



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned last week, we have been asked to prepare for the phased re-opening of the school by the 1st June at the earliest. Initially this will be for children in Nursery, FS2, Year 1 & Year 6 only, whilst also continuing to provide childcare for the children of keyworkers.

A letter has been sent out to the parents of children in these year groups as well as our keyworker parents, detailing the protocols that we have put in place to ensure that we keep our pupils and children safe, whilst also meeting the Government requirements.

In addition for those children returning to school, we will be sending out a questionnaire through ParentMail to find out about these children's experiences during lockdown, in order to prepare as fully as possible for their return and ensure that we can give these children the best support we can.

As the new school arrangements will be very different to the school experience before lock down, we have also prepared a handbook for parents and carers that summarises how the new systems will work and we will be uploading a video to Seesaw so that children can see how things will look differently to the school that they left in March.

We are asking all parents of children who are returning to school to ensure that they firstly complete the ParentMail form to indicate whether they will be sending in their child, secondly complete the lockdown experience questionnaire when it becomes available and then lastly, complete the activity that is in the handbook that will be distributed, to help prepare their children for their return to school on the 1st June.

As I am sure you will appreciate, this is new and unknown territory for us all. We are trying to meet the needs of our school community, whilst also ensuring that we keep our pupils and staff as safe as possible. I think however that it is important to point out that whilst taking these precautions and implementing these protocols reduces the risk to staff and pupils, we cannot completely negate them.

Please also be assured that we will continue to support our children who remain at home by providing learning resources on the Seesaw platform supported by a Virtual Learning Team – children have received a video about this on Seesaw to explain the arrangements so far for this from their teacher. We will also be thinking of creative solutions to assist those children in Y6 who do not return to school so that they are able to feel that they are prepared for transition to Secondary and have the 'leavers' experience that they deserve. We will also allow sufficient time and support to our Nursery children who do not return to school to ensure a successful transition in to full time education whenever they return.

Thank you,

Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us

We have launched a new email address for parents/carers who are concerned about the wellbeing or behaviour of their child during lockdown or have concerns about any aspect of school life. We appreciate that you may not always be able to phone us during school hours so this email account is designed to support those of you who would like to raise concerns or queries about your child at a time when you are unable to call. The email address is: ParentalSupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

We felt it may also be useful to remind you of the other ways you can contact us:

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 5:30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other **administrative** function 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

We would be really grateful if you could please only use these methods to contact our staff. Messages **SHOULD NOT** be sent **to staff** on their **personal social media accounts** if it is a school matter. We know that some staff are parents too and therefore may be your friends but please use the lines of communication above if it is a school matter. If you use the email addresses above we will ensure that we will get back to you as soon as possible. The ParentalSupport@ email address will be monitored outside of school hours.

#TimesLikeThese



Thank you to those who have sent their photos in, they are absolutely brilliant!

If you haven't already sent your child's photo or drawing in and would like them to be involved in the #TimesLikeThese video, please send it through to Mrs Cooper at itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk by the end of today.

We would love to make a video that we can share, to show how fantastic our school community is and for us to look back on in years to come. This will be shared on social media.

If your child would like to be involved we are asking for the following:

Either a:

- photograph of them making the heart sign with their hands in front of their face or their body (example attached)
- photograph of them doing what makes them happy during lockdown
- drawing of either themselves during lockdown or what makes them happy during lockdown. If it isn't too clear what the drawing depicts then to have it written on there would be fab!



The assumption will be made that any forwarded images are okay to be shared on social media. As before this is completely voluntary. We look forward to receiving your images and the finished result!

This week:

Some of our children from key worker families have been taking part in a variety of activities including completing their work on Seesaw, playing games, water fights, scavenger hunts and being 'creative'!

Monday was a special day as it was Sophia's 4th birthday! She celebrated with an amazing birthday cake and the children enjoyed singing 'Happy Birthday' to Sophia. We hope you had a lovely day!



On Tuesday the children enjoyed the beautiful weather and went on a scavenger hunt! They had great fun exploring and finding all sorts of 'treasures'.

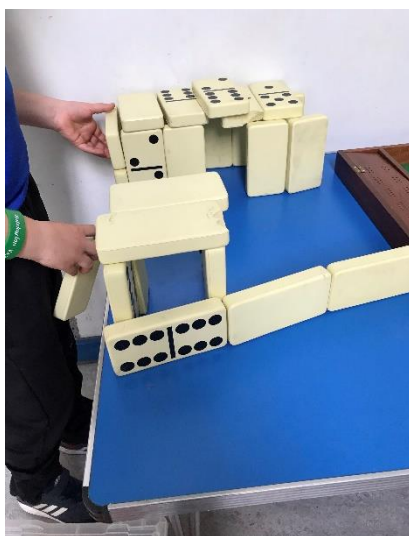


Nursery and reception have been learning about dogs on Seesaw. Whilst at school, Olivia and her sister Sophia enjoyed making dog collars and pretending to be dogs.

