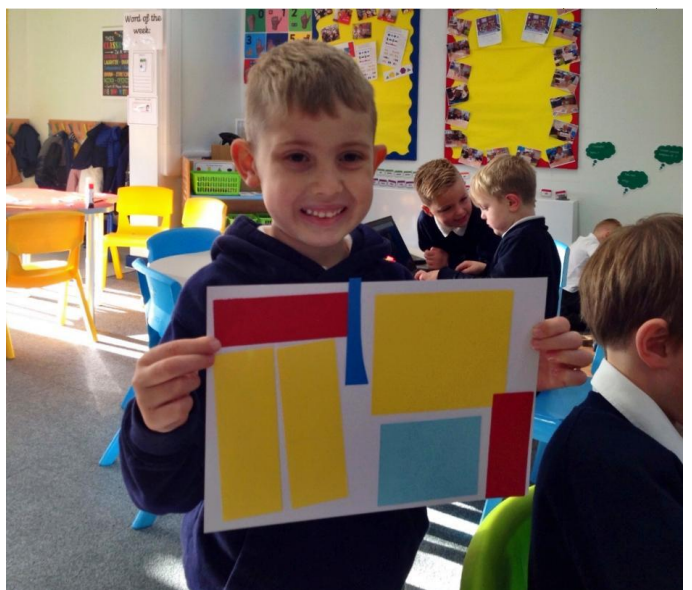
Reception Star of the week: Jenson for his fantastic writing!

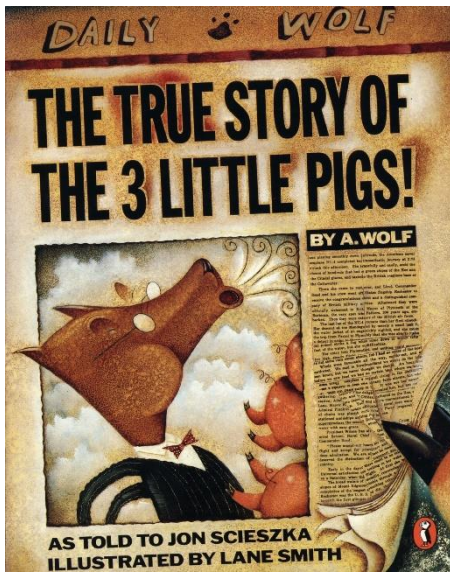
Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

Year 1 have been creating bonfire night pictures with oil pastels and chalks. We used white chalk to create the skyline and then lots of bright oil pastels to create the fireworks in the night sky – great work everyone, they look amazing!



Year 1 have enjoyed an Art lesson based on the artist Piet Mondrian. They used squares and rectangles to replicate his work. They made sure they didn't overlap and really thought about how they were going to place them on the paper.





In English, they listened to the traditional tale of the Three Little Pigs and created a story board. They found out the text for this half term is 'The real story of the Three Little Pigs' and will get to know the story from the wolf's point of view!

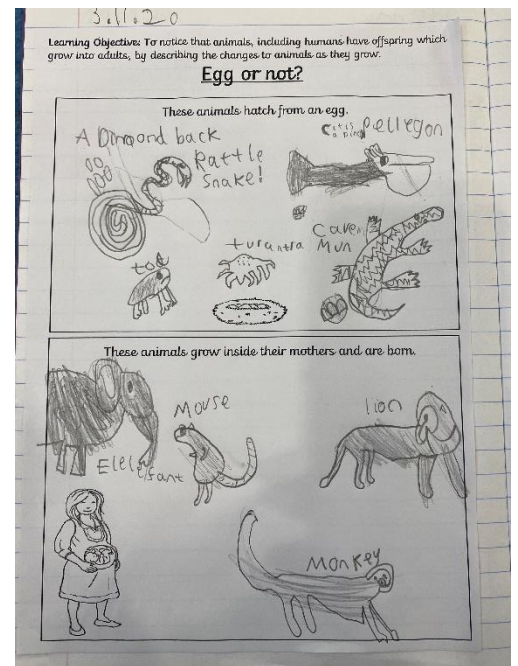
In Topic, they thought of questions that they would like to find out about Winston Churchill and started learning about why this famous man is so well known. They are excited to learn more about him and find out more about the Second World War.



On Thursday, the children used oil pastels to create their own firework scene.



