



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a wonderful, festive and fun week here at school! Being able to have the KS1 Nativity at the church and school has been so special. The children in KS2 worked so hard to learn their songs that they performed on Wednesday – with tummies full after a very delicious Christmas dinner! The last two days have been full of music, laughter, fun and Christmas activities aplenty and it has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying themselves.

I know that we continue to face uncertainty about the New Year but I hope you get to celebrate this festive time with those you love and make some wonderful Christmas memories.

Thank you and Merry Christmas,
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 (This email will be monitored weekly during the Christmas holidays)

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 'Make the most of the online world this Christmas'.

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.





Recycling

We are continuing to recycle old pens, crisp packets, cans and old batteries in school. Please send any recycling into school with your child. **We are now also recycling used/empty printer ink cartridges!**



Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Parentmail is now open for you to book your child's lunches, Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Spring Term 1. Please note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.

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!

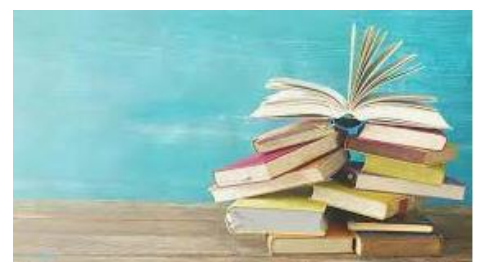


Toys and Fidget Toys

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.

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received a book voucher kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Herdman for their achievements in reading:



Year 1: Joe for making fantastic progress in reading. You are now reading tricky words by sight and attempting more difficult words.

Year 2: Ayda - you have such an enjoyment for reading and are always extending your reading repertoire. It is lovely to hear your fluency and expression in your reading and your discussions around the books you've read.

Year 3: Bella for continuously reading every week without fail!

Year 4: Winnie for her love and interest in reading!

Year 5: Anya for her unwavering enjoyment of reading and excellent progress made this term.

Year 6: Harry for improvement in your attitude and reading ability.

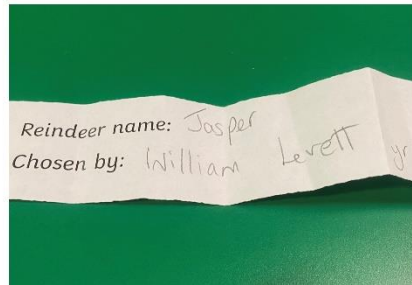
Muddy Fork

Muddy Fork made an amazing willow reindeer and the children at Clarborough Primary School were asked for suggested names for the reindeer. The winning name was 'Jasper' and this was chosen by William L. Well done William and thank you Muddy Fork for choosing our school to name your reindeer!

Santa needs your help!

Can you please help Santa and all at Muddy Fork to name our Willow Reindeer, that was made by Mark and the team.

All you have to do is suggest a name and write it down. The name will be picked out of a hat at the Christmas Fayre.



Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and donated to our Christmas Fair this year. It was so lovely to be able to welcome you back into school to enjoy the festivities! We raised an amazing £851!

Thank you for your support!



Food Bank Donations

Again, another big thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for the Foodbank. We have had a great response and Mrs Cowell-Clark will be dropping off our donations today. We are very grateful for your generosity especially at this time of year!

Always, Always treat with Mrs Cowell-Clark

Each term, teachers put forward the names of the children who are always trying hard to be the best they can be. Names are drawn out and the children get to have a treat. As it is nearly Christmas, the children have gone home with a selection box (which I hope they'll share!)

Well done to:

Joan Miro Class: Honey-Mae K.

L.S. Lowry Class: Edith S.

William Morris Class: Isla O.

Salvador Dali Class: Penny C.

Banksy Class: Sarina B.

Lucian Freud Class: Olivia O.



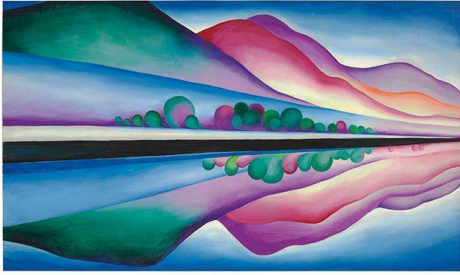
Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)

Well, what a wonderful week we have had! Crafts, songs, parties, dressing up, treats and naughty elves - who needs anything else? The Nursery class continue to go from strength to strength, gaining confidence, skills and resilience as each day passes.

