

Dear parents and carers,

It has been absolutely fantastic to welcome more children back to school this week. I have been utterly blown away with how well they have got used to our new routines and ways of working in school. The children are all happy and settled and getting on in our 'new normal.' I would like to thank parents and carers for the work they have done at home to prepare the children for returning because that has truly supported their transition back to school.

I would also like to say thank you to parents, carers and children for sticking to allocated times for drop off and pick up so that the number of pupils and adults at our school gates is limited and we can safely socially distance.

Please remember, 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/>

Children who are learning from home have been welcomed into their new classes: Nightingale, Jenner and Bevan. As you'll see from the photos and descriptions to follow, there's been lots of exciting learning and engaging activities that the children have taken part in. I have loved watching the videos that have been uploaded and listening to the messages sent in. Thank you so much for engaging so well! It's lovely to see you working and learning!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is most important that your child is accessing their learning online if they are not attending school. It is how we can keep their key concepts practised and provides structure and routine to their day. Any child who is not accessing work from Monday morning will receive a phone call from their class teacher to support this. If children are still not engaging then I will get in touch to find out how we can overcome the barriers that are stopping your child from receiving their educational entitlement.

Thank you,
Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us:

Please remember our new email address for parents or 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 other ways to contact us:

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

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners, admissions 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

This week:

Kindness Rocks!

We would love to decorate the school with Kindness Rocks. If your child would like to paint a rock that we can put somewhere around school and the grounds that would be amazing. This could just be a beautifully painted rock or it could have kind words or inspirational quotes on it. Those children that are attending school will get the opportunity to paint one here or they are welcome to do one at home too. Anyone not in school yet can keep hold of theirs until they do return but it would be great to have photos sent in so that we can create a collage.

Please send any photos to lgoad@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

As before, this is optional and you are welcome to send a photo with or without your child on it. We look forward to seeing the children's creativity!



In school

Key worker children

Monday was the first day the children got to share the rest of the school with other children, it was strange to hear so many other people in the school and not be just them, but as always the key worker children got on with the rules that were set in place with no problems. They had a great morning of learning, and in the afternoon they enjoyed making their own masks from cardboard and layering them up - it was much harder than they anticipated, but the outcome looked amazing!

On Wednesday morning the children got on with their learning. Children from year 3 and 4 were researching Edward Jenner and produced some great PowerPoints. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a scavenger hunt, following the clues around the school. They loved this activity and loved it even more when they found the lollypops at the end of the hunt!



Nursery bubble

This week Nursery children have enjoyed exploring the new garden area outside. They have been practising writing their own names and have been counting in sequence to 20 and matching the number cards to the correct quantities. They've had a great first week back in school!



Reception bubble

In our Reception bubble the children have loved seeing their friends again after such a long time! They have been playing with lots of toys and making puppets, magic wands and rockets. They wanted to go for a puddle walk in their wellies but the puddles had dried up so they made their own with the hosepipe!

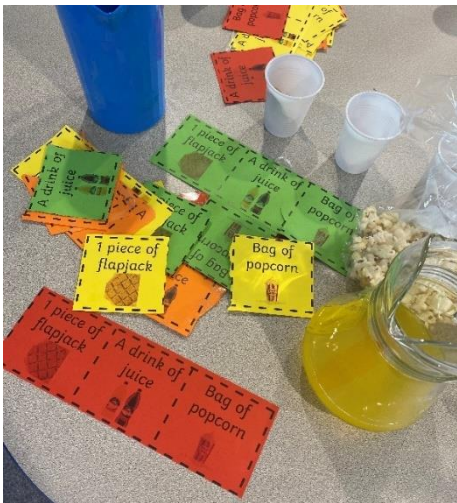
Class 1 bubble

Class 1 bubble have been re-adjusting back to school life this week. They have done lots of activities about staying safe at school and learning a new way of being in class. They have been learning about the jolly postman and will begin writing their own letters to children learning at home, next week.

They have enjoyed a scavenger hunt and had a go at making our very own perfume.

As the children haven't had the chance to visit a cinema in a while, on Thursday, the cinema came to the classroom and they watched 'Deep' and visited their very own snack shop!

Miss Green and Mrs Waring are so proud of the children and how well behaved they have been this week.



Class 6 bubble

Those children that have come back into school have settled in really well and have adapted to the new school environment. The children were really excited to see all their friends but sad that we weren't a full class. Like Mr Byrom, the children have enjoyed having some sort of normality back.