In Science, they began learning about animals including humans and found out about animals that lay eggs compared to animals that give birth to their young.

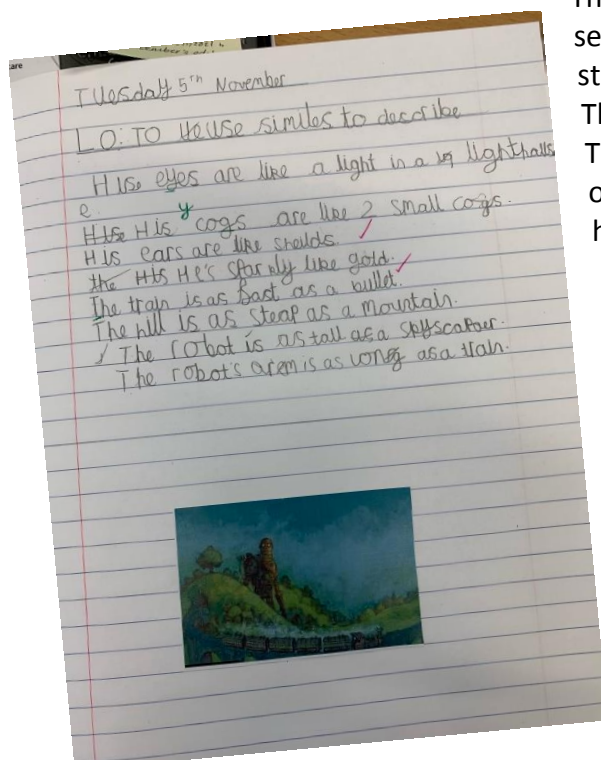


Next week, they will find out more about Winston Churchill's early life and create their own timeline. They will begin 'The real story of the Three Little Pigs' and predict why the wolf is in prison. They will learn about Remembrance Day and what the Poppy symbolises. In Science, they will continue to learn about animals having offspring which grow into adults and learn about how they grow and change.

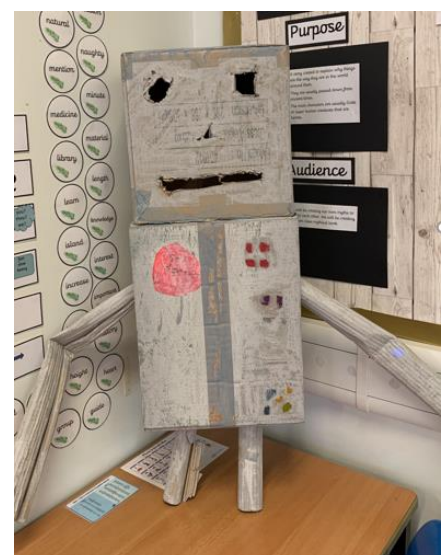


Year 2 Star of the week: Zach B for showing his working out when answering questions!

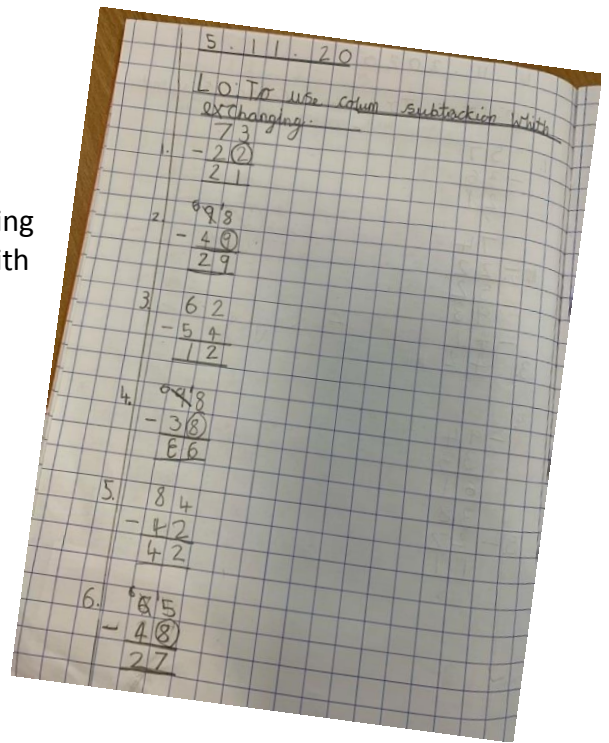
Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)



This week Zagreb class have returned to their learning and have settled back in so well. It is clear they were ready to continue stretching their brains! In English they have started a new book; The Iron Man and really enjoyed making a class robot on Monday. They have used their prediction skills by looking at the front cover of the book to see what the story might be about and have worked hard to learn and include similes in their descriptions.



