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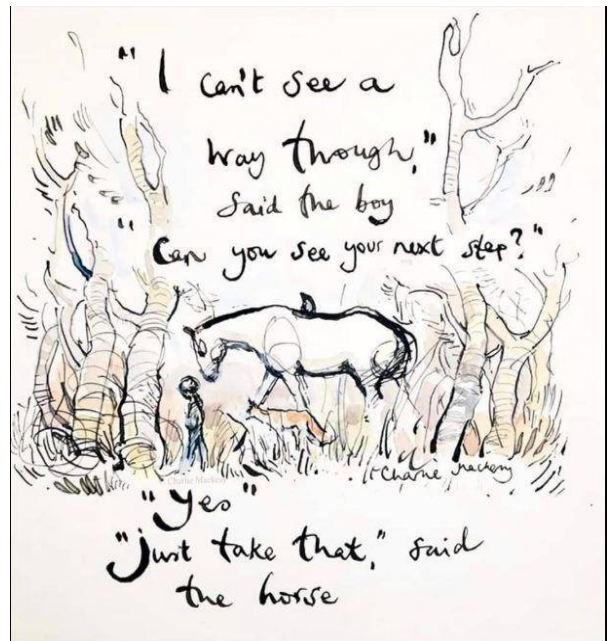
Weekly Newsletter

W/e 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of half term is finally here! I am sure that you are ready for a break from remote learning, Seesaw activities and keeping the children focused. My thanks to you for the work you've done with your children this half term just doesn't seem enough! I know some days, or even weeks, have been easier than others but each day that goes by is a day closer to things becoming easier. I take a lot of comfort from this extract from 'A boy, a mole, a fox and a horse' by Charles Mackesy.

For those of you who have continued to access face to face teaching in school, I would like to thank you for the way you have supported the school being able to stay open safely. Bubbles have stayed open all half term and the staff and I have worked hard here to make sure that the school environment is safe and accessible. Thank you for following the guidance that has been put in place.



We look forward to welcoming you back to learning on Monday 22nd February.

Thank you,
Mrs Cowell-Clark

COVID Information

Please take a few minutes to read through the below information regarding COVID guidelines we are asking you to follow as we break up for the half-term holidays. **This information is for those families whose children are CURRENTLY attending school.**

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, then please contact the office at office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk and we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation in line with guidance from Public Health England and the DfE, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school

So, if you or child develops symptoms **on Friday 12th February, Saturday 13th February or Sunday 14th February and you receive a positive result for COVID-19**, please contact the office and we will identify close contacts and then advise self-isolation. This is because you would be within the 48hours infectious period.

- **Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after 3 days from the last day of term, schools do not need to be contacted about their absence until the first day of the new term.**
- **If a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms more than 48hours since being in school, the school does not need to be contacted.**

So, if you or your child develops symptoms **after** Sunday 14th February and you have a test carried out and it is confirmed positive, you do not need to inform school. This is because this is beyond the 48hours infectious period. Parents and carers would need to follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace and isolating guidance.

- **Opening after February half-term for children of critical workers**: if you or your child has symptoms of COVID and receives a positive test please contact the office at office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk to inform us of your child's absence.

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 Please note that during half term, the office email will not be checked every day.

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 'Keeping Children Safe from Cyber Crime'.

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.



Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

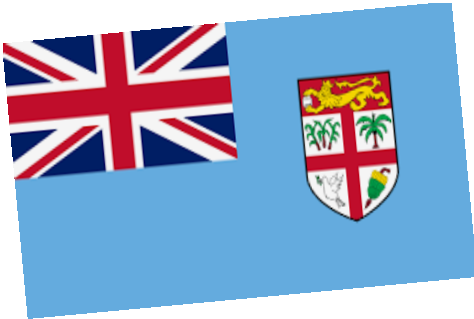


For the last time this half term, I would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to the children and parents of my Nursery class who have slogged away through good days and bad; being guide dogs, creating parties, playing games and practising handwriting.