We have been busy choosing pictures for the new children starting after Christmas and I know they will be made very welcome. Have a fantastic Christmas everyone, you are all SUPERSTARS!



Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)



This week has been a completely Christmassy one in Reception! The children have made some beautiful cards and decorations, eaten a delicious Christmas lunch and had lots of fun on party day!

When we return to school in January we will begin our term of learning about animals, by looking at animals who live in cold places.

We would like to say an enormous WELL DONE to the whole class for a fantastic first term and how proud we are of how much their brains have grown.



We would also like to wish everyone a very happy and fun-filled Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

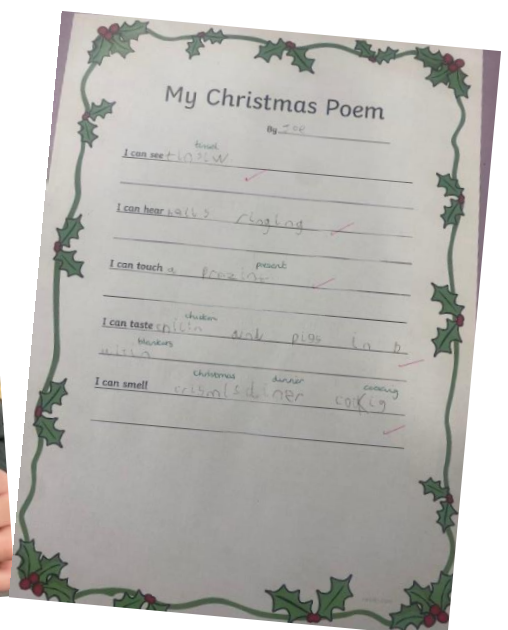
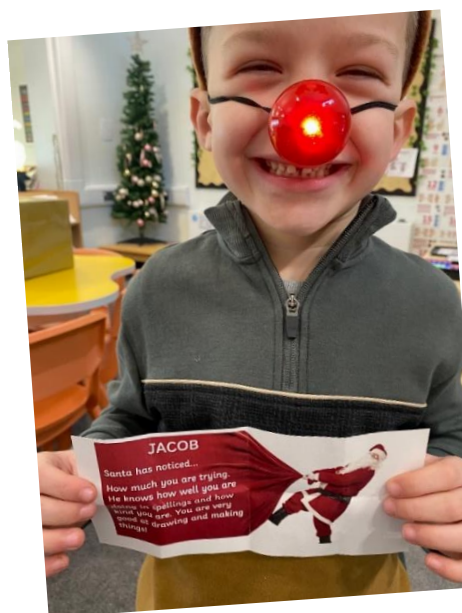


Star of the week: Charlie for always trying so hard with his work!

Year 1 (Joan Miro)



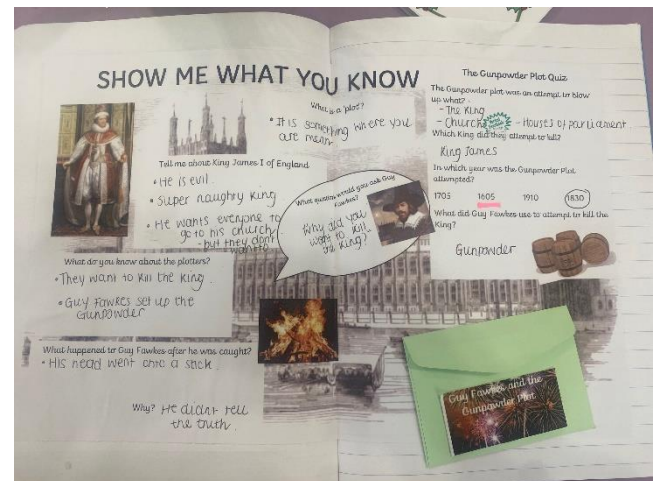
This week has been filled with festivity! The children smashed their performance of the Christmas Story at the beginning of the week. They have designed their own Christmas cards, completed a Christmas Quiz, written their own festive poems using their senses as well as lots of party games!