In Maths they have shown great resilience this week learning how to use column subtraction with 3-digit numbers, both with exchanging and without - I am very proud of them!



In Clarborough curriculum, they have investigated what magnets are and they have enjoyed exploring the classroom to find what magnets are around us. They have also created some fantastic firework pictures.

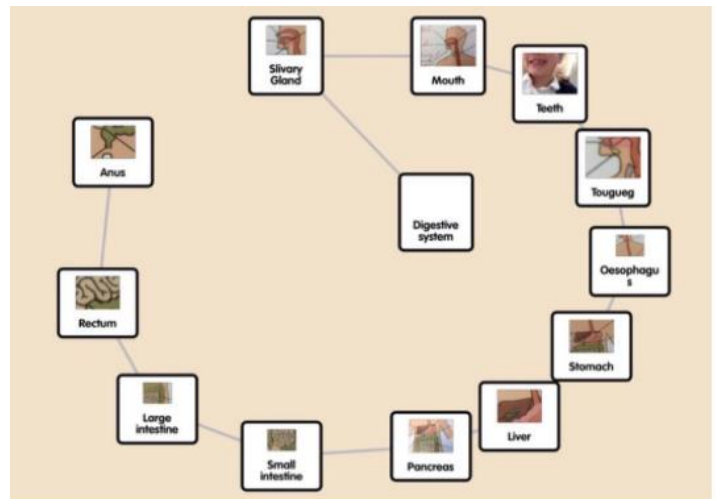
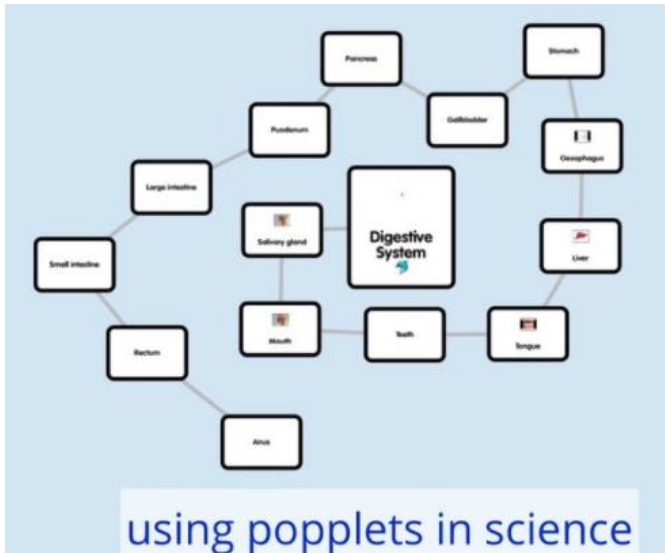
Next week in English, Zagreb class will be writing complex sentences to describe a setting. In Maths, they will be looking at problem solving and reasoning questions linked to subtraction. In Clarborough curriculum, they will be exploring layers of the earth and how forces have pushes and pulls.



Year 3 Star of the week: Beatrice for persevering and having the confidence to complete her online learning!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