You are all #TeamClarborough at its best!

As I sit down to write up this half term's assessments I am so proud of the great progress that is still being made. So, enjoy the half term, and I look forward to seeing you again on Seesaw or in person as we start the new term thinking about trees and all the amazing benefits they bring to our wonderful world.

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



This week has been another busy week in Suva class! We have had great fun planning parties, choosing our guests, deciding what food we would like to eat and making hats to wear!

Once again thank you so much to those parents who have worked so hard with their children and who have shared their fantastic work with us on Seesaw - we LOVE seeing it!

As next week is the half-term holiday we will not be putting any work on Seesaw, but our topic for the first week back will be Trees. We will be looking at the different types of trees, how important they are for the environment, what is made from trees and how they grow. If you want to get some resources ready, you will need paper, pens, sellotape, glue, scissors, string, paint and crayons - if there are any resources that you don't have please don't buy any; there are always other things that we can use!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)



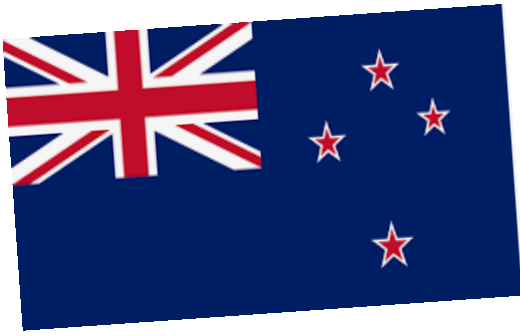
Year 1 you have been nothing short of amazing this half term with all the hard work you have put in to home learning and all the activities on Seesaw! Thank you for the good morning videos too - we miss you so much so it is so lovely to see your smiling faces.

After half term we are going to be moving on to a new topic about a famous man called Nelson Mandela, who was influential in shaping history.

We have been looking at lots of different sounds in phonics over the last few weeks and we are going to continue with this in the coming weeks and learn more about different spelling patterns.

In Maths we are learning more about numbers to 50, looking at how we measure weight and learning to count in 2's and 5's.

Have a lovely half term break everyone!



Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

Firstly, I just want to say a huge 'thank you' for the support from parents and carers. It has been a pleasure to see the learning and activities that the children have been completing at home and your support has meant their learning hasn't been disrupted during this time.

Out topic after half term is 'The Olympics'.

During this topic, we will cover the history of the ancient Greek Olympics up to the present day together with the impact of the 2020 Olympics on the host city of Tokyo. We will get creative and design our own medals, mascots and logos for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as we find out more about the traditions and structure of the Olympics.



In English and Science, we will be using the texts:

'G is for Gold Medal' by Brad Herzog

'Olympig' by Victoria Jamieson

'You're snug with me' by Chitra Soundar

'Awesome Animals' by National Geographic

Further details of what we will cover in English will be on the Spring 2 Newsletter for Wellington Class.

In Maths, the children will move on to 'multiplication and division' and will be making and adding equal groups, making arrays, carrying out multiplication using the 'x' symbol, multiplication sentences using pictures, making doubles, 2x, 5x and 10x tables, making equal groups by sharing and grouping, dividing by odd and even numbers and, dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

Towards the end of the term we will learn about 'statistics' where the children will make and interpret tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams.



Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

Firstly, I want to say a huge well done to everyone in Zagreb class! You have embraced remote learning and have worked super hard on all of your activities. I am so incredibly proud of you and the progress you are making!

In English, we will be focusing on our reading skills through the use of VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising).

In Grammar and Punctuation, Year 3 will be focusing on the past and present tense and will be introduced to how they can turn the past tense into the present perfect tense.

Past tense

We jogged around the field.

