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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great full week back for @Team Clarborough! The children have settled so well into their new routines and are enjoying being in school together.

I would like to thank you for bearing with us at drop off and pick up times. As you will have heard from the class teachers this morning, we are adapting a couple of things to see if this makes these times even smoother.

From Monday 13th September:

Year 1 and 2 pupils will arrive from **8:50 am from the main gate**

Nursery and FS2 (Reception) pupils will continue to arrive at 9am at the main gates. **They may now be accompanied onto site to the front blue doors (near the wooden benches.)** The children will then be collected by Mrs Turton and Mrs Dean.

If you usually drop your children at the village hall gates, there are **no changes** and younger pupils will be accompanied to their classes as usual.

As you know, guidance around school openings during COVID has changed. Our assemblies and playtimes now give the children the opportunity to be together around the school. However, we know that COVID is still prevalent and it is important for you to keep school informed if you or anyone in your household tests positive via a PCR test. If there are single confirmed cases within a pupil year group, I will inform you. Likewise, any further cases will be shared with you and there may be changes to how the day is structured. This was explained in the updated Q and A and one-page flow chart that were sent to you previously and are available on the school website.

Thank you,
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

National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'Rocket League'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.



We're on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook and Instagram! Search for 'Clarborough Primary' and follow us for regular updates and see what we are getting up to!



Toys and Fidget Toys

Please note that fidget toys or any other sort of toy should not be brought into school unless you have spoken with your teacher and they have permitted your child to bring it in.



Recycling

We are recycling broken pens, crisp packets, cans and old batteries in school.



Please turn off your engines

Please can parents/carers turn off their car engines whilst waiting in the village hall car park. This is more environmentally friendly and considerate to those around them.

Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Parentmail is now open to allow you to book your child's lunches, Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Autumn term. Please note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.



Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)

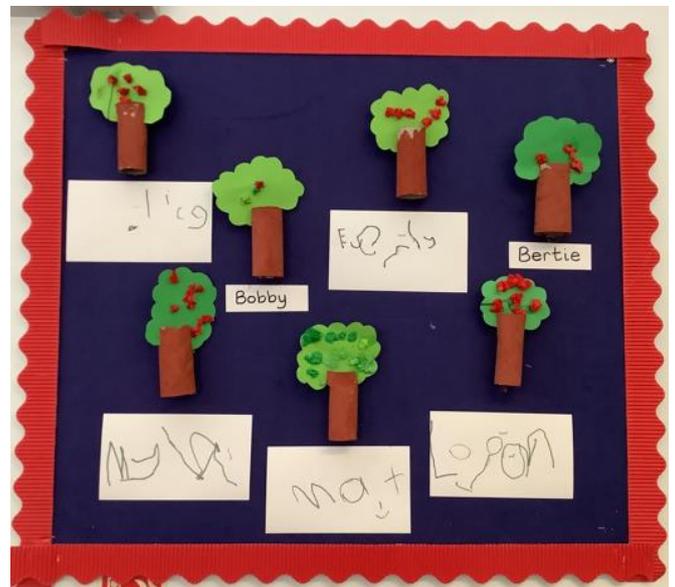


We have had a fantastic start and excited to be welcoming our 11 new children over the coming weeks.

This term we are basing our learning around the books by Julia Donaldson starting with 'Tales from Acorn Wood'.

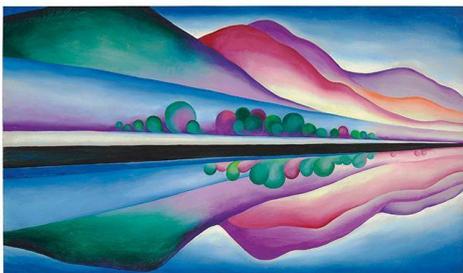
We had a lot of fun looking at some of the trees on our school grounds and each child picked an apple by twisting it carefully and taking it from the branch.

We then created some apple trees from recycled materials – they look amazing up on the wall – please notice our clever writers too!



Stars of the week: All the new starters for settling in so well!

Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)



As always, we have had such a busy start to the year as there are so many new things that we need to learn when we first start full-time school!

We have been very lucky to have 7 new children join us in Reception and I would like to say a HUGE well-done and thank-you to the whole class for the fantastic way in which they have settled and are already working and playing together as if they have known each other for months!