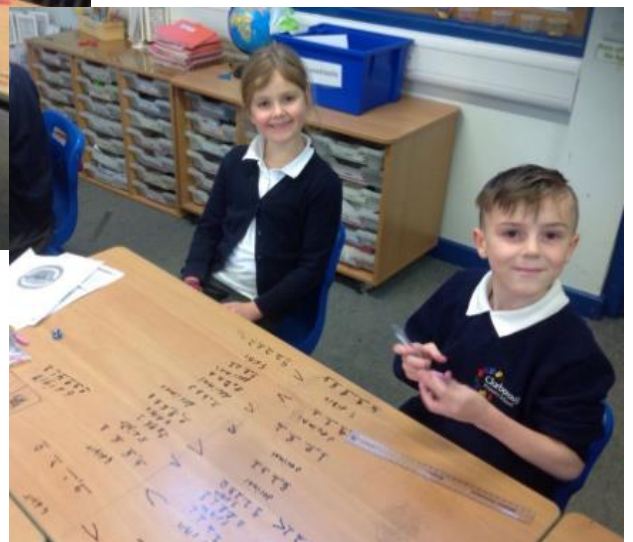
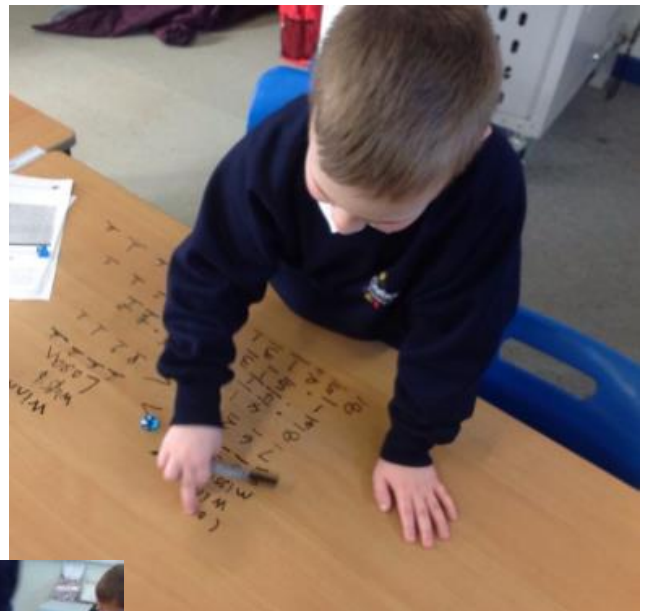
This week in Year 4, we have been learning about the digestive system and the names of all of the parts of the body involved in the process. They used the Popplet app on the iPads to work through the order in which the food travels through each organ. Watch this space for some messy experiments next week!



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In Maths, the children have been ordering and comparing numbers and enjoyed using the dice to compete with a partner. They had to use 4, 5 and 6 digit numbers as well as challenge themselves with decimals. They had to think very carefully on their turn, deciding where to place their digit so that they could have the larger number. Mrs Garton tried her hardest but luck wasn't on her side – Logan managed to beat her on this one!



In PE, the children took part in problem solving activities - trying to get the ball from one end of the playground to the other using the large tubes. This involved a lot of teamwork and communication skills and Year 4 smashed it!



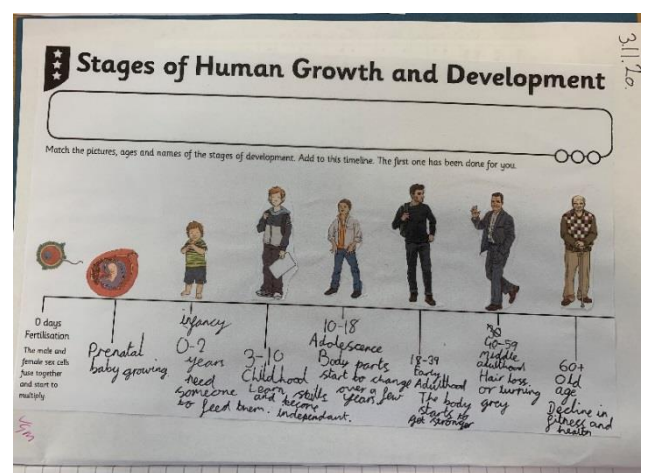
In English, the children have been working on predicting what will happen and planning their own alternative ending to a chapter from the Demon Dentist where the dentist tries to pull young Alfie's tooth out. Some of the predictions have been truly gruesome – they can't wait to write these next week!

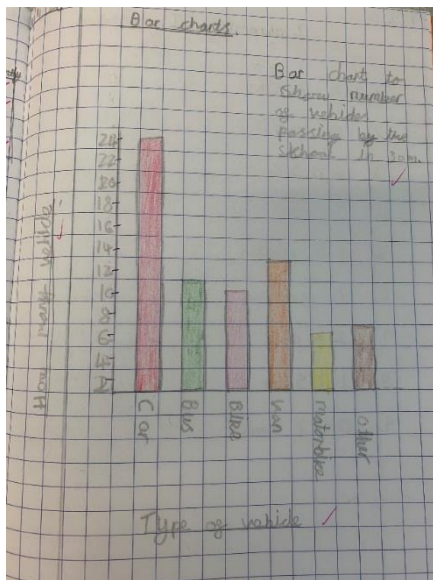


Year 4 Star of the week: Harrison for having such a fantastic attitude towards learning this week and being so positive about all of the work he has produced!