It wouldn't be Year 6 without continuing with their morning maths and keeping up their mental arithmetic skills ready for secondary school. In Maths the children have also been furthering their understanding of new mathematical concepts - algebra!

In English they have started listening to the audiobook Skellig - a very gripping read!



Mrs Brown has kept the children on top of the garden by ensuring all the plants are watered and pruned. On Tuesday, the children brought in their bikes and got to enjoy riding them around the field, although we did have one injury - thankfully he survived and joined us the next day fighting fit. Year 6 have also been enjoying the newly named 'wheelies', riding them around the playground and even in the hall - they all had a 'wheelie' good time!



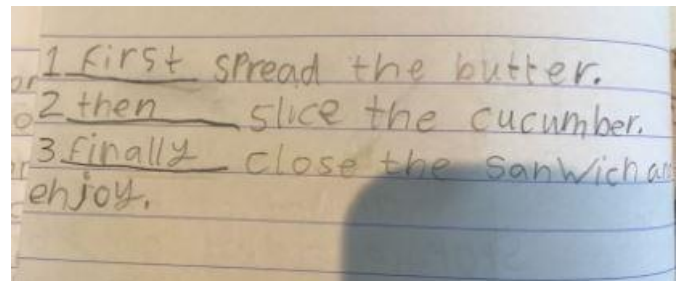
Virtual learning:

Nightingale

Well we're delighted to say our new Nightingale class is up and running! Mrs Dean is loving seeing her old nursery children now so mature and doing their online learning brilliantly! The best part has been the videos the children have made about themselves... and how happy it has made everyone at home to see their other homeschooling buddies!

Bevan

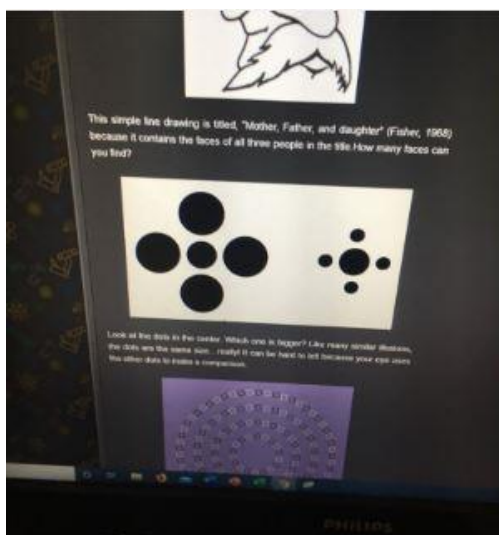
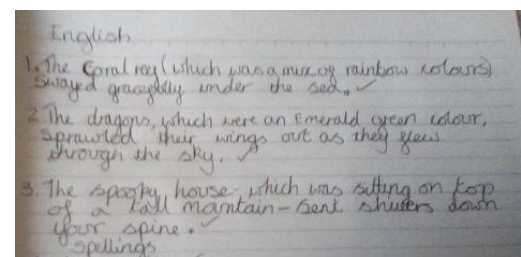
In English, Class 2 have been using the Oaks National Academy website to learn about adverbs using the quality text, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. They ended the week writing their own set of instructions.



In Maths, they continue to practice their Maths skills in daily 10-Minute Maths and have had tricks played on their brains with Optical Illusions in 10-Minute Science.

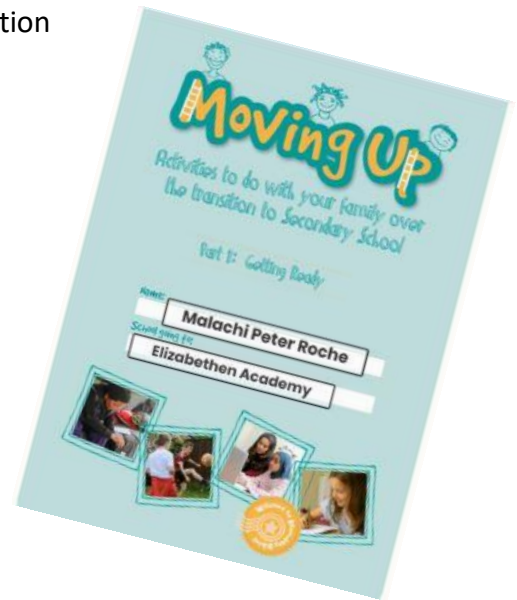
Finally, they have learned about keeping safe when out and about by completing the Road Safety activities provided by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Class 5 have also used the Oaks National Academy in English to explore setting descriptions and have written their own setting description using specific vocabulary and parenthesis.