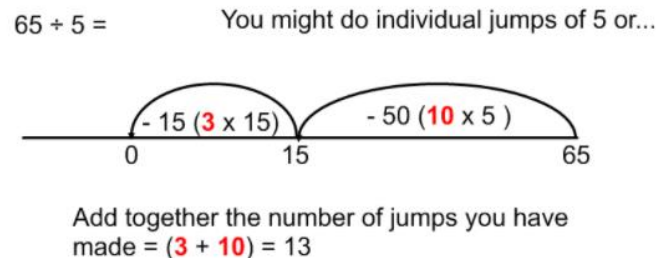
They opened their presents.

Present perfect tense

We **have** jogged around the

They **have** opened their

In Maths, they will be recapping division using number lines ready to learn the chunking method.



In Clarborough curriculum, everyone has thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Rainforests of the world and in particular the Amazon rainforest. Your knowledge and understanding of the importance of rainforests, the Amazon River, the different species and habitats of the animals that live there is fantastic! You will be able to use all of your new knowledge as we move on to our new topic of the Mayan civilisation. We will be looking at a timeline of when they Mayans lived, plotting where the Mayans lived using maps and exploring how they lived.

Over this next half term the children will be focusing on Hinduism in RE and coding, programming and debugging in Computing.

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)



Maths: There will be an opportunity to get hands on and demonstrate what different fractions look like by using different items around the home. With Miss Marshall, Year 4 will be looking at lines of symmetry in shapes.

English: The spelling test will be completed on Tuesdays, however, we have now signed up to a brilliant resource called 'The Spelling Shed'. Year 4 will receive their own log-ins and have the chance to play on games and take their test each week on the very same site. We will also be accessing the Natural Curriculum website and learning about gorillas, using fronted adverbials. There will also be the chance to look at suffix rules by adding -ing on to the end of words, making sure we have the correct spellings. With Miss Marshall, the children will be looking at perfect forms of verbs and looking at 'Viking Vik and The Long Ship' for guided reading, then completing Oak Academy writing on Rushing Rivers by Kingfisher.

Topic: In Geography, Year 4 will get the chance to use their IT skills by accessing a website called 'Digimaps'. It is a capital city challenge this week! We will also be looking at settlers and what the early settlers did.

Science: There will be an oil painting activity to take part in. For this, you will need: cooking oil (any type) and some food colouring. Alternatively, you could take part in the pasta challenge – creating a piece of art just using pasta.

Music: Year 4 will access The Oak Academy to continue learning about time signatures, in particular, 3 beats and 6 beats in a bar. It would be great to see some videos for this one!

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)



Next half-term, Earth & Space will be our topic with a heavy Science focus.

English - Children will begin to use 'Spelling Shed' as a means of learning their weekly spellings and start weekly spelling tests again (more details to follow). The GPS focus will be on tenses and children will use the short film 'Space Monkey' to support their learning in English. Reading comprehension will be based on the first person in space. As you may

have seen on Seesaw, I have also made a link to the Epic! website where pupils can choose and read books within their ZPD, many of which are quizzed on AR.

Maths - Children will begin to learn about fractions by learning what a fraction is and begin to find out about equivalent fractions.

Science - Children will begin their Earth & Space topic by finding out and explaining why we know that the Earth, Sun and Moon are spherical.

Computing - Ebook Creation is our new Computing topic and children will be learning to create their own ebook on a particular topic.

French - The Olympics is our new unit in French.

This learning will be supplemented by weekly workouts and workshops from Joe Wicks and Doncaster Rover Football Club. Additional activities will also be provided to support music.

Thank you for all your hard work this half-term and I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. Hopefully it won't be too long before we are back in the classroom together!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)



In English, we will be looking at sentence construction and SPAG elements.

In Maths, we will continue to look at shape and space elements.

We will begin to look at the Iron Age and the differences in comparison to the Stone Age.

In Science, we will begin to look at the classification of species.

In PSHE, we are looking at being responsible global citizens and in Art we are going to look at drawing and proportion.



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/>