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

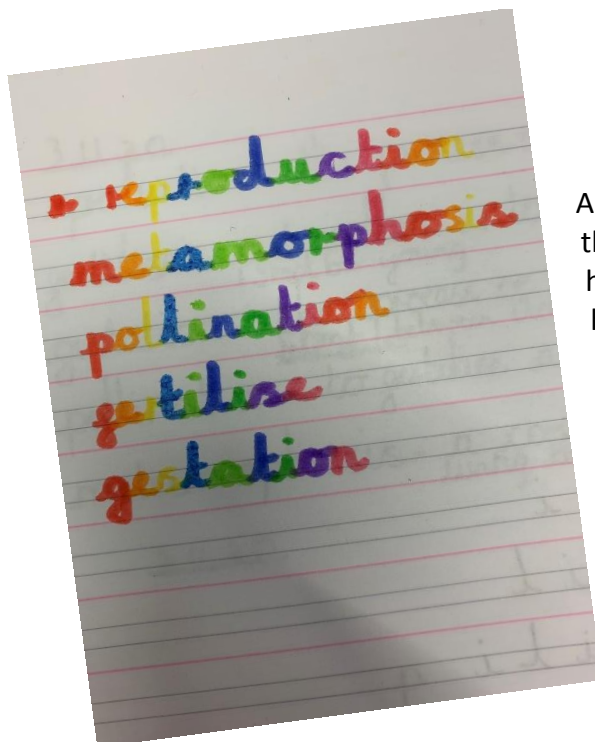
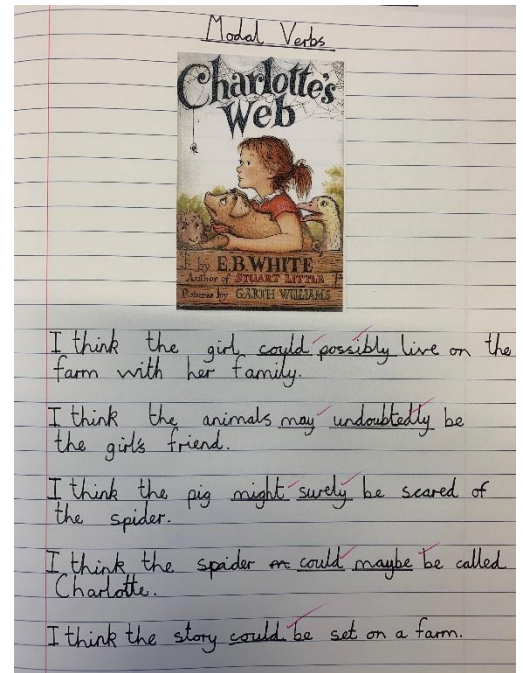
This half term, Caracas Class have begun learning about Animals & Living Things as part of their Science topic. They have learned about the 6 different stages of human life and about the growth in size of babies.



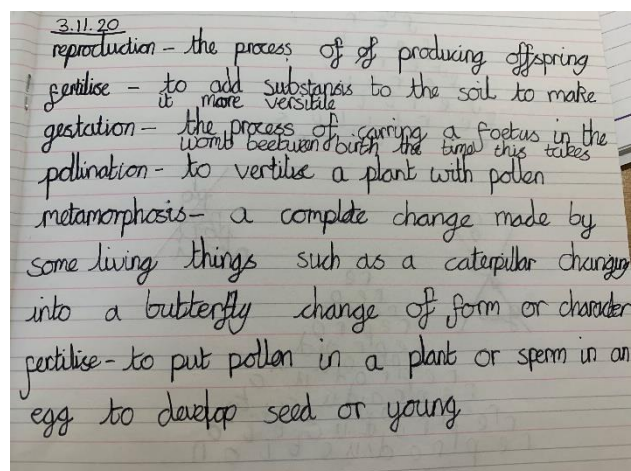


As our Maths this week has covered statistics, they have created their own bar graphs using a variety of information, including the height of babies.

Our class book for this half-term is 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B.White and we are very fortunate to have multiple copies to use in the classroom. They are really enjoying reading aloud alongside each other as we enjoy this classic children's book. Our GPS focus has been on modal verbs so they have used modal verbs and adverbs effectively to make predictions about what they think will happen to the characters.