On Wednesday, after lots of hard work in the morning, the children made the most of the beautiful sunshine.

The children spent most of the afternoon outdoors in the sunshine having water fights, applying plenty of sun-cream and drinking lots of water! The day ended with a well-deserved ice-lolly to cool them down.

The children had a fun day on Thursday playing lots of games, including Connect 4 and Dominoes. Some of the children were very innovative with the dominoes and built some fantastic bridges!



Today, the children have been outside checking on the garden and watering the plants ready for the weekend. Great work everyone!

Outdoor Area Appeal

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all the further donations we have received this week for our outdoor area. We have received some more plants and even had some decking donated and laid – it is definitely coming along now and we really do appreciate your generosity!

We are still looking for any other donations of the following if you have any to spare:

- Compost
- Flowers/seeds/fruit and veg plants

- Decking boards/timber
- Gravel or bark

Please get in touch if you think you can help!

Email us on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk or phone the office between 9.00 -3.30pm on 01777 708065.

Recycling

Whilst you are at home, if you have any empty crisp packets and bread loaf bags, please could you save them for our school recycling scheme if possible. We are able to accept any bread loaf bag and crisp bag but cannot accept popcorn bags, crisp tubes or any other packaging for this scheme. These can be handed in to the office when school re-opens. Thank you for your support.



Last Week's Stars of the Week:

Holst: Ben

Debussy: Rowan

Schwartz: Stanley

Tchaikovsky: Sarina

Williams: Harry

Schumann: Emilia

Puccini: Everyone in Year 6!

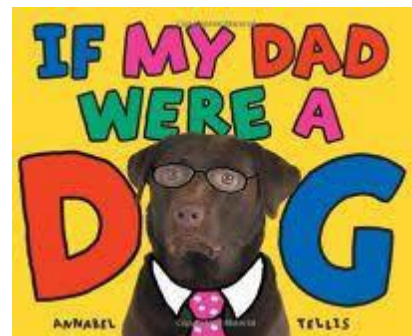
Virtual learning:

Handel and Holst

Another busy week in Foundation! We have been exploring the wonderful world of dogs through books, technology, dog surveys and of course, seeing the dogs that belong to you, your families and friends.

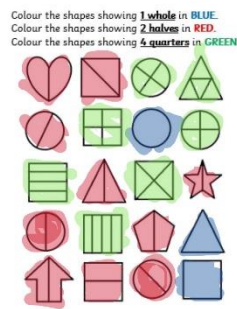
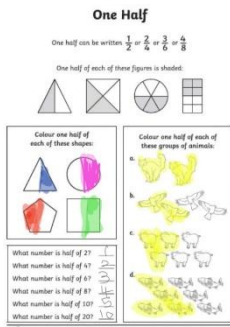
It's wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children are and how their skills are developing despite being away from school, friends and extended family.

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to being in touch with you all, either in school or on Seesaw from June 1st!



Stars of the week: Albert and Edith

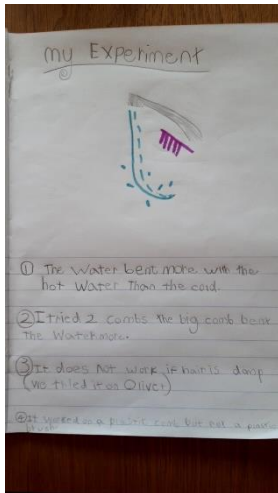
Debussy



This week, the children have done a range of activities at home! In Maths, they have been learning about fractions of shapes and amounts.

