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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

Well, this has certainly been a challenging start to the new term of 2021 for all of us but I am very happy to welcome you back to school, whether your child is attending virtually or is attending in person.

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for the support you are showing your children. The response and engagement with learning on Seesaw is incredible and it so great to see the children practising skills and developing new learning. Already this week there have been over 2,000 posts added to Seesaw which shows how hard the children and teachers are working! Seesaw is being used so well as a great communication tool between home and school. Over the next few weeks, the children will also be accessing Microsoft Teams for a variety of activities with their class teacher and classmates.

The newsletter has been adapted this half-term to help you support your child's learning at home. The teachers have explained the activities taking place next week on Seesaw so that you know what learning is planned and can talk to you child about this. Please let us know if you find this helpful.

Finally, with the new national lockdown, I am very aware of the challenges faced by all of us during these uncertain times. I want to make it very clear that if you need support with anything, please give me a call through the school office. I am able to access services, support, advice, guidance and resources that could help you and your family. This will obviously be treated in the strictest confidence. Any situation is worth looking into together to see if there is a way forward.

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

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)

I am delighted with how the children have adapted both to the new school routine and to online learning. The parents are doing a wonderful job completing the activities and the children are good at joining every day. This week we have been looking at Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the children have recreated the story in their own homes! Next week we are looking at Julia Donaldson's wonderful book 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. Looking forward to it already!

A special "well done" must go to our new starters. Logan joined us here at school and Max and Maisie have joined us online. They are all doing amazingly!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

Next week in Suva class we will be focusing on the Julia Donaldson story 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We will read, talk about and re-tell the story as well as continuing to practice reading and writing tricky words.

In Maths we will be looking at numbers 1 to 5 and seeing how we can make them in different ways. We will also be comparing heights and lengths and using language such as tall, taller, tallest and short, shorter, shortest.

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

Maths - The children will be looking at length next week and comparing different lengths to find objects that are greater than, smaller than or equal to. This will be a 'hands-on' lesson and the children will understand that 'length' equates to how long something is – Miss Marshall and Mrs Williams can't wait to see lots of pictures from home!

English – There will be a spelling test on the -igh diagraph and sound. Miss Marshall will do a recording so the children can listen to her read out the different words. You will just need to take a picture of what they have written and Miss Marshall will record their scores. There will also be an introduction to the following week's spellings, with an activity to go alongside it.

Computing - The children will be looking at resizing and moving objects to create a 'Where's Wally' effect.

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

Next week, Wellington class will be adding and subtracting 10 and adding two digit and one digit numbers.

In English, we will finish the story 'The Great Explorer'. We will identify adjectives in a sentence and use commas in lists.

As part of our 'Explorers' topic, we will compare what life was like when Christopher Columbus was alive and find out about his life and his achievements.

I am so proud of how hard everybody is working and appreciate all the fantastic support that has been shown from parents and carers. Thank you!

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

A huge well done to everyone for logging in and completing their remote learning, I'm super proud of you all!

Next week, Zagreb class will be:

- In Maths, exploring related calculations, for example;

$$5 \times 3 = 15, 3 \times 5 = 15, 15 \div 3 = 5, 15 \div 5 = 3$$

or $3 + 3 + 3 = 3 \times 3 = 9$

or $3 \times 4 = 12$ so $30 \times 4 = 120$

- In English, writing character and setting descriptions based on The Great Kapok tree. We will begin reading it... I will be uploading the videos of myself reading it as we go along. The children will be using their knowledge of expanded noun phrases, adjectives and their senses to create their descriptions.
- In Grammar and Punctuation they will be focusing on apostrophes for possession.
- In Topic, they will be introduced to their new and exciting topic all about the rainforest. They will be looking at maps to plot the equator and the tropics. They will be exploring the different climates around the world and thinking about what they would need to be able to survive there. They will be exploring where rainforests are located with particular focus on the Amazon rainforest. Again they might need to wrap up warm (coats, hats, scarves and gloves) to explore some features of their gardens!
- Finally, I know how much you all LOVE learning French, so we will be moving on to our new module of Les Fruits!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

Maths - We will be looking at finding the area of different shapes. They will also be looking at factor pairs and multiplying 3 numbers together.

English – The children will begin to look at non-chronological reports; why we have them, their purpose and where we might find them. We will also look closely at the features of what makes it a non-chronological report. In guided reading, we will be answering assessment style questions on an extract from Tilly Mint and the Leaf-lords. The children will need to read the questions carefully and then think about what the questions are asking them, using the text to help them. The children will also continue their writing based on the new class book 'Escape from Pompeii' as well as completing SPaG tasks on apostrophes to help with this writing.

In English skills, the children will be looking at fronting subordinating clauses and using a comma correctly.

Topic - The children will be using the internet to research Julius Caesar. A PowerPoint will be provided, but the children will need to find and use reliable secondary resources to research his life further.

RE - The children will be learning about the importance of the Hajj to Muslims, and sharing their own interpretation of why Muslims take part in this journey.

In computing, they will be continuing with their coding via the code.org website, learning about algorithms and debugging.

The children will also be given the choice to take part in a range of PE activities, such as Zumba, yoga or a workout with Joe Wicks.

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

The Year 5 topic for this term is Marvellous Mountains and we will continue learning about various mountains around the world and look at similarities and differences between them.

We will begin our Computing Unit called Music Creation, which can easily be done online and at home.

Hopefully, we will be able to access our Music and French Units too: Fresh Prince of Bel Air and Do You Have A Pet?

In Maths, we will continue to focus on perimeter and area of shapes.

In English, we will use the short film 'Dreadful Menace' to support our reading and writing.

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

Next week in Year 6 the children will be looking at direct and reported speech.

The children will be writing their Stone Age newspapers and looking at the Stone Age site Skara Brae.

In Topic, we will continue to look at the human circulatory system.

In Maths, the children will be moving onto percentages.



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:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>