Although, they have only had 5 spelling words to learn this week, these subject-specific words link to our Science and the children have used a variety of strategies to support them in remembering how to spell them. Rainbow spelling is one of our favourites!



In PE, they are working with Ben to develop their team work and communication skills and had a fantastic time working collaboratively to get a ping-pong ball from one hoop to another, through sections of pipe and without letting it hit the ground! There was a lot of perseverance and determination as well as effective communication!



Next week, they will continue their work on statistics in Maths. In English, they will use Charlotte's Web to develop their comprehension skills. In Science, they will learn about puberty and describe the main changes that occur in their bodies.

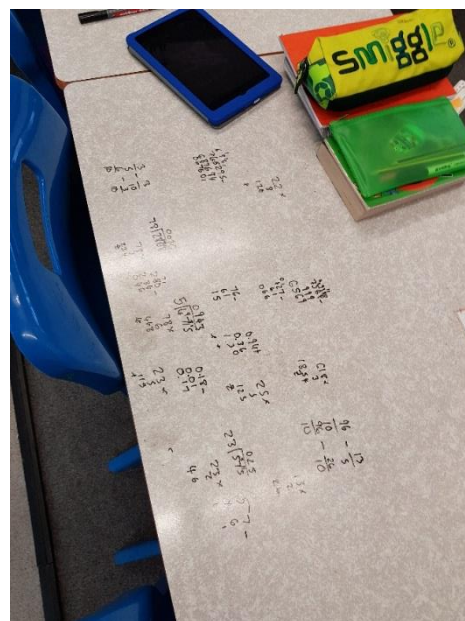


Year 5 Star of the week: Jenson for the huge pride he takes in the presentation of his work!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

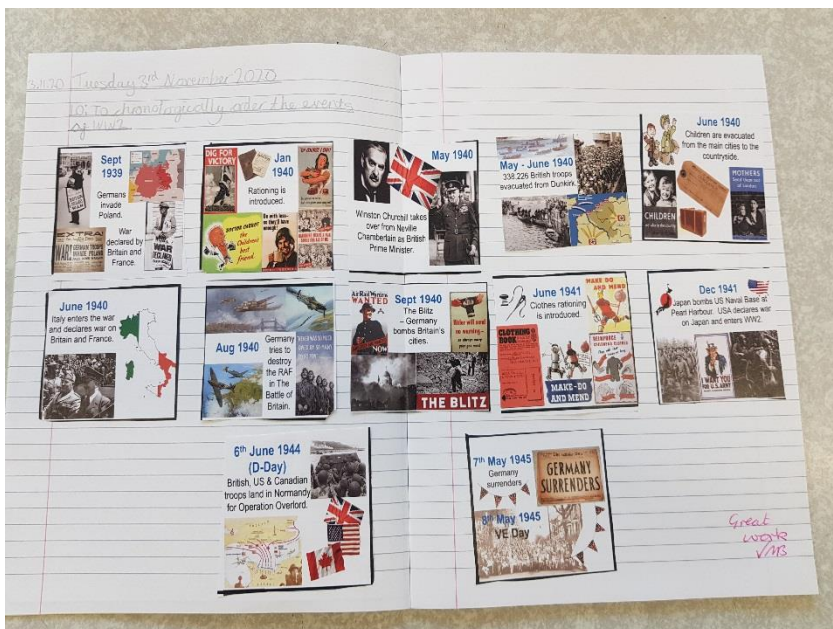
Maths:

The children this week have been consolidating their knowledge of the 4 operations, whilst moving onto simplifying and finding equivalent fractions. Next week, we will be looking at adding and subtracting fractions.



English:

This week we have made an extra effort to try and finish our book from last half term – 'The Explorer'. But we have also begun our work on our new class book – 'Letter from the Lighthouse'. The children had to design their own front cover for the book. Next week we will be getting to know the characters in more depth.



Clarborough Curriculum – World War 2

This half term we will be looking at World War 2. This week, the children looked at primary and secondary sources and we also looked at the timeline leading up to and including the war. Next week we will be looking the countries and individuals involved in the war and the roles they played.