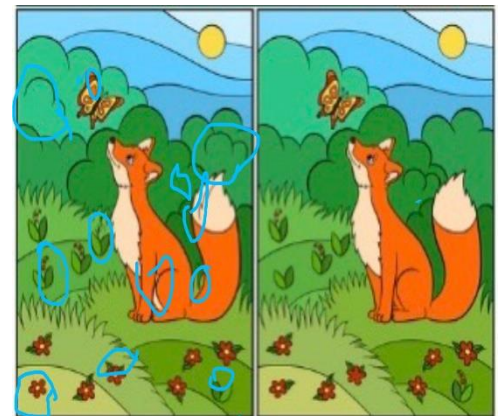
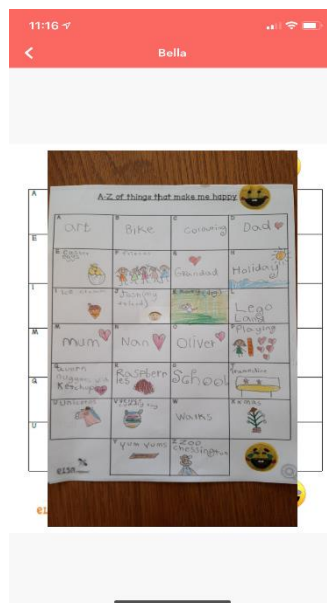
Part of their learning in English has been about foxes where they wrote a mini fact file and had a go at drawing Fantastic Mr Fox from our class story.

Foxes
triangle shaped ears
part of the dog family
very good at hunting



Lots of children had a go at this week's Science experiment to get water to bend using static from a plastic comb!

Some of their well-being activities included A-Z of things that make them happy and reflecting on themselves. The children were amazing at spot the difference too!



Rowan took his role of star of the week very seriously, proudly wearing his special outfit to begin the week!

Miss Green is very proud of the effort that everybody has put in this week.

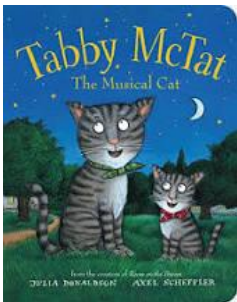


Stars of the week: Luca and Bella



Schwartz children

This week Year two have revisited learning on sorting 2-D shape and making repeated patterns. They have also been practicing telling the time.



In English, the children have listened to the story of Tabby McTat and created a missing cat poster. There were some lovely pictures of Tabby Mctat!



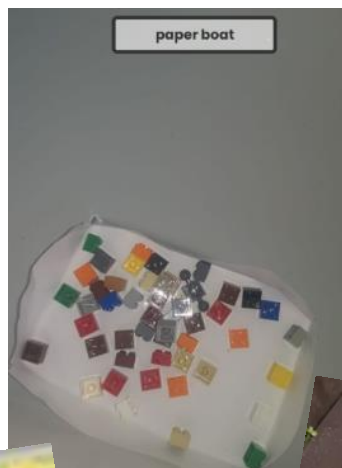
Well done for another great week of home learning Year Two!



Star of the week: Toby

Tchaikovsky

This week Tchaikovsky class have been very busy. In Maths, they have been calculating and comparing mass and lots of children put this into the everyday context of baking.



In Science, they experimented making boats using different materials around their homes to see if they would float or sink.



In English, they watched a short emotive film about a little girl who was deaf and loved to dance. They then uploaded lots of videos of themselves researching and learning different Makaton signs. Finally, they flew into space on a virtual tour of ISS with Tim Peak!

Tchaikovsky class you've all worked incredibly hard this week and I'm so proud of you all!

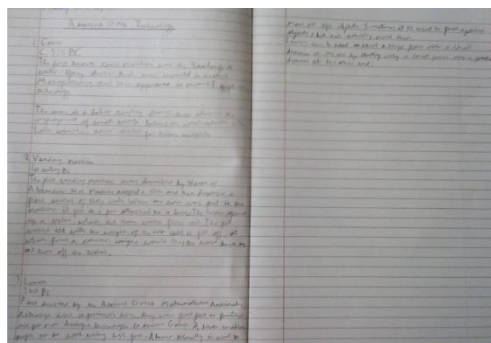
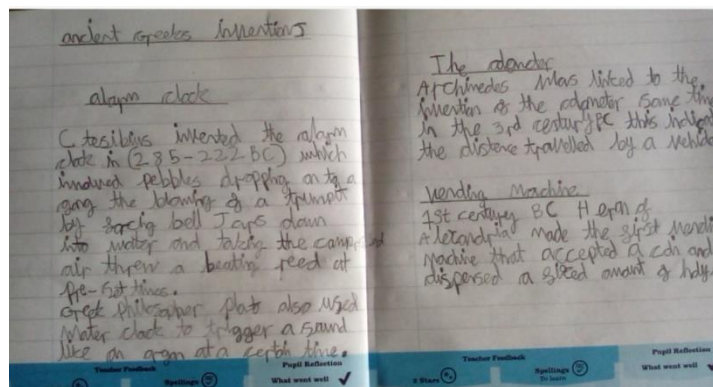