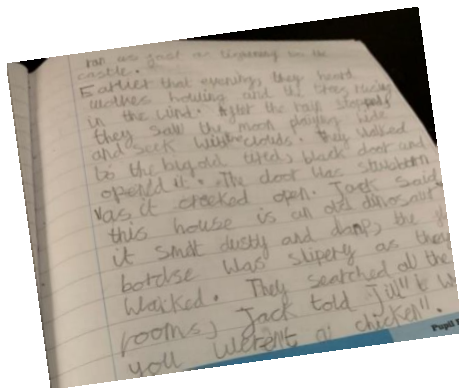
In Maths, they have been stretching their brains when working with decimals and have worked extremely hard in this area. The children have really enjoyed exploring the Optical Illusions for 10-Minute Science and have learned about keeping safe when out and about by completing the Road Safety activities provided by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Class 6 have been completing activities from their Moving Up transition booklet.



Jenner

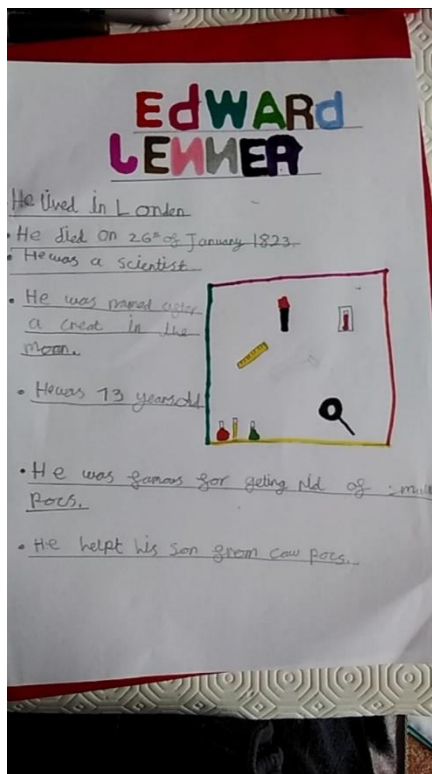
This week year 3 and 4 have been a part of their new online learning class named after the famous Edward Jenner. There has been some fabulous learning this week and the children have really impressed their teachers! At the beginning of the week the children were asked to plan and write a scary setting description. Their responses were brilliant, lots of thought went into their writing to create a technical piece of work. They were very eerie to read, the description placed a very scary image in the readers head.



In a forest at dead of the night is where the story starts. As we walked through the forest temperature moves from to hot to cold. The path that is run down is full of the smell of dead animals, it is enough to scare away trespassers. The small black ravens are sitting in the trees that have no leaves but it looked like leaves because there are so many birds. The abandoned house in the middle of the mountain is dark with barricades on the windows and on the front door. Even though the dark made the forest scary the rising of the sun has transformed the forest back to a place of life. The small black ravens turned to green leaves the dead animals turned to grass.

The children were also set a science experiment to turn water into ice, by creating crystals. Unfortunately lots of children found this a challenge, but they didn't give up, they kept trying over and over again. However, the most successful experiment came from Georgie, she managed to catch this experiment on camera; she was very excited that it worked!





The children were also set a task this week to research and learn about Edward Jenner; who he was and why he was so influential in medical history. Their responses were amazing, there were: PowerPoints, fact files, videos and written explanations. The children have worked so hard, their enthusiasm to learn is so wonderful to see. Well done for a brilliant week of learning year 3 and 4!



Stars of the Week

This weeks 'Stars' are:

Nursery:	Joseph B
Reception:	Everyone working hard at home and in school
Class 1:	Zach B
Class 2:	Piper O'C
Class 3:	Anya H
Class 4:	Lily T
Class 5:	Daisy A
Class 6:	George W-H



Thank you!

As many of you know, Mrs Russell has been reading a story each day on Facebook and asking for people to make donations towards the fundraiser she set up for our school. Mrs Russell told us this week that thanks to her wonderful reading and other people's generous donations, the stories raised an incredible £375. Mr and Mrs Russell have kindly made this amount up to £400 and given it to school to put towards the outside area and garden space.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Russell and to everyone who contributed to the lockdown story telling fundraiser. We love hearing your stories Mrs Russell!