Music

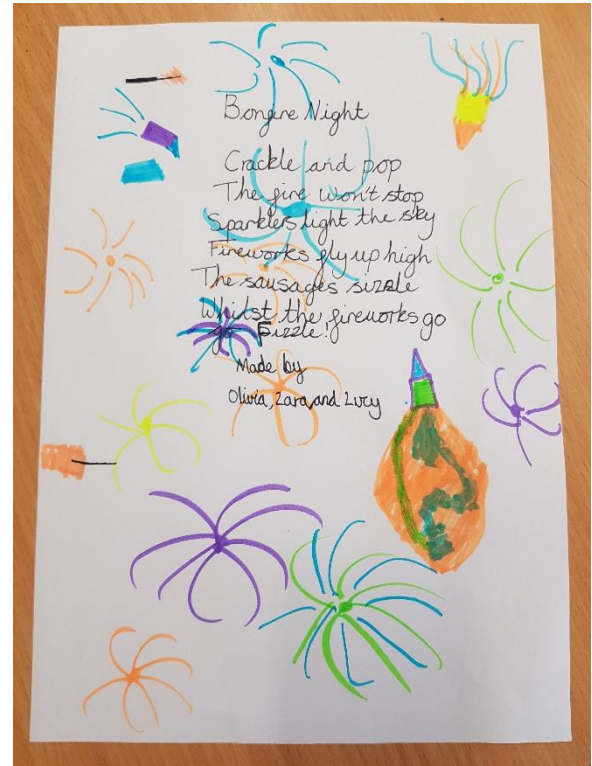
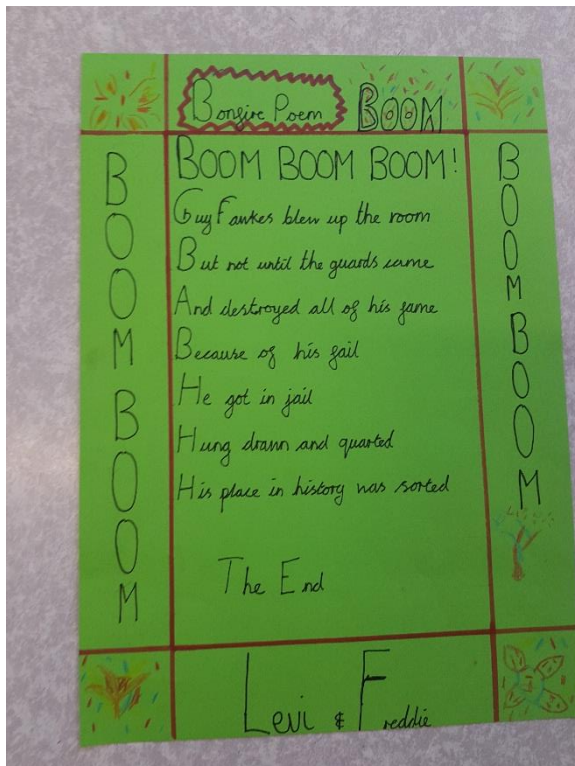
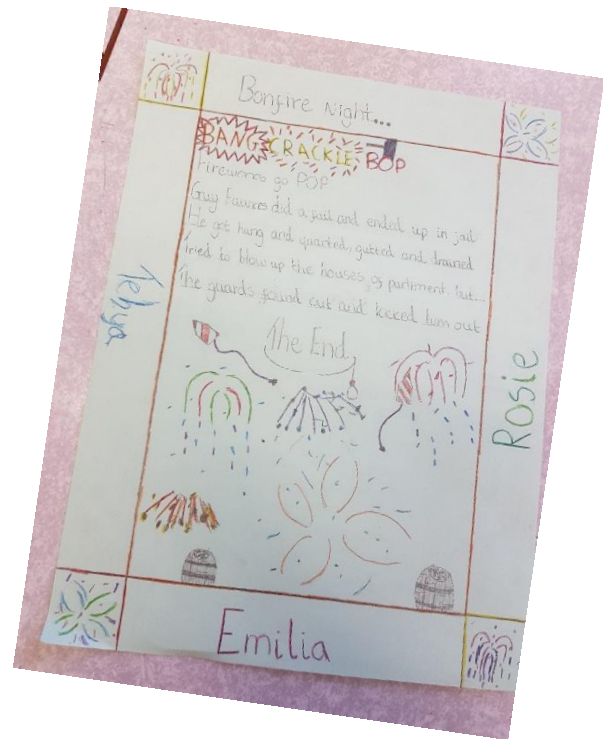
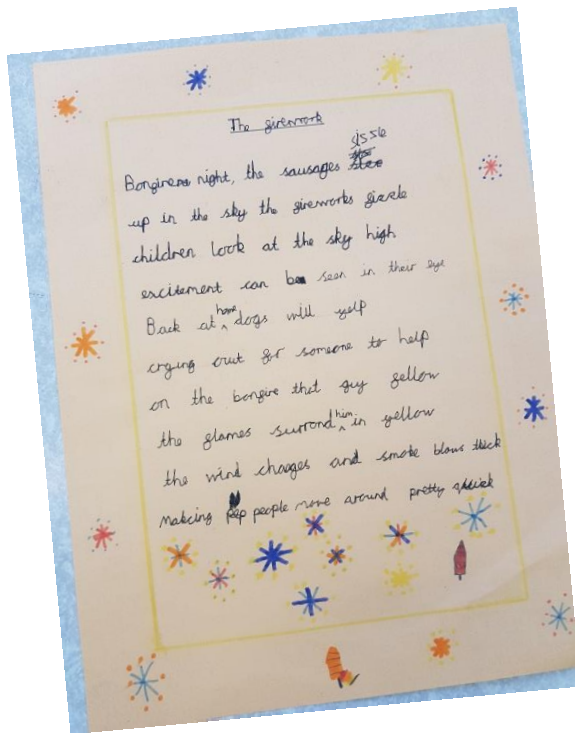
After such a successful song last half term, we began learning our new song, or should I say rap! A sneak peek is available on Seesaw so make sure you give it a listen. Hopefully by the end of the term we will have mastered the rap!

Bonfire Night

'Remember, Remember, The 5th of November'

The children created some fantastic pieces of art and poetry this week for Bonfire Night.





PE

This week the children have been working on their team work and problem solving skills. They worked well within their team to solve numerous problems, emphasising communication, cooperation and listening to their team – all of which are needed in ALL sports and in all walks of life. Well done Year 6, Mr Byrom was very impressed!

Next week we will be doing some Remembrance poetry and artwork.



Year 6 Star of the week: Elliot for persevering with reading and having a much more positive attitude and approach to learning, especially in Maths!

Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to Oliver who managed to complete a 1-week swimming course over half term and gain his 5m Puffin Badge and Stage 2 Learn to Swim Award – Great work Oliver!



A big well done to Flynn and Tobias who both passed their Stage 1 Swim Award and swam without arm bands for the first time! They have now both moved onto Stage 2 – Great Effort Flynn and Tobias!

A huge well done to Emily who has been awarded a medal and certificate for her tap dancing – fantastic work Emily!



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.....

November:

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November – Poppy Appeal – Donation buckets will be on both gates after school together with merchandise to buy

Friday 13th November – Children in Need, Non-Uniform day – Voluntary donations at the school gates

December:

Monday 7th – Friday 11th December – Clarborough Christmas Tree Decorating Week

Friday 11th December – Virtual Tour of the Class Christmas Trees

Tuesday 15th December – All Class Christmas Nativities and Extravaganzas

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Bubble Parties

Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day



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 Lunches must be booked in via Parentmail

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/>

Local News

A message from Chris & Greg Herdman, trustees of Clarborough & District Community Association.

Did you know that The Clarborough and District Community Association (CDCA) that manage Clarborough Village Hall is eligible to receive donations from the AmazonSmile programme?

Since the launch of AmazonSmile in November 2017, UK charities have received more than £4.6 million in donations. Millions of customers support one of the more than 24,000 participating UK charities, ranging from PTAs and local pet shelters to major medical research and international relief organisations.

We have just registered CDCA with AmazonSmile which once you've registered with Amazon Smile is exactly the same as you've always shopped with Amazon.

Customers shop, Amazon donates: AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping online to support your charity - at no extra cost to you or them. When Amazon customers select our charity and shop at smile.amazon.co.uk, they will find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience, but with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to our charity. With the upcoming Christmas season, now is the perfect time to enrol our charity to receive donations.

To register with Amazon Smile on your PC or laptop, follow the simple steps overleaf... and many thanks for your support in these difficult times – every penny that you generate for CDCA's account will be invaluable in keeping our currently closed village hall financially viable.



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- From your web browser go to: **smile.amazon.co.uk**
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- Click on the ≡ at top left of the screen.
- Scroll to the bottom of the menu that pops up at the left
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- To select **Clarborough & District Community Association**, just type 'clarborough' or enter CDCA's Charity Commission number: **502076**.
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