

# Be the best you can be!

## Weekly Newsletter W/e 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great job you're doing to support your child's learning! Seesaw is showing us how busy, engaged and interactive #TeamClarborough are during this time of remote learning.

You will have received a call from a member of staff at school this week to see if there's anything we can do to help support you at home. Because of this, we have been able to loan out laptops, give out data cards and sort out reading books set to the right ZPD for children. We have also been here to listen. We know how difficult things are for all of us at the moment but please remember we are here to help.

You may know that, from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Lateral Flow Tests are finally being made available to staff working in primary schools. I am so relieved about this - it is another way I can help to keep the staff and children as safe as possible as it helps us to identify people who may have COVID and are asymptomatic.

Please may I also remind you that half term in February is from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. During this week there will be no activities set on Seesaw and school will be closed.

Thank you, Mrs Cowell-Clark

## Contacting us

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

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 <u>office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</u>

Finance queries should be directed to: <a href="mailto:finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk">finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk</a>

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

## **Accelerated Readers**



Your child is now able to use Accelerated Reader at home so children from Years 2 to 6 should be able to quiz their books at home now!

Your login details should be in your child's planner. If you can't find them, please message your teacher on Seesaw for your child's details. Miss Green will send the Year 2 login details out on Seesaw next week.

## Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)



Thank you to all the children and parents for another fantastic week on Seesaw!

Next week, to coincide with the RSPB Birdwatch taking place from January 29th to the 31st (over a weekend), we are going to use Julia Donaldson's wonderful story 'The Go-Away Bird' to look at birds, friendship and words that rhyme. We will be making birdfeeders and encouraging the children to look carefully at the birds in their own gardens - which hopefully will be more visible as the trees

## **Reception Bubble Group (Suva)**



We have had so much fun looking at the work that has been put onto Seesaw this week - especially all the amazing super veggies and superheroes! Once again we would like to thank everyone for all of the fantastic work that you have been doing at home and for the videos that you have sent us showing the children in action and involved in their work.

Next week we will be learning all about birds as next weekend (29th-31st January) is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. If you would like to find out about the Birdwatch and how to join in, please have a look at their website <a href="https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/">https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch</a>. It has lots of information about the Birdwatch, and also on how to identify different birds.

We will be reading 'The Go-Away Bird' by Julia Donaldson and Catherine Rayner, and talking about friendship.

In Maths, we will be looking at different ways to make the number 8. We will be revising language associated with time, such as earlier, later, morning, evening, etc. and will also begin looking at recognising *o'clock* and *half-past*.

You will need similar craft items to last week, such as paper, pens, scissors and glue, and you might want to see if you have any food that you could use to tempt the birds into your garden!

## Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)



In Phonics next week, we are going to continue learning new ways of writing some of the sounds we know already. We will learn wh, ph, ew and oe and practise reading and writing words containing these sounds. On Wednesday, the children will be learning some new tricky words with Miss Marshall and have their weekly spelling test so don't forget to keep practising those spellings!

We are going to be looking at a new book as part of our topic, called 'The Queen's Hat' and find out about the adventures of a hat. I'm not going to tell you too much as I don't want to spoil the story.... But as part of our topic we will be looking at a very special lady who is part of the royal family!

You have really wowed me with your Maths learning this week Year 1 as I know there was a lot to do on some days. Next week we are going to be looking at addition and subtraction and how our number bonds can help us with this.

Mrs Williams and Miss Marshall are super proud of you all Year 1. You are all working so hard at home and in school and we love seeing your pictures, photos and videos. Keep it up!



## Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

#### Maths

We will continue to learn how to use the column method but move on to subtraction. We will find and make number bonds to 100.

#### English

In SPaG, we will consolidate our learning of apostrophes by identifying which words are plural and which words showing possession. The children will be set spellings on Wednesday to be tested the following Wednesday. Looking at our story 'The Great Explorer', we will plan and write our own adventure story.