As we are focusing on Julia Donaldson books this term, we will be reading 'The Snail and the Whale' next week and talking about the different types of environments in the story and the animals that live there.

We will also be continuing to get used to our new routines, such as our daily Phonics Groups and play-time in the "big playground" with the rest of school.

As our class is now named 'Georgia O'Keeffe' class we have decorated our door with flowers like the ones she painted and will be talking about her art and life over the next few weeks.



Stars of the week: Everyone for settling in so well!

Year 1 (Joan Miro)



It has been a pleasure to get to know Miro class and I have been so proud of how well they have all settled back into school and adjusted to the new class and routines. We have spent time getting to know the new classroom and routine in Year 1. The provision is currently organised similar to their Reception setting last year but I will reduce the amount of 'learning through play' over the next few weeks. Children will still have access to continuous provision but will have a learning focus of the Year 1 curriculum.

Spellings will be sent home next Tuesday to learn at home ready for the weekly spelling tests. More information about this can be found on Seesaw and the curriculum overview sent via parent mail.

In Maths, the children have been sorting objects with a given criteria and counting to 10 and beyond. They were introduced to numbers as words as well as numerals.

Next week, the children will continue to count objects, forwards and backwards and count one more and one less.



In English, we listened to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and re-told the story verbally as well as writing labels and sentences about the story.

Next week, the children will design and label houses and order the story, identifying the beginning, middle and end.

In Science, the children looked at a range of materials and identified which material items in the classroom were made from such as wood, metal, plastic and glass.

Next week, the children will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made.

This week, the children were introduced to the topic 'Florence Nightingale' and found out who she was and where she lived. They explored traditional expectations for women in this period and how Florence rejected these in favour of becoming a nurse. They found out facts about her life and thought about their own ambitions for when they grow up.



Next week, the children will find out why Florence Nightingale went to Scutari and what hospital conditions were like when she got there.

In Art, the children began learning about the Spanish artist 'Joan Miro'. They looked at a range of his surrealist paintings and created their own 'farm picture' including things that were important in their life.

Next week, they will draw two animals and two objects from their imagination and include one body part in their surrealist picture.



Star of the week: Laila for coming into school with a smile on her face and for being kind to others!

Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)



What an amazing first week back we have had in Year 2! The children have come back really settled and it has been great to see all their smiling little faces again.

In Maths this week, we have been revisiting and reminding ourselves about place value. There has been lots of practising of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's as this is really going to help us move forward in Year 2. We have also been looking at how numbers are made using tens and ones. I was really pleased to see that many of the children have retained some of the learning we did on this from last year.

Next week in Maths we are going to build on this learning by looking at tens and ones in more depth. The children will also be learning about money, the values of different coins and counting using different coins.

Our class name is L.S. Lowry this year, so this week the children have been learning a little about who he was and looking into his art work. They have produced some lovely work which is now displayed on our classroom door – it looks fabulous!





We have also begun to look at our first topic on Mary Seacole. The children now know who this inspiring lady is and why she is famous. We have begun to look at a few facts about her life and will continue to find out more about her life and what she did next week.



Stars of the week: Ella and Alex for settling in so well at Clarbrough Primary School!

Year 3 (William Morris)



This week in Maths, we have been looking at measurement (cm and mm) and place value. Next week the children will be carrying on with understanding equivalents in measurement, for example, how many centimetres are in one metre.

In English, Year 3 have started Rainbow Grammar and have been looking at subject and predicate in sentences. Next week, we will be recapping their knowledge on nouns and adjectives

In Science, we will be looking at rocks and understanding the different rock types and names.

This week, we have been learning about the artist who the class is named after, William Morris.



The children carried out some research to find out about his life. They also looked at some examples of his famous wallpaper designs and then created their own piece of artwork inspired by his work.



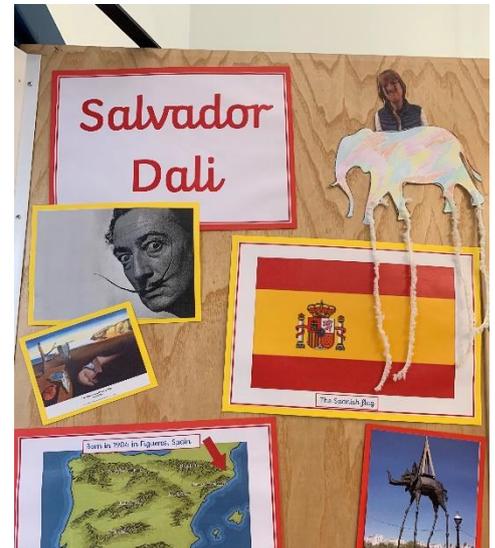
Star of the week: Ryker for being so helpful in class and for always being so polite!