On Thursday, the children had a very special phone call from Santa (we think Bertie arranged this for us!) and told us that he was happy with the good choices we are making. The children were so excited and it was lovely to see their faces as he called Mrs Deakin's phone.

The children also completed their learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot with their 'Show me what you know' piece of writing. They are excited to find out about their new topic after the Christmas break.



Merit Award: Jacob for making fantastic progress in reading and writing. You are working so hard at sounding out the words that you want to write and can now write your own sentences, leaving spaces between words!

Courtesy Award: Sophia for always remembering your manners and being so kind to your friends. You always look out for others and make them smile!

Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)



We have had a fantastic last week of term in Year 2!

I think you will all agree that the children did a fabulous job in both Nativities; in school and at the church. We are super proud of them and so glad that so many of you could come and watch and support them!

The children have enjoyed lots of Christmas activities in class this week. We have completed some Christmas phonics, we've had a sing along or two, been making our Christmas cards and have even enjoyed a lovely Christmas film 'The Star' which the children really enjoyed. Then there was our gorgeous Christmas dinner and our party too. A very busy and exciting week!



Thank you so much for all of your support throughout the Autumn Term and we hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Merit Award: Noah for making a huge effort with your learning this half term, especially in Maths. We are very proud of you for trying your very best and improving your learning both in school and at home.

Courtesy Award: Ishe for always using your manners with children and adults all around school and being such a polite young man!



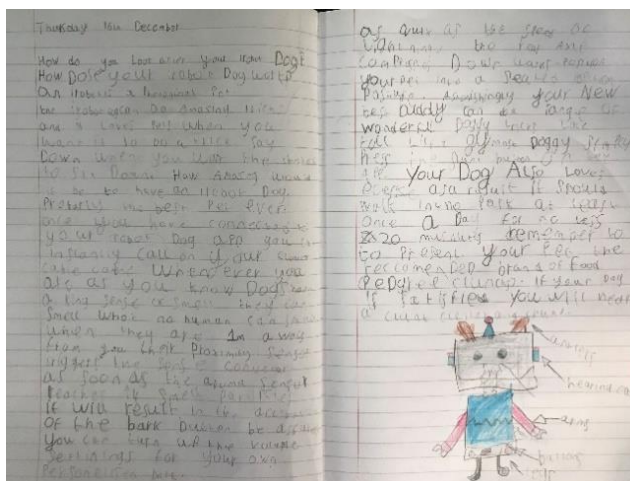
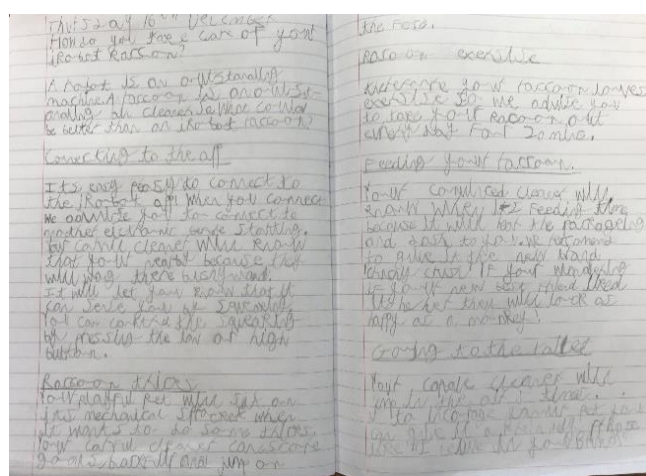
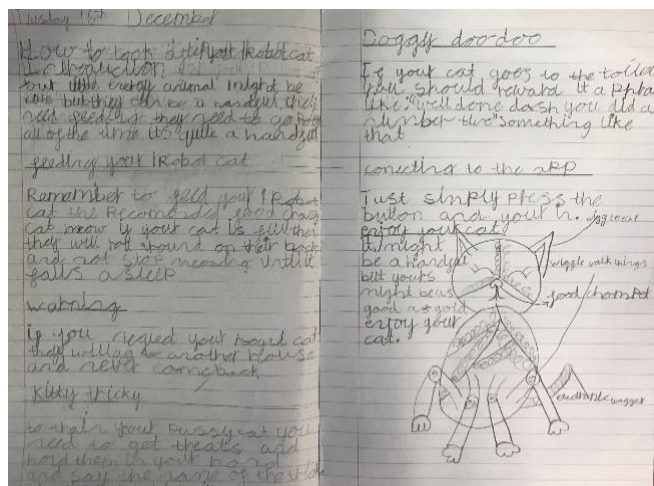
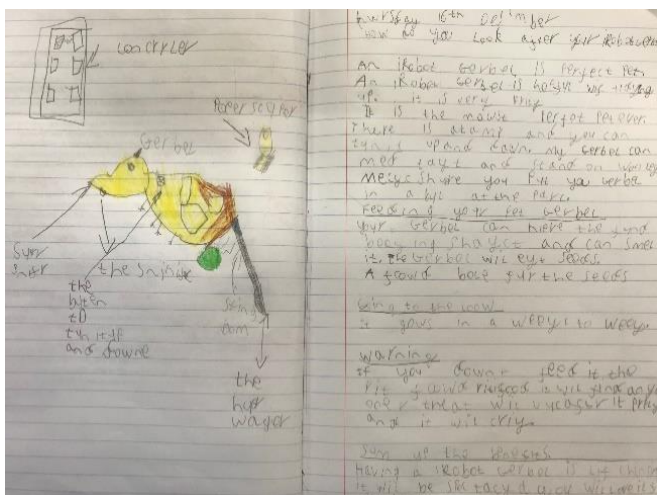
Star of the week: Cole for always being ready to learn and putting 100% effort into everything he does!

Year 3 (William Morris)



We have had a Chrismassy sort of a week in Year 3 this week. In Maths we have been continuing to learn the 3x times table and we have also been exploring symmetry while making winter snowflakes.

In English we have finished our explanation texts about looking after a robot dog and the children have enjoyed writing about their own, self-designed robot pet. There was a mixture of ideas based on real animals, including robot scorpions, bears, rabbits, horses, snakes and reindeers as well as fantasy creatures including dragons, elves, Iron Men and fairies. I was incredibly impressed by how much the children had included from what we had been learning and have added some pictures to share their writing.



We have also watched the movie 'The Iron Giant' to bring our mini Robot topic to an end and the children really enjoyed the Beaver Towers book we finished on Thursday. Some of them were asking me about the sequel: It is called the Witch's Revenge, by Nigel Hinton and it is just as exciting!

This week some children enjoyed a reading reward on Monday afternoon, where they enjoyed watching the film 'Nativity' whilst also eating popcorn, chocolates and a nice hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows - yummy! These children were rewarded for reading at least 3 times every week. We only had 12 children that successfully managed to read at least 18 times throughout this half term, hopefully next half term we will have more. The children know the expectations and I let them know every week how many reads they are away from getting their reward. I know how busy it can be at home, but reading is so important. The children can even record themselves reading independently on Seesaw and this can go towards one of their reads.

The children rehearsed Christmas songs to sing around the tree and enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner on Wednesday and played lots of exciting games at the party we had on Thursday.



The children voted to play pass the parcel, musical statues and musical bumps. We also played circle games and the children won lots of prizes!

The children have worked very hard this half term, and I wish everyone a very merry Christmas, enjoy this time with your family, and I can't wait to hear what you've all been up to in the New Year!

Message from Mr McLean: I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Year 3 over the last 7 weeks. They have been very friendly and worked very hard in all areas of the curriculum I have taught them. I have been very impressed with the vast amounts of work they have produced, particularly their writing and Maths work. I wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope they enjoy the rest of the year with their new teacher and Miss Marshall.

Smashers: Oliver, Isla H, Rowan and Isla O.

Merit: Ben for producing some fantastic work this term. Ben you have worked so incredibly hard and you have shown us exactly what you know thoroughly through every piece of work that you have produced! You have pushed yourself to create great pieces of work that you should be very proud of. Well done Ben for such fabulous work this term!

Courtesy: Maia - you are such a thoughtful and kind girl, who is always so respectful and ready to learn. You are always happy to help adults and children alike and it is so lovely to see such genuine interest from yourself in other people. You've had a great half term and your positive attitude has helped you, and others along the way. What a brilliant attitude towards everything Maia!

Year 4 (Salvador Dali)



This week, the children enjoyed participating in lots of Christmas activities, including; decorating biscuits, enjoying a Christmas lunch, taking part in a Christmas maths quiz with Mrs Brown, and holding our very own Christmas party!



The children also found out about Andy Warhol and designed their Christmas cards based on his pop art designs. The children are really beginning to take pride over their work and their art books looked amazing!



Travel journals; this half term the children chose to visit France and those children who had completed their 3 reads per week at home celebrated by enjoying a French breakfast. They tucked in to French cuisine including croissants, pain au chocolate, fruit and juice. A huge well done to Harriet, Heidi F, Reece, Toby and Winnie. I wonder where they'll travel to next half term?

Smashers: Asya, Beatrice, Daniel, Harriet, Heidi F, Nathan, Penny, Sienna, Toby and Winnie.

Merit Award: Winnie for always demonstrating a conscientious attitude towards your learning. You are consistently diligent and this shines through in all of your work. A huge well done for truly being the best you can be!

Courtesy Award: Nathan for always being kind and polite to everyone in school!

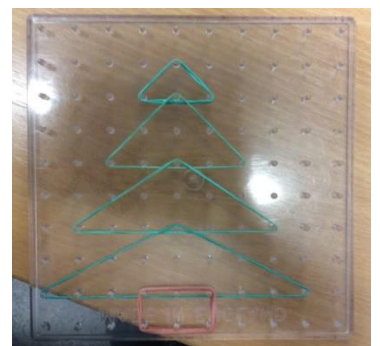
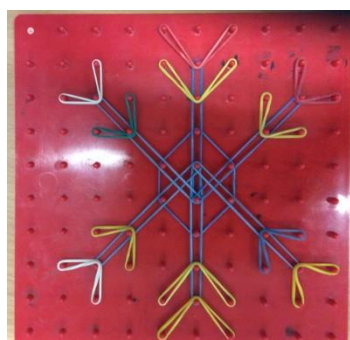


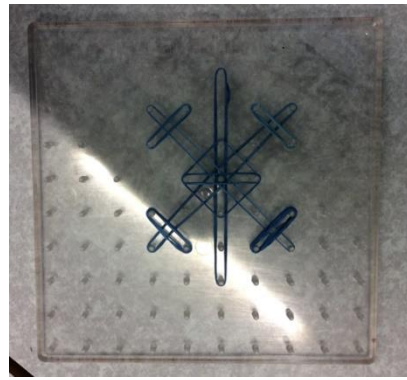
Star of the week: Penny for showing true resilience when things are tricky. Well done this week Penny, I'm so proud of you!

Year 5 (Banksy)



Banksy Class have had a fantastically festive week: using the Geoboards to make festive pictures in Maths, creating beautiful origami snowflakes, enjoying Christmas dinner, entertaining the parents at our Carol Concert, completing an End of Year Quiz, making Christmas cards, partying and playing games and rounding the week off with a festive film and popcorn!





When we return in January, our topic will be Marvellous Mountains.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for helping keep our school community safe this term and for the positivity, resilience and hard work shown by all the children. I hope you all have a wonderful break!

Smashers: All of Banksy Class!

Merit Award: Isabella for working consistently hard to be the best you can be in all areas of your learning. You have faced challenges head on, showing a persistent and positive attitude!

Courtesy Award: James for always demonstrating a positive attitude and courteous behaviour towards others. Your behaviour is always the best it can be!



Star of the week: James for his excellence in supporting others to create their origami snowflakes!



Year 6 (Lucian Freud)

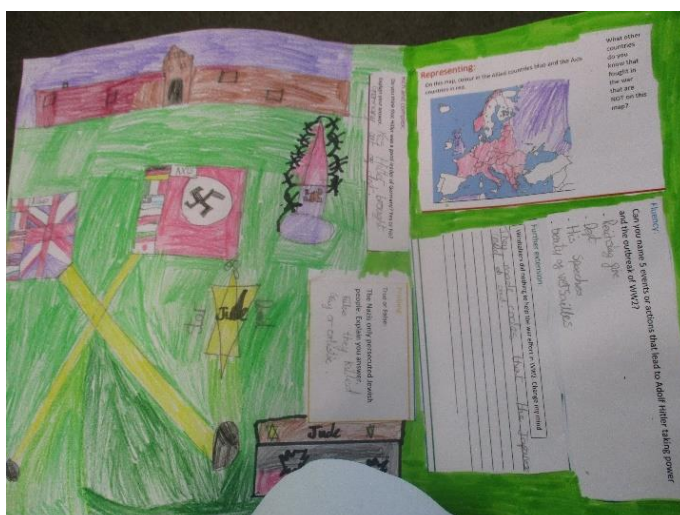
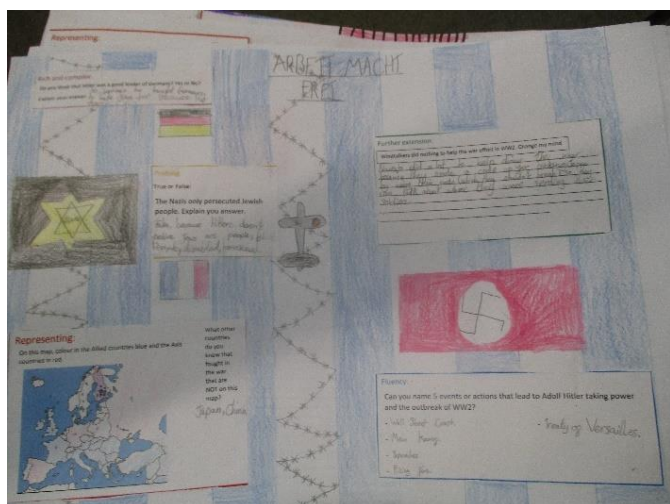
This week we have not stopped working. Though the end of term was coming, we haven't slowed down in Year 6.

In English this week, we have continued to work on our Hitler biographies. We spent a lesson gathering facts and information about the leader of the Nazi Party. When we had researched these facts, we had to ensure that we had the correct chronology and that they were in the right place. Once the pupils had done this, they had to sort the information into sub-groups that dealt with his early life, pre-WW2, WW2 and then his death.

With the heavy topic of Adolf Hitler to write about, we took a mini writing break in the middle of the week and wrote some beautiful descriptions of Santa's workshop.

In Maths we began to focus on fractions; looking at converting fractions into equivalents and how to check if fractions are equivalent to each other. This is something that we will carry on with after the holidays.

In Topic, the children began to produce 'Show me What you Know' sheets. On these, the children were posed a series of questions to test their knowledge about our WW2 topic.



They had to answer questions about the persecution of minorities during the war, the use of Navajo tribesmen in the Pacific and the most talked about question of 'Was Hitler a good leader for Germany? Yes/No Explain your answer. That one caused some debate!

In Art, we decided to get a little festive and create some paper snowflake stars to decorate the class. It took patience and resilience and I think you will agree they are ace!



And remember... *Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it- You feel it. You know it. You believe it.*

Merit Award: Harry for his fantastic attitude towards his learning!

Courtesy Award: Lily for being the paragon of manners!



Star of the week: Jenson for consistently producing excellent work!

Dates for your Diary....

Tuesday 4th January: Inset Day

Wednesday 5th January - Children return back to school.

Out of School Achievements

A big well done to Winnie who passed her grading and gained her orange belt in Karate this week – Great work Winnie!



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 or Mrs Woods on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk