

Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of term has flown by and it has been great to see the children so engaged in their learning in their year group bubbles.

Continued thanks to you for remaining socially distant when dropping off and picking up your child. Please remember that it helps us to get the children into school quickly if you keep the gate and surrounding areas clear.

Lots of exciting things have happened this week at school so read on to find out about the learning in #Team Clarborough!

Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us

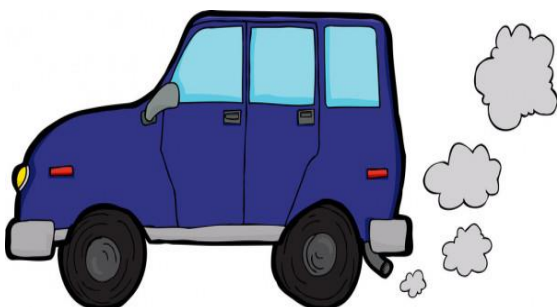
Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

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



Car Engines

We politely ask that while you are waiting to drop-off and pick-up your children, you turn your engines off to reduce exhaust emissions. This obviously reduces air pollution but also makes it more pleasant for those standing around the vehicles.

Wellies and Coats

Now the weather is getting colder and wetter, **please remember to send your child to school in a warm and waterproof coat.** They are also welcome to bring in their wellies if it is going to be very wet. The children will be encouraged to play outside even if it is raining!

Seesaw

Most class teachers have sent parents a link to join the new Family Seesaw app. Please make sure you follow the link to join this and your child's teacher will then approve you for the class and they can start sharing your child's work with you.

Save our Bees!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to our wildflower appeal already.

We have also received an email from Morrison's (via a parent) who have confirmed that they are happy to buy and donate some packets of wildflower seeds to our appeal – watch this space!



Eco Warriors

We have just signed up to a new recycling scheme ran by Plastic Free Retford. They are kindly donating some sacks so we can recycle cans.

The cans will then be traded for trees to expand our garden area. So start saving!



School Census Day – A Special Lunch!

We would like to say another huge thank you to everyone who booked in for our census lunch on Thursday.

It was an overwhelming success and the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it!



Harvest Festival



Our annual Harvest Festival will be held virtually on Thursday 15th October. Classes will be filming a special short film that you will be able to view on Seesaw.

As before, we are really keen to support the Bassetlaw Food Bank. If you are able to make a contribution towards this very worthwhile cause, there will be boxes at both gates each morning and afternoon starting from Monday for you to leave donations in. You can include the following:

- Tea, Coffee and Sugar
- Cereals
- Biscuits
- Bread
- Butter/Margarine
- Jams and Spreads
- UHT Milk, Fruit Juices and Dilute Squashes
- Tinned Meat and Fish
- Tinned Stew, Casserole, Chili and Curry
- Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes and Soups
- Pasta/Cooking Sauces
- Pasta, Rice and Noodles
- Nappies, Baby Wipes and Baby Food
- Toilet Rolls and Toiletries



- Pet Food

Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

Another busy week in Nursery and we are thrilled by the giant steps the children are taking each week particularly in their social skills. They are learning to share the toys, play without an adult and remembering their toileting needs at the same time. Phew...no wonder we have wet pants sometimes! We are also so proud of the way they come into school and the way you support them by leaving quickly. Thank you – we know it is hard at times!



We are starting to think about emergency vehicles and so have set up a hospital in the role play area. It's a hive of action!



A special to welcome to Joely, who has moved down to Clarborough from Scotland and has settled in brilliantly. Welcome to our class family!



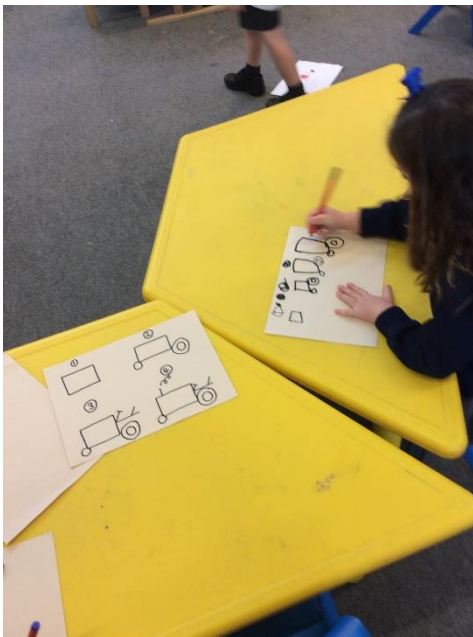
The children have also enjoyed exploring the Autumnal tuff tray.

They used magnifying glasses to look at minibeasts and tweezers to make their own Autumnal collections.



Nursery Stars of the week: Reuben T being so courageous and taking on new challenges so amazingly well!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



This week we have been looking at the different sorts of vehicles that are used on farms. We have talked about why tractors need such huge wheels and tyres, and about combine harvesters and what they do.



We have also learnt that a farmer's job is to produce food and have talked about the many different types of food that they grow.

We have made model tractors and farm pictures, carried on writing in our books and made repeating patterns!



We made some amazing conker creatures!



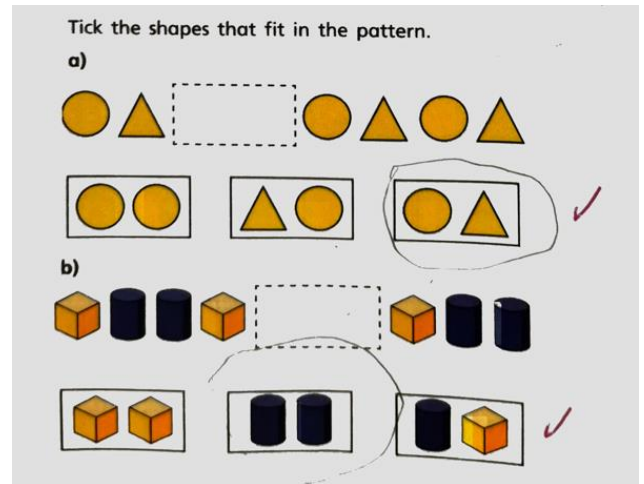
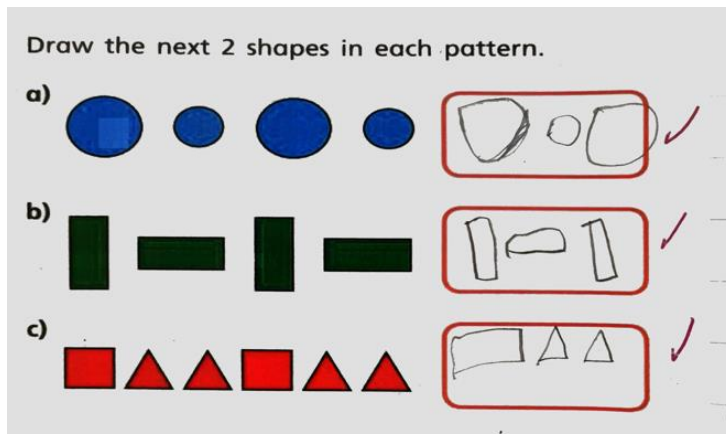
Reception Star of the week: Belle for her fantastic writing and brilliant repeating patterns!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

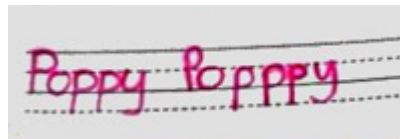
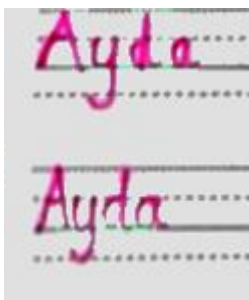
It has been a great week in class Seoul! The children have completed some fantastic learning and had a focus on shapes again this week in Maths. They have been looking at repeating patterns and how we can use shapes to make imaginative and reoccurring patterns.

The children have taken part in lots of activities to create repeating patterns: using 2D and 3D shapes, cutting out different shapes, drawing their own patterns, using Play-Doh and finding the missing pattern in a sequence.





In English it has been another jam packed week of working on their fine motor skills. The children have really focused well on their hand writing skills and holding their pencil correctly. There has been lots of letter practise, sentence work, cvc words and phonics. Super work Year 1!



On Wednesday, the children had a brilliant afternoon creating some Art. They mixed the 3 primary colours to find out all the different shades and colours they could make. It was great fun and the children produced some lovely art work.

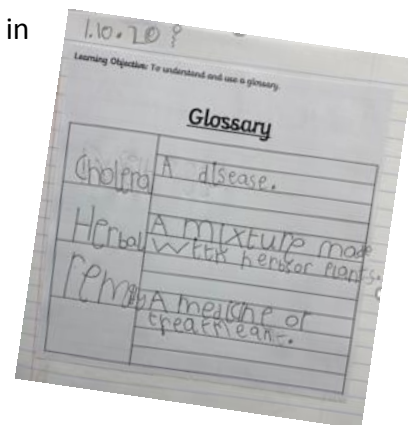


Year 1 Star of the week: Freddie O for trying so hard to write his name and for always being so polite!

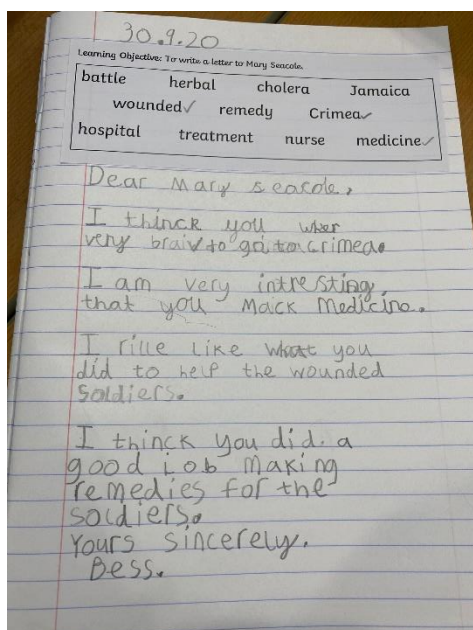
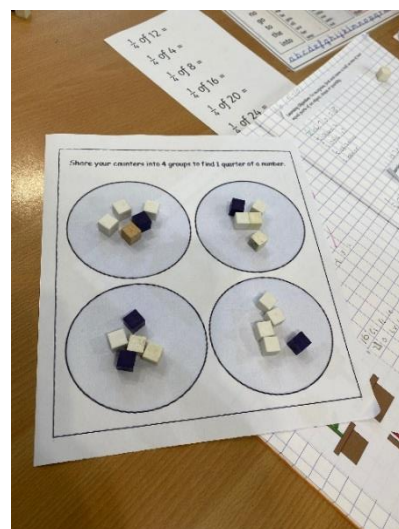
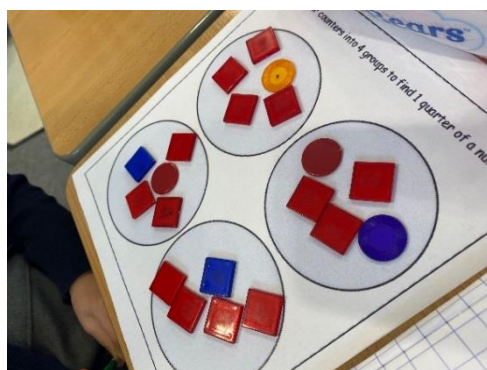
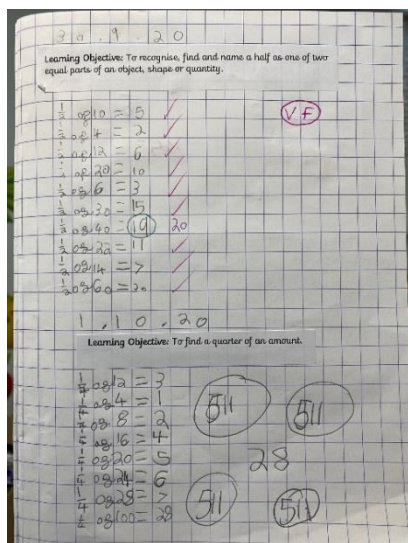
Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

This week has been full of new learning and another successful week in Wellington Class.

In English, the children have been finding examples of information texts and looking at the features such as contents page, index and glossary as well as putting words into alphabetical order.



In Maths, the children have been learning about fractions and finding a half, a quarter and a third of amounts.



We have continued to learn about Mary Seacole and wrote letters to her, commending her for the work that she did.

They had the opportunity to see, feel, smell and taste some of the ingredients that she used for her herbal remedies. The children crushed lemongrass and aloe vera with a pestle and mortar and tried a slice of lemon as well as drinking honey and lemon with hot water. Ben brought in an aloe Vera plant for us to cut and see! Mary Seacole used this to treat the soldier's cuts and wounds during the Crimean war. Thank you Ben!



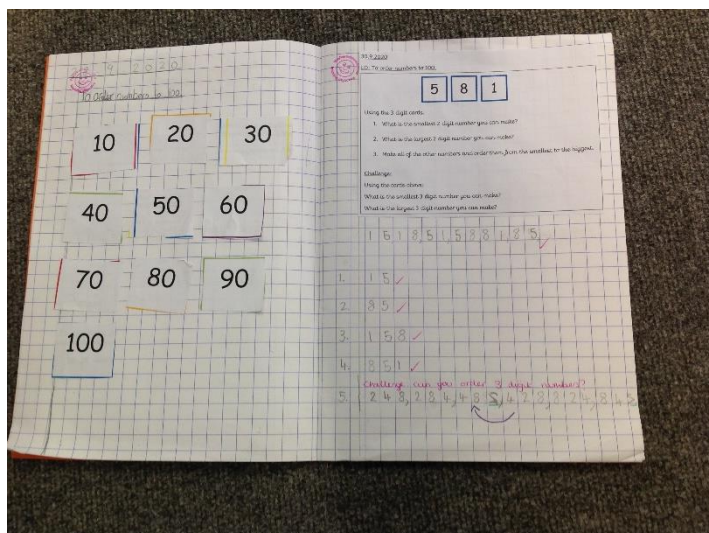
On Thursday afternoon they created paintings using tints that they had created by adding white paint to a colour.

Next week the children will learn how to multiply and divide 2's, 5's and 10's and compete on TT Rockstars! They will pretend that Mary Seacole is visiting school and think of interesting questions to ask her. They will design a fact sheet about Mary Seacole using features of information texts. In Art and Design they will look at warm and cool colours, and compare and contrast these.

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

Zeus: God of Sky and Thunder
 Poseidon: God of Sea and Storms
 Hades: God of the Dead and Underworld
 Apollo: God of Sun, Music, and Poetry
 Artemis: Goddess of Moon, Hunting, and Animals
 Ares: God of War
 Athena: Goddess of Wisdom and War
 Hestia: Goddess of Home and Family

In Maths, the children have worked incredibly hard to understand place value to both 100 and 1000 numbers.



Following the Clarborough curriculum, the children have analysed the designs of Ancient Greek chariots and had a go at creating their own, they then really enjoyed having their very own chariot race!



Finally, in French they have been learning how to say hello, how are you and what is your name...we have some brilliant French accents too!

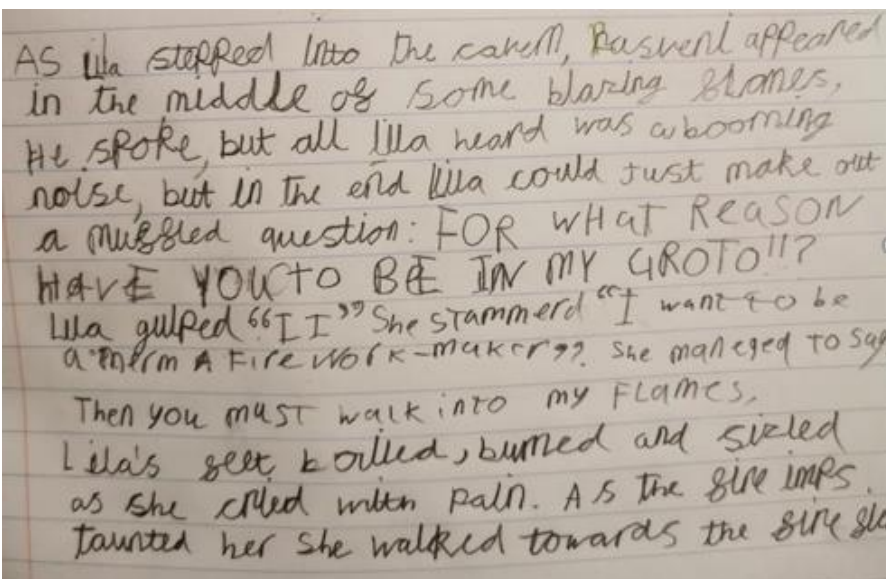
Next week, Zagreb will be researching Alexander the Great and will be creating fact files on Microsoft word. They will also be exploring the defeat of the Persian Empire army by Athens and Sparta. In Maths they will be comparing numbers to 100 or 1000 and will be consolidating their knowledge on place value. Finally in French they will be counting to 10 and learning their colour names.



Year 3 Star of the week: Winnie, for your ever growing confidence with your reading! I am super proud of you!

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

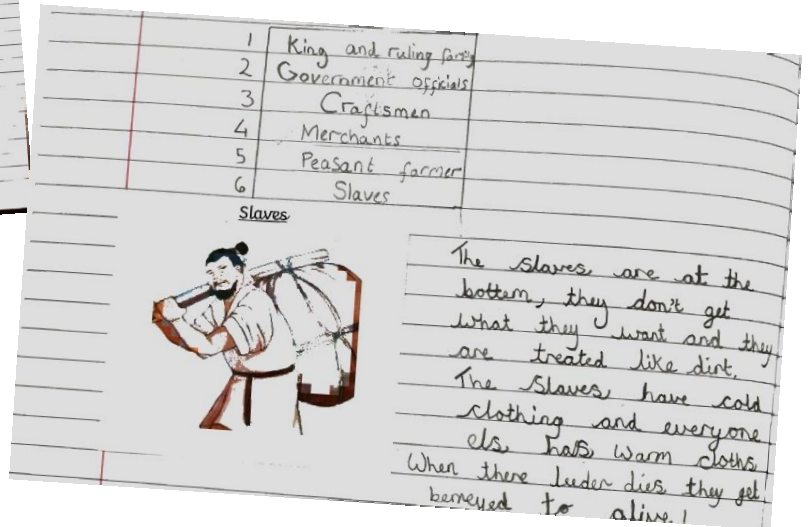
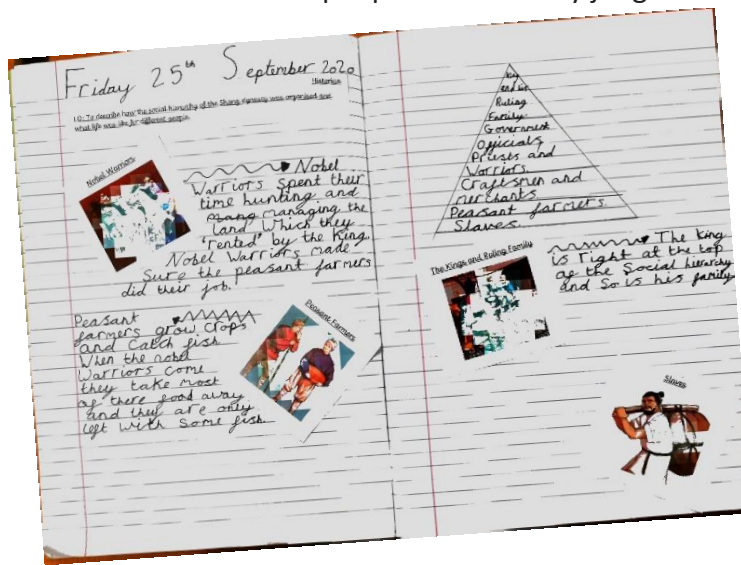
Year 4 have been working really hard this week in all subjects. In Maths this week, the children have focused on their reasoning and problem solving skills, and answering questions based on different measurements of length. It has been quite tricky, and some children found it challenging, but the discussions have been fantastic and the children are learning how to answer these questions with more and more clarity.



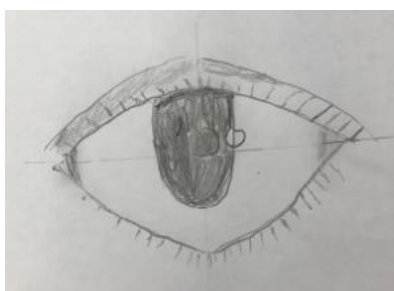
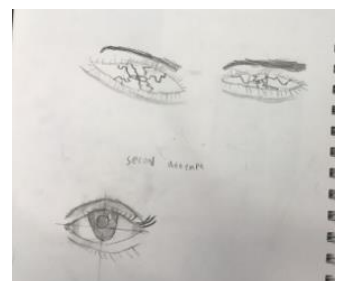
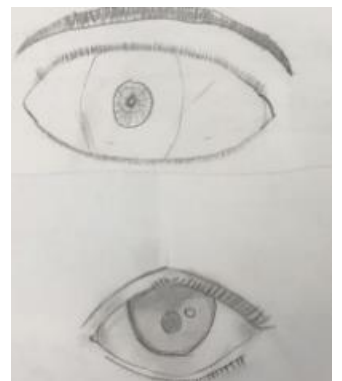
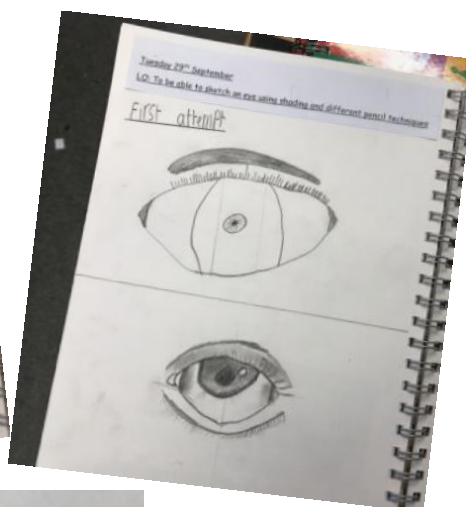
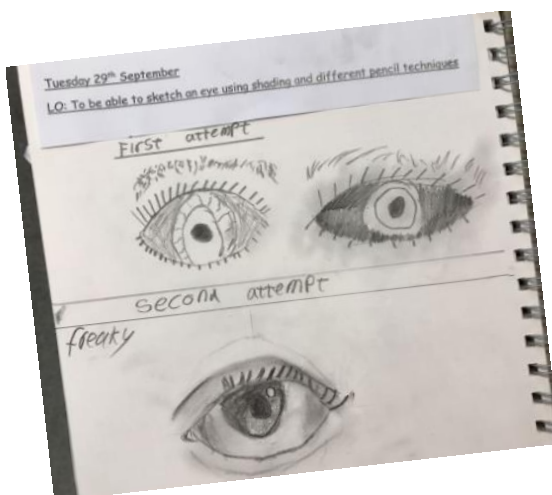
In English, the children have been continuing to read the firework-makers daughter and they have just read Lila's experience with the fire fiend in the grotto. It was a fantastic read, with lots of description. The children's task was to write their own detailed piece of writing about Lila's experience. They worked really hard to create a descriptive passage and include lots of technical devices including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, similes and personification.

In Topic, the children have completed their hierarchy work and have shown a great understanding of what it was like for people to live during the Shang Dynasty.

There was great discussion about where they would like to be in the social hierarchy and why. It was a very different time and people were heavily judged on the different jobs they had.



This week in Art, year 4 have been studying eye artwork and have tried to use their best sketching skills to draw their own eye. They began by trying their first attempt, then after a tutorial on how to sketch and shade, were able to display their much improved pieces of art!



Next week, they will be creating their own Cinquain and Onomatopoeia poems based on their class book 'The Magic Paintbrush'. They will also be learning how to place numbers on a number line up to 10,000, Finding 10, 100, 1,000 more or less and to compare 4 and 5 digit numbers (with some children challenging themselves with decimals).



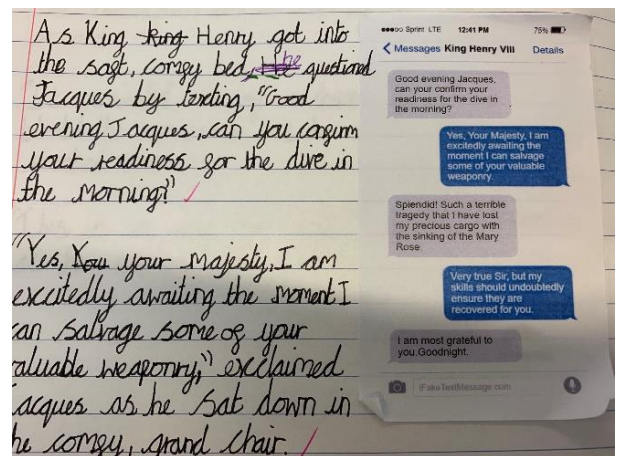
Year 4 Star of the week: Saffron because she has worked exceedingly hard all week to ensure her work is the absolute best it can be. She has been so helpful all week and has a beaming smile on her face always!

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

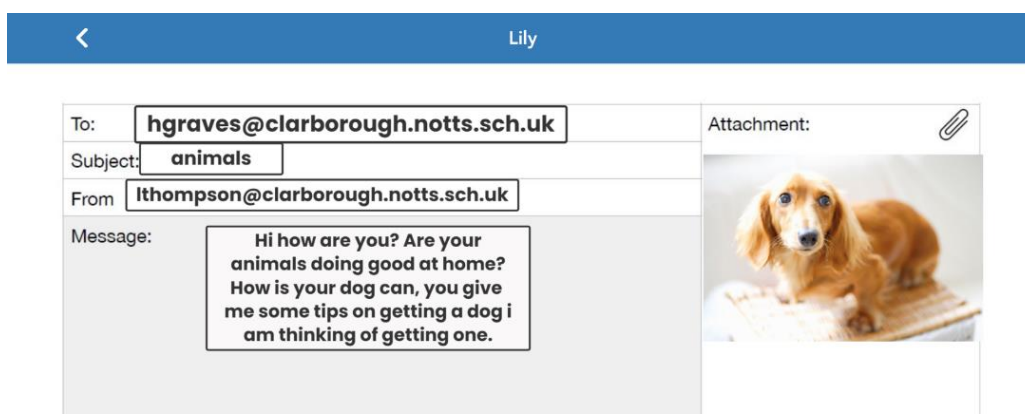
This week, Year 5 have worked extremely hard in all areas and Miss Mayhew is very proud of the work that has been produced.

In Maths, they have compared numbers using the < and > signs and worked with negative numbers, solving problems involving counting back through zero.

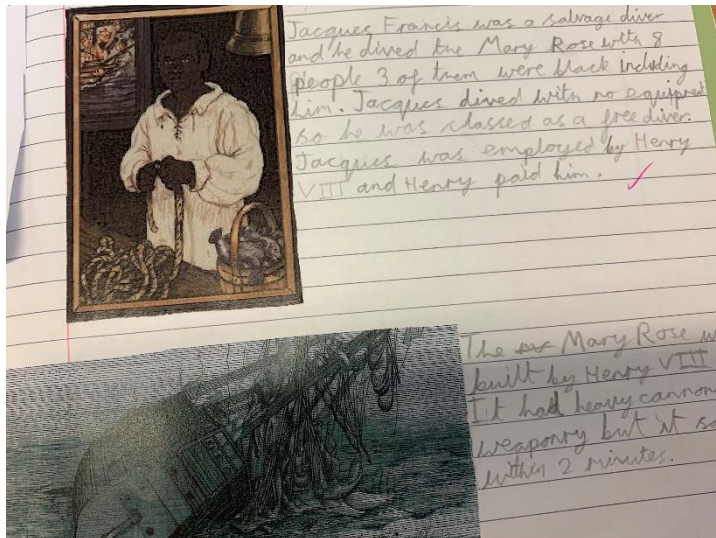
In English, the children have learned about punctuating speech correctly and had fun re-writing a fake text from Henry VIII using direct speech.



As part of our Computing topic, which is learning about computer networks, they used Seesaw to produce a mock email to a classmate.



Continuing our learning about Tudors, they learned about three significant black Tudors (Jacques Francis, Diego and John Blanke) and their historical significance. They also produced some excellent sketches of The Mary Rose after learning about Jacques Francis, who was a salvage diver.

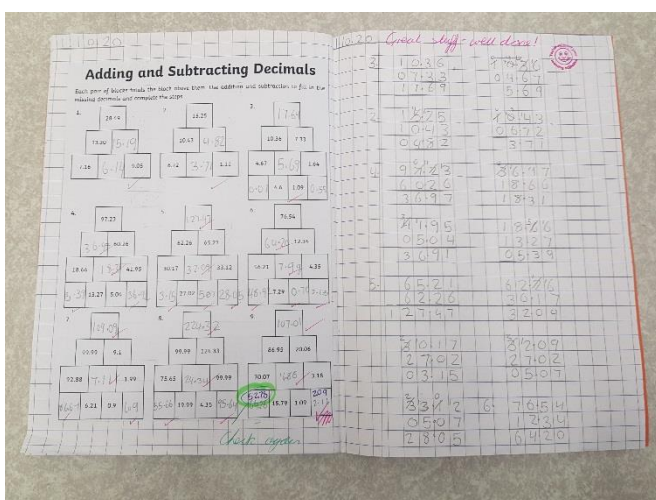


Next week, they will begin to learn about significant Tudor Explorers, including Sir Francis Drake and Christopher Columbus and will be able to explain their historical importance. In Maths, they will be adding and subtracting numbers mentally as well as using formal written methods. In English, we will use the picture book, 'Can I Build Another Me?' (postponed from this week) to celebrate difference and understand how we are all unique. We will also be putting some of our GPS skills to the test.



Year 5 Star of the week: Amelie for working so extremely hard work this week, particularly in English when using speech punctuation correctly!

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)



Maths:

This week we have been consolidating our understanding of column addition and subtraction both with integers and decimals. All the children excelled at this and next week we move onto the final 2 operations - multiplication and division.

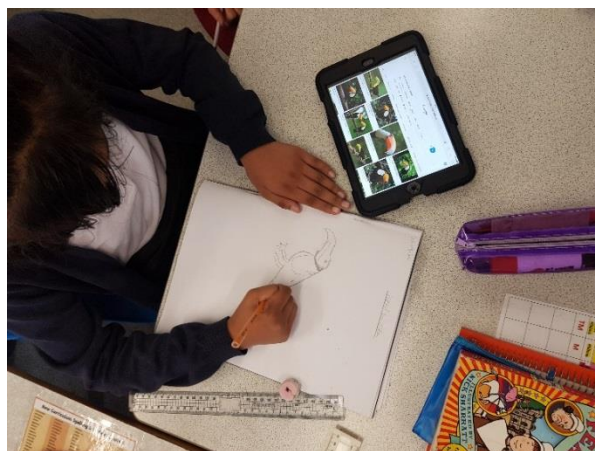
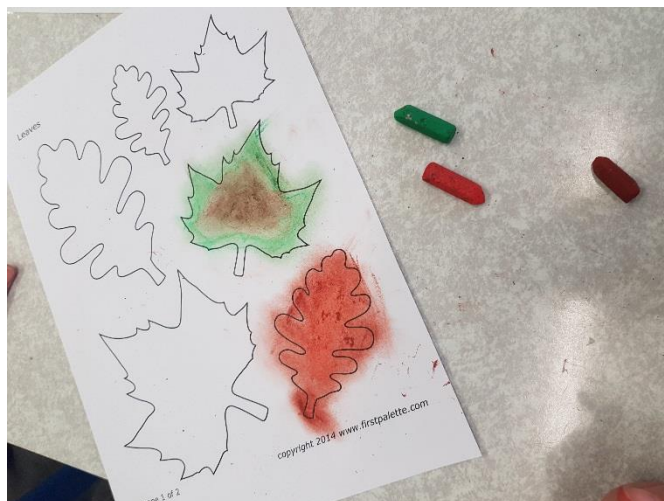
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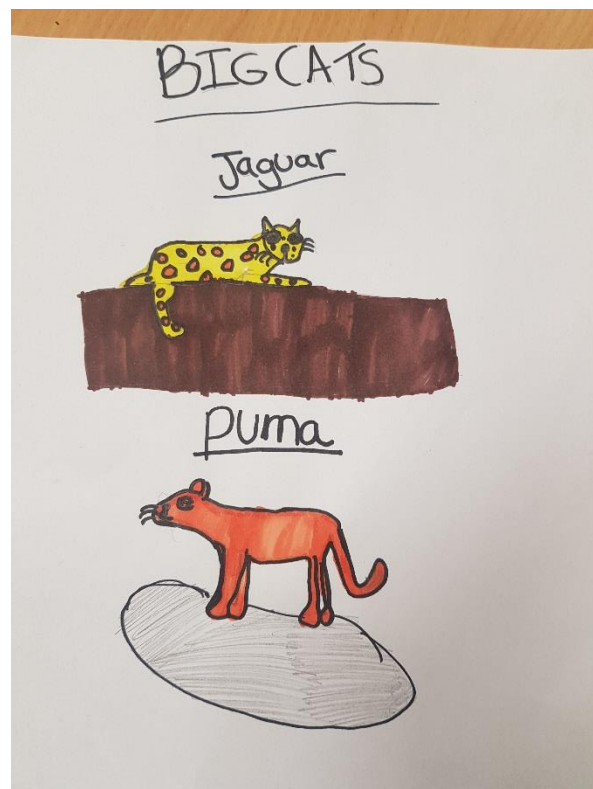
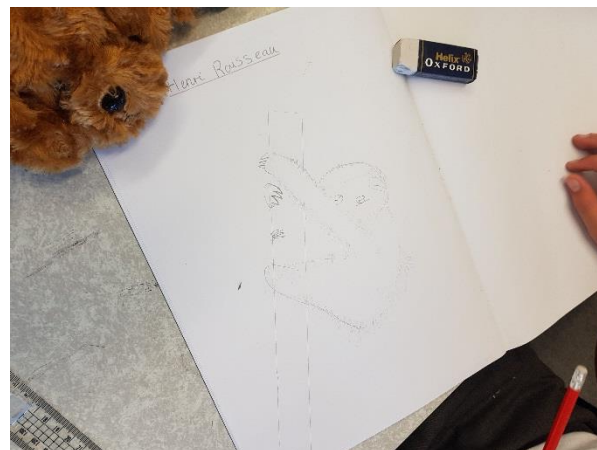
We have now begun doing VIPERS with our class book, ensuring the children are being challenged and understanding everything we are reading. Thanks to ELS, all the children now have individual copies. This week in SPaG we have looked at many tricky concepts: personification, onomatopoeia, metaphors and similes. We have also recapped our understanding of relative clauses. Next week we aim to apply our SPaG knowledge to a setting description.



Art:

Year 6 have been looking at the work of Henri Rousseau, who was famous for the drawing of Tiger in a Tropical Storm. We have broken the picture down into the background and the animal and begun attempting our own 'post-impressionism' art. Hopefully we will have finished pieces next week.





P.E

This week we started our new sport of Handball. The children began comparing how the skills from basketball are transferable and playing games to develop these skills using larger balls. Next week, the children will use correct size handballs and start to develop their knowledge around the rules.



Year 6 Star of the week: Zak for having a really positive attitude to his school work and making big strides forward with his understanding of mathematical concepts!

Out of School Achievements



A huge well done to Harry who has won player of the week at Babworth Rovers – Harry has won this award twice in September! Great work Harry!

If you have any out of school achievements you would like to share with us to put in the newsletter, please forward your photos to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk with a brief description of the award/achievement.

School Dates for your Diaries.....

15th October – Harvest Festival

16th October – Last day of term

19th – 30th October – Half Term

2nd November – Children return back to school



Please ensure children in Years 1-6 come to school on Mondays and Fridays in the correct PE kits and trainers. (Blue or black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and a navy blue jumper)

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 and Wraparound please email Mrs Bennet on sbennett@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

If you have any questions or queries regarding 30hours 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/>