#### Торіс

Next week we will look at a different explorer; Neil Armstrong. We will find out who he is and why he is remembered today.

#### Art

We will look at the work of Pablo Picasso, focusing on the colours that he used in his portraits and how the different colours convey meaning. Children will choose warm colours to convey happiness and cold colours to convey sadness.

#### Science

We will explore and compare the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive by thinking about life processes.

I continue to be impressed by how hard everybody is working and the support from parents has been amazing - Thank you!

## Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)



In Maths, Year 3 will continue with written methods for multiplication. They will be focusing on short multiplication and learning how to multiply 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number with and without exchanging.

In English, they will be focusing on using inverted commas for direct speech. They will also look at different types of poems and will be aiming to write their own.

In Topic, they will be researching the different animals that live in the rainforest and create fact files of these. They will be exploring animal food chains and classifications as well as considering endangered animals and briefly looking at conservation.

In ICT they will be looking at creating 3D designs digitally.

## Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

**Maths:** The children will be learning to multiply 2 and 3 digits by a 1 digit number, using the column method.



Some children may want to try the 'DIVE DEEPER' challenge of multiplying using long multiplication methods.

They will also be practising their 12 x table so please ensure that TT Rockstars is accessed as often as possible!

**English:** In English, the children will have a chance to write about a trip to the Colosseum in Rome by watching a live Colosseum video clip, as well as completing a reading comprehension on facts about this. They will have a chance to explore and test their SPaG skills on a fun online game through the BBC website. Spellings will be tested via Microsoft Forms again and new spellings will be given where the Year 4s will continue with their practise of using apostrophes for possession (it belongs to a noun or subject).

Singular: The dog's tail was brown (one dog)

Plural: The dogs' tails were wet (all of the dogs) the apostrophe comes AFTER the s.

<u>Remember: If we are saying there are a group of dogs, it does not need an apostrophe because nothing in</u> <u>that sentence indicates that anything belongs to them.</u> **Science:** In Science, we will continue with our sound unit, understanding how vibrations can pass through objects to our ears. There will be an experiment posted where children will need some string and a metal spoon (there is also an extra challenge to use a metal coat hanger if they have one spare).

**Music:** There will be a new 'rhythm and pulse' activity uploaded for the children to complete on Wednesday and join in – please feel free to send videos and pictures – there were some great videos sent in this week!

**Computing:** Year 4 will be completing an unplugged activity for computing – they will be looking at logical reasoning through completing a Sudoku! This tests their skills on solving sequences, algorithms and debugging (if they make mistakes), without coding using a computer App or website.

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**Art:** There will be some art uploaded next week, where Year 4 can be creative with paint and rain. There will be lots of different options to choose from.

What Year 4 will need next week: String and a metal spoon for Science. Paint, if completing the artwork.

### Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)



Next week, Year 5 will continue to learn about multiplication by moving on to exploring multiplying 2, 3 & 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number using the formal method.

In English, they will develop their reading comprehension skills with a fiction text titled, 'The Man Who Bought A Mountain.' They will also continue their written work based on the short film called 'The Ridge' which they have been using this week. In addition, they will further

develop their knowledge and understanding of using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis using information about the Pebble Toad.

Geographically, they will investigate what makes mountains popular tourist destinations and make comparisons throughout different seasons.

In French, they will continue to learn and use vocabulary related to pets.

Fortunately, we continue to enjoy weekly sports and PSHE sessions from the excellent staff at Doncaster Rovers as well as keeping fit with Joe Wicks!

Once again, Miss Mayhew would like to say how proud she is of the excellent levels of engagement shown by children in Year 5!

## Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)



In Maths, Year 6 will be learning about the angles inside shapes and Roman numerals.

In English, we will be composing complaint letters.

In Science, we will be looking at the human body and learning about a healthy lifestyle and the effect this has on the body.

We will be continuing our learning on Global Citizenship in PSHE and then looking at Stone Age hunting in Topic.



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, Wraparound 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: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</a>