Year 4 (Salvador Dali)



It has been great welcoming everyone back into Year 4. Everyone has come back with their learning brains switched on and ready to focus. It has been great to see! A huge thank you for all of your support over the summer holidays with helping the children to learn their times tables, and even practising their handwriting. They are all thriving and very eager to learn and share their thoughts and ideas.

This week, we have been designing our class door based on Salvador Dali. The children had lots of fun designing their own crazy moustaches and long elephant legs.



In English, we have introduced the children to Rainbow Grammar and everyone has been working hard to understand the different parts of sentences.

In Maths, we have introduced thousand numbers and have explored rounding to the nearest 10 and 100.

Finally, in Clarborough Curriculum, Year 4 have started a new topic; the Shang Dynasty. The children have already found out that it occurred a long time before the Victorian era and have labelled maps of China and the surrounding countries. They are very excited to find out more about our new topic. In Science, we have learnt about the seven life processes using MRS GREN.

Next week in Maths, the children will be recapping how to partition numbers with their new focus of thousand numbers as well as looking at number lines to 10,000. In English, the high-quality text we are using

is called The Firework Maker's Daughter. The children will be using their Rainbow Grammar knowledge to write character descriptions of Lila (our main character). In Clarborough Curriculum, they will become archaeologists and investigate artefacts and secondary information from the Shang Dynasty. In Science, they will be heading outside to find and sort vertebrates and invertebrates.



Star of the week: Toby for returning to learning with such a positive and determined attitude. A huge well done in pushing yourself in Maths and your handwriting. Well done!

Year 5 (Banksy)

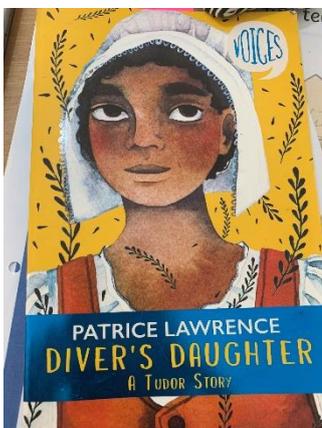


What a great start back to the new school year! I am so pleased with how the children have settled into Year 5 and Banksy Class. This week we have really hit the ground running with our learning and have covered so much in such a small amount of time.



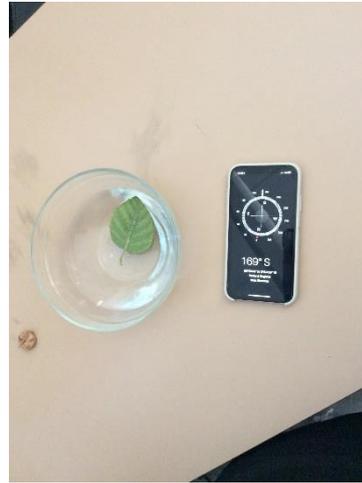
English: This week the children have been revising some important grammatical terminology by remembering what a noun and determiner are and how to use them to create a noun phrase. Next week, they will revise verbs: what they are, how to create plurals and how to write verbs in the past tense.

Maths: Place value was the main focus for this week; understanding the value of each digit in a number and being able to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. They have also learned how to describe position by using an x and y axis on a grid. Next week, they will be rounding numbers up to 100,000 and comparing and ordering numbers to this amount. They will also learn how to draw positions on a grid using coordinates.