Star of the week: Luke O

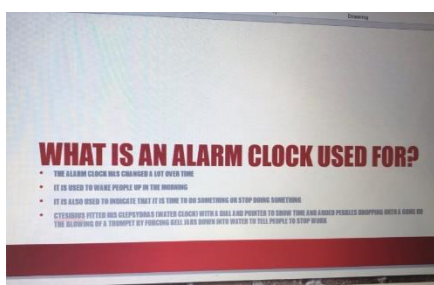
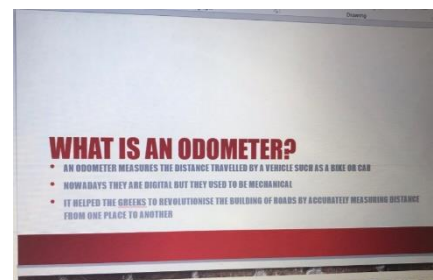
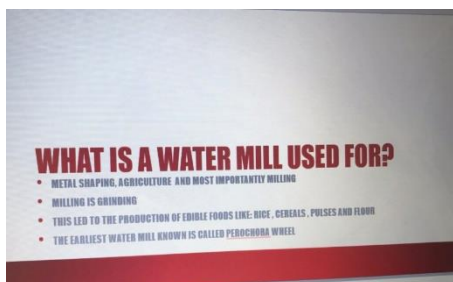
Williams

Yet again, Year 4 have produced some fantastic work. They have been working on all four operations in Maths and writing out some brilliant similes in English.

For their topic this week they have had to research technology that the Ancient Greeks invented. It was interesting to see what we still use today from these historic inventions. Chloe produced some brilliant work. Her dad is a crane engineer so he definitely relies on this technology.



Freddie produced a great power point, picking out 3 inventions and presenting his findings so clearly.



Star of the week: Harriet

Schumann

This week, Schumann class have been solving word problems involving multiplication and division and securing their GPS skills.

With a theme of rainbows this week, they have learned what rainbows are and how they are formed.

Following this, they have been conducting various experiments and investigations such as making paper towel rainbows, rainbows in a jar and using a torch and a glass of water to find out how light is used to create a rainbow. Miss Mayhew has enjoyed seeing all their hard work as well as their explanations as to how and why rainbows are made and what they symbolise.



Special mention this week to Olivia who entered a drawing competition run by TMS and was awarded a runner up prize of a £20 Amazon voucher for her poster giving thanks to all our key workers. Well done Olivia! What a fantastic drawing!



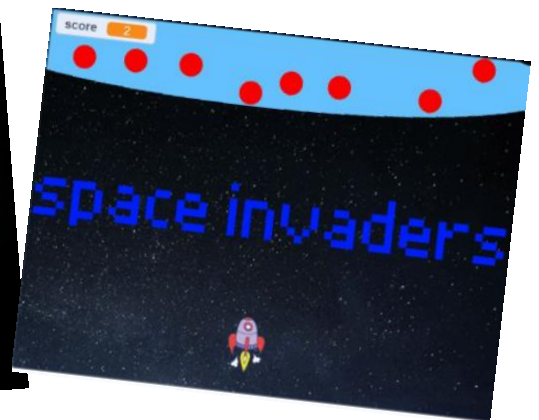
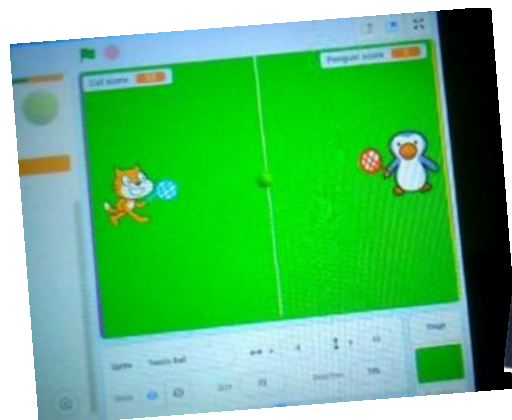
Star of the week: Tehya

Puccini

Maths – Year 6 have been recapping how they multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 and trying to balance equations. Towards the end of the week Mr Byrom tested the children's memory by asking them to use the four operations with fractions and then convert between percentages, decimals and fractions.

English - The children are continuing to keep their SPaG knowledge up to date with SPaG Spotters and having a go at trying to correct some common spelling mistakes. Year 6 have also had a greater emphasis placed on reading this week, with a few reading comprehensions and reading done at home.

Computing - Year 6 have had a week of Scratch. They have created their own 'Space Invaders' and 'Tennis' games - which were ace!



**Stars of the week:
Matthew H and Tillie**