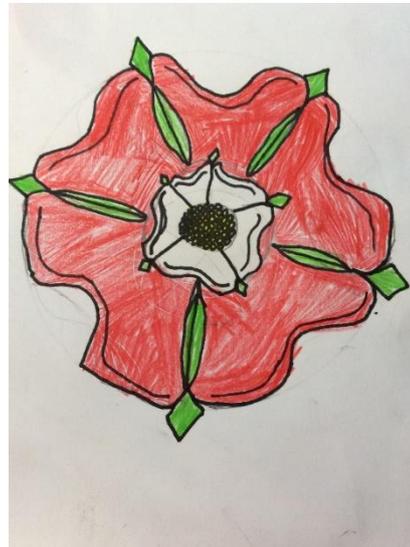
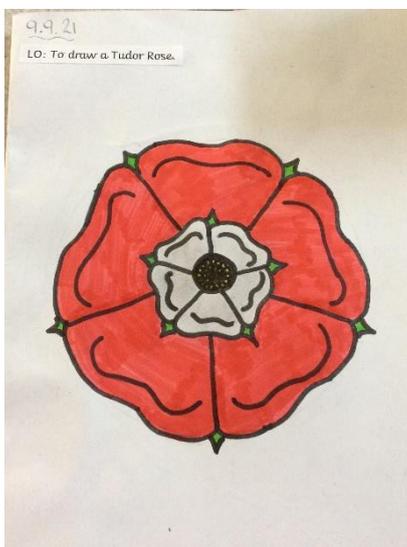


History: Our topic for this half-term is the Tudors and this week, children have learned who the Tudor monarchy were and when they lived. Next week, we will explore what people wore in Tudor times.

Geography: Maps and mapping is our geographical theme and children have labelled the 8 points on a compass before making a simple magnetic compass using a piece of cork, a needle and a bowl of water! Check out the link on Seesaw to create your own compass. Next week, they will learn how to use the points on a compass for directions.



Science: This week the pupils began their Animals including Humans topic by representing scientific data in graph form and looking for patterns in gestation periods. Next week, we will explore foetal development in humans.



Art & Design: Children have learned about the Tudor Rose and have used their sketch books to sketch their own Tudor Roses. Next week, they will create a clay Tudor Rose.

RE: Inspirational People in Today's world is this half-terms' theme and the children reflected on people who inspire them and why. We discussed qualities that inspirational individuals have and made their own goals for the future. Next week, we will explore the charity work that Marcus Rashford has established to promote healthy meals for children.

French: In the first of our 'What is the date?' topic, Year 5 learned to say the months of the year in French. Next week, they will continue with this learning.

PSHE: Wonderful Me! was the first of our well-being lessons which focused on knowing how to take responsibility for our own feelings and actions. Next week, the children will begin to understand how to form and maintain positive relationships.

Computing: E-Safety is the theme for our current learning and knowing how to use technology safely and responsibly.



Star of the week: Logan for his excellent listening skills!



Year 6 (Lucian Freud)

It can be an anxious and nervous time for the children as they return to school after their Summer break, but the children in Year 6 have hit the ground running!

Returning last week for only two days, the children started creating some amazing work that will go on display in the Space Key Stage 2 area and down in the Under the Sea Key Stage 1 area as an example to the younger children of what they can aspire to achieve.

I have been blown away by the way the children returned to school. They have slotted straight back into the 'normal' running of the school as if they had never been away and produced some fantastic work.

This week, the children created colourful and imaginative space scenes using pastels. They used their drawing skills to recreate a shuttle blasting off into space and described some of the mysterious and enigmatic creatures that skulk in the darkness beneath the ocean.



In English, the children have begun to look at word classes and gain an understanding of how to up-level and develop their vocabulary.

We have been looking at place value and the number system and how it can support us in our solving of more complicated problems. We have looked at how Hitler rose to power in 1930s Germany and begun to look at Judaism by creating a drama based upon the story of Abraham.

Finishing the week, we will be starting our Science topic and gaining an understanding of how electricity makes it into our homes. We will be creating our own versions of some of the work of Lucian Freud, who our class is named after this year.

And remember..... *There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.*



Star of the week: Lexi for returning with the most phenomenal attitude towards her learning!

Dates for your Diary....

Friday 24th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning (Details to follow)

Wednesday 29th September - School Photos (Whole school)

Monday 11th – Friday 15th October – Curriculum Enhancement Week: Food and Farming

Friday 15th October – Harvest Exhibition (Details to follow)

Friday 15th October - Last Day of Term

Out of School Achievements

A big well done to Anya who received her Rainbow Distance Award for swimming 50 metres- Great work Anya!



A huge well done to Isabella who received her Rainbow Distance Award for swimming 10 metres – Great work Isabella!



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk