



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had at school! There has been lots going on and I continue to be so amazed and proud of the children's resilient attitude.

Thank you for your support when getting the children in and out of school. The staff and I appreciate your punctuality and the way you continue to socially distance during these times at the school gates.

We have lots of events coming up this term that will continue to go ahead with guidance from the Department for Education and with social distancing being adhered to - more information will follow about them. We will be having initial return-to-school parental consultations over the course of a week for you to be able to attend. We plan for these to be held in the playground with your child's teacher so you can discuss how they're settling back into their learning and find out about their returning to school assessments. The children will still be participating in Harvest Festival during October and their class contributions will be shared on Seesaw. Nativity performances will also go ahead later on in the year for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. We are currently planning for these to be virtual performances, again, on Seesaw.

Unfortunately, we know of two events that have been cancelled. Retford Oaks Academy are not able to hold their open day this term for pupils in Key Stage 2. They will be sending prospectuses to us and these will be sent home with Year 4 and 5 pupils when we receive them.

We have also heard from the organising committee of the St Swithun's Christmas Tree Festival. Sadly, this annual event is not able to go ahead this year. I hope that we will be able to display a tree decorated by the pupils again there next year.

During lunchtimes, the pupils are really lucky to be able to use lots of outside space safely in their year group bubbles. For this to continue as we move further into Autumn, please can you send your child to school with another pair of shoes (these could be trainers or wellington boots) which will enable the children to take turns to use the school field whatever the weather!

Please remember that if your child becomes unwell **and** develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay at home and you should take them for a test. The flow chart sent home with your child this week and emailed to you on Parent Mail should answer any questions or queries. The flow chart is also on the school website.

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

Seesaw

Every class been given a new Seesaw code. Please check your child's planner for the details and speak to your class teacher if you have any questions.

Permissions

Please complete your permissions form on Parentmail as soon as possible and then we can include your child's photos in our newsletters and show you what they have been up to!



Class Names

Every new academic year, Mrs Cowell-Clark likes to give all the year groups different subject names so the children can learn something new and exciting every year. This year Mrs Cowell-Clark has chosen capital cities around the world!

Nursery – Dakar (Capital of Senegal)

Reception – Suva (Capital of Fiji)

Year 1 – Seoul (Capital of South Korea)

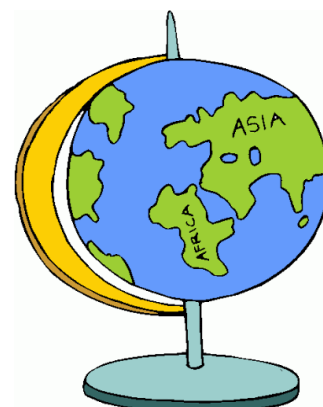
Year 2 – Wellington (Capital of New Zealand)

Year 3 – Zagreb (Capital of Croatia)

Year 4 – Riga (Capital of Latvia)

Year 5 – Caracas (Capital of Venezuela)

Year 6 – Havana (Capital of Cuba)



Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back into Nursery! We just had two children to start with – Charlie and Lola-Rose – a huge well done to you two! Every day from now until the end of September we are busy with new children visiting and starting and then our Nursery class will be nice and busy.



Following the success of Seesaw during lockdown, the Nursery class is the first to trial the Seesaw Family App which allows us to send photos of the children straight to their parents. This is especially reassuring for the new starters who sometimes have a hard time saying goodbye. We have had a 100% take up rate - please let us know what you think and if you like it!



Nursery Star of the week: Charlie O - for settling right back into school life and adapting so well, and always doing so with such a happy beaming smile!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

This week we have continued to welcome our new starters and to get all of the children used to being in school again after such a long break. We have been learning to do 'good listeners' and to share the toys by asking "how long will you be?" The children have also made some fantastic self-portraits for the classroom!



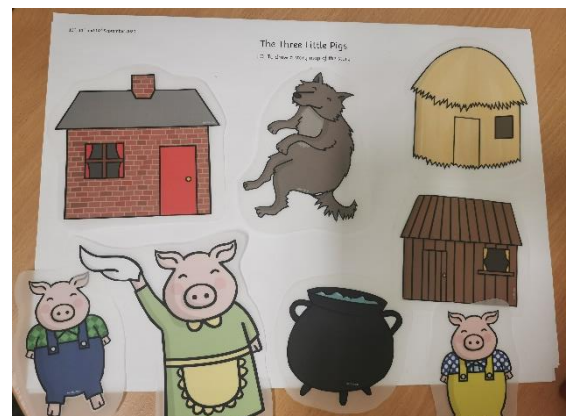
We have been very impressed by how quickly the children are settling into their new routines and how beautifully they are playing together. Well done everyone!



Reception Star of the week: Hudson – for being so kind to others!

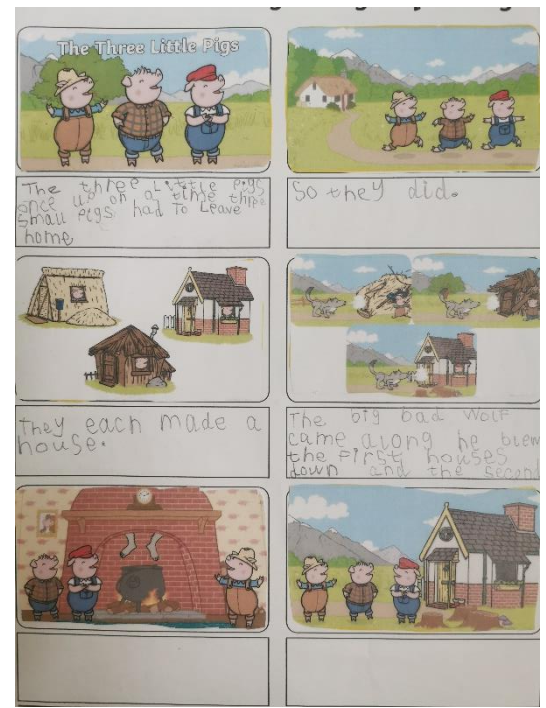
Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

What a fantastic week Year 1 have had! They have completed some fantastic learning based around the story of the *Three Little Pigs*.





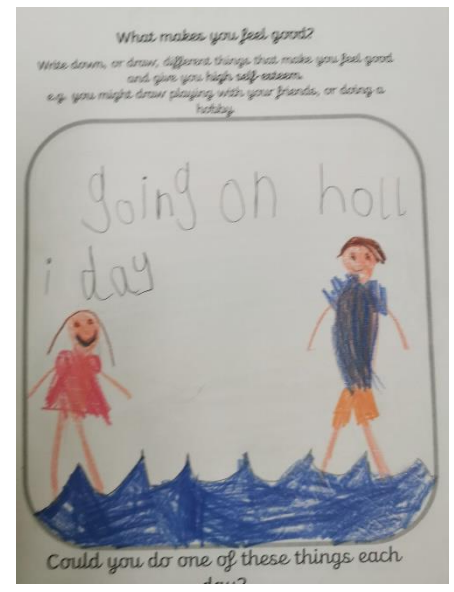
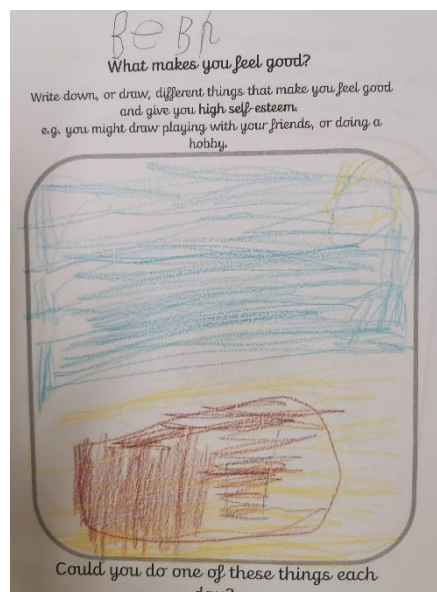
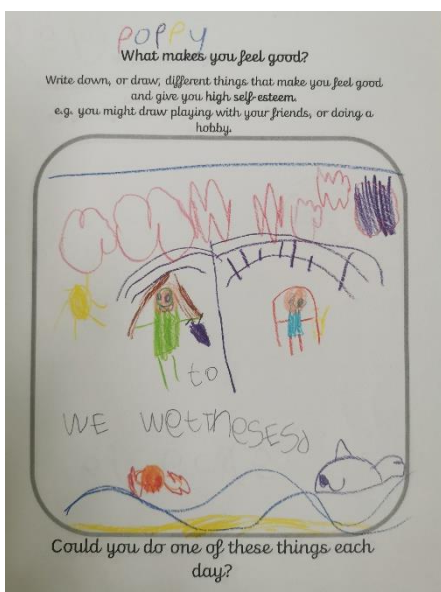
The children have been having some great discussions about this story, and taking part in activities including: re-telling, ordering and acting out the traditional tale.



The children designed their own house - making sure the Big Bad Wolf couldn't blow it down! The children had some fabulous ideas such as: floating in the clouds so he couldn't find them, making the house out of grass to camouflage it and building it in a hill so there was no way of it 'blowing down' - Some truly imaginative ideas!

We are beginning to learn about Florence Nightingale, who she was and why she is famous. We are also starting phase 3 in phonics and learning j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu. In RE we are going to be learning about the Jewish festival of Passover (Pesach).

The children have also worked hard to complete a sheet of all the things that 'makes them feel good'. It has been lovely for Miss Marshall and Mrs Williams to see what the children enjoy and what makes them happy.



Year 1 Star of the week: Mason

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

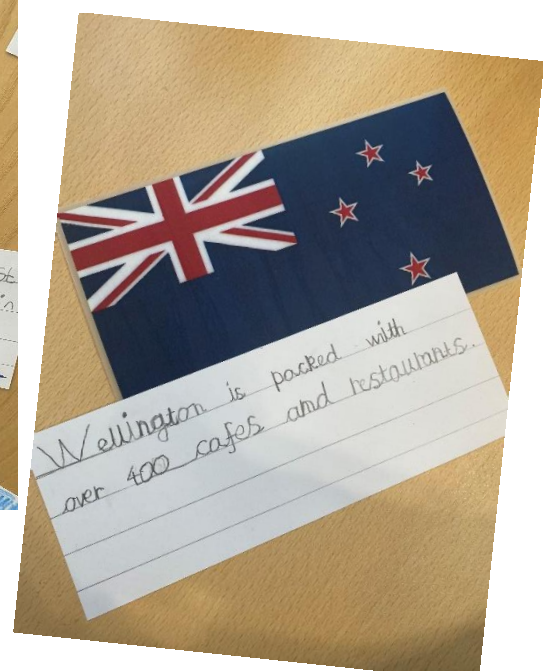
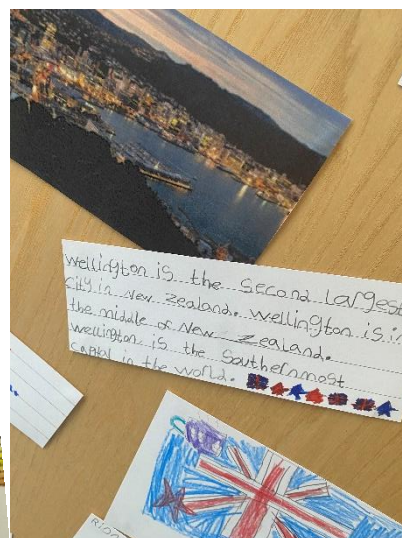
It has been so great to welcome the children to Wellington class and I am so proud of their positive attitude to their return to school.

The children have completed their assessments this week. They have completed morning Maths and have been working really hard to remember their Maths skills.

We have started reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have found it very interesting to find where they live using google maps and talking about our country, our planet and the solar system. They worked with a partner to create a book about Earth.



They enjoyed finding out about 'Wellington' in New Zealand and have filled our classroom door with information!



In Art and Design, the children created some fantastic self-portraits! In Science, they have started to learn about different materials and their uses.

Next week, the children will begin learning about Mary Seacole and find out about the importance of her work and efforts during the Crimean War. They will create a timeline of her life and compare hospitals from the past to present. They will continue to learn about the world and focus on people and communities - exploring new vocabulary and concepts. Daily Maths will consist of counting to 100 and beyond and consolidate number facts using part - whole models.

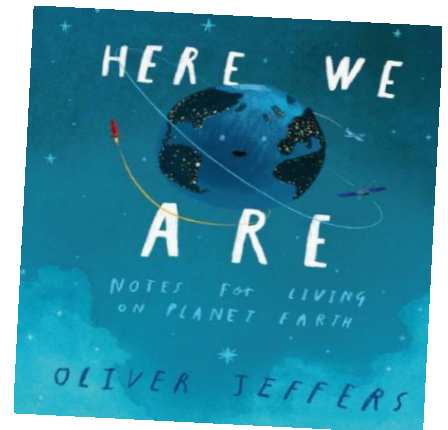


Year 2 Star of the week: Ryker – for settling in so well and having such a positive attitude to everything!

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

It has been great welcoming the children back in to school! Zagreb class have adapted very well to the new routines and have been eager to return to their learning.

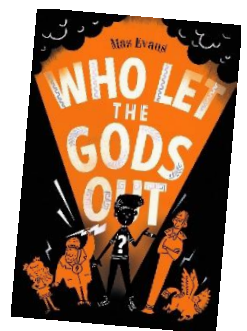
This week they have enjoyed finding out about our world and the planet we live on using the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers.



The children have explored space, enjoyed painting under-the-sea pictures using watercolours and have created nature scenes outside in the school garden using natural materials.

Next week, during their English lessons, the children will be reminded of sentence structures and writing character descriptions based on their new focus book 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans.

In Maths, they will be learning about place value, initially starting with 2-digit numbers and moving on to 3-digit numbers. During their Clarbrough curriculum, Zagreb class will be introduced to the Ancient Greeks; this will be their focus for the rest of this half term.

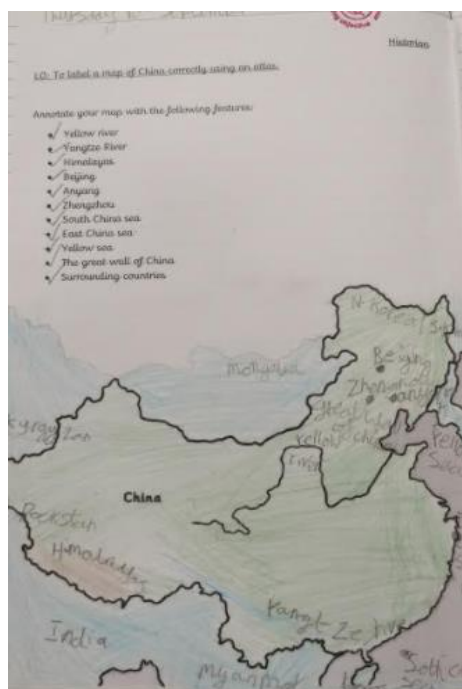
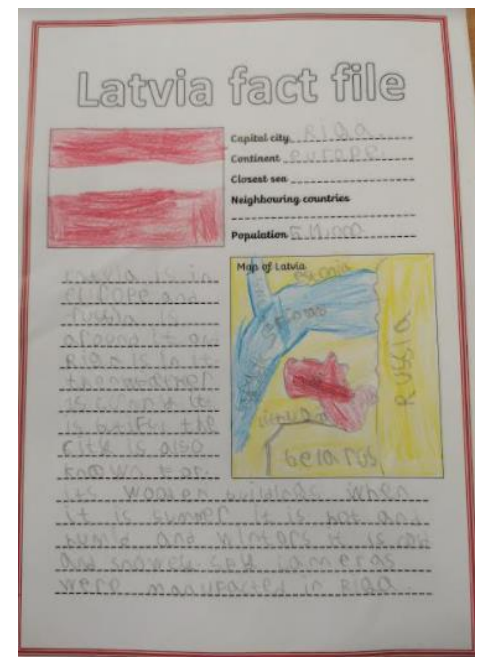
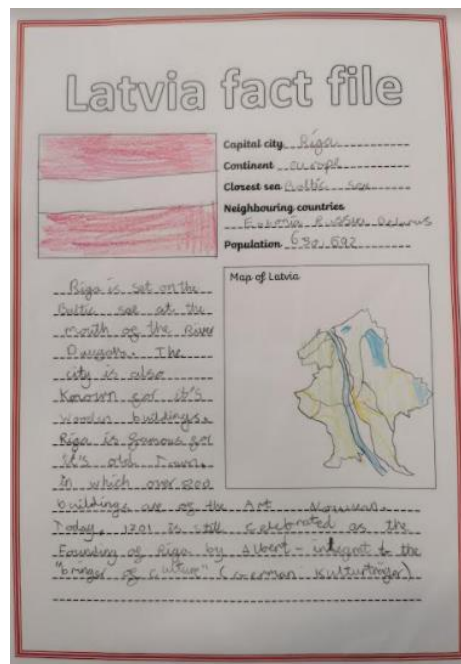
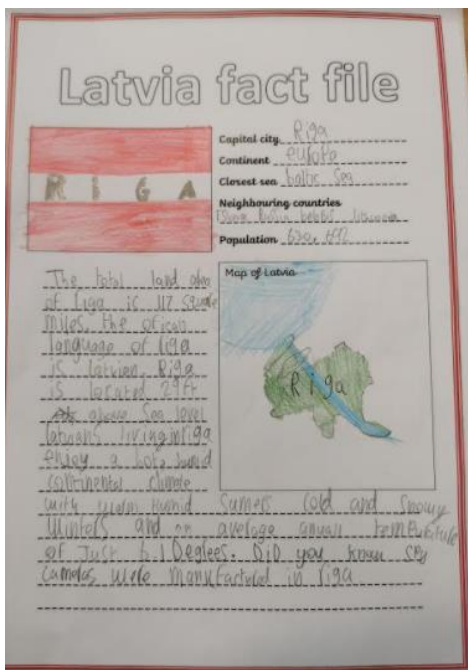


Year 3 Star of the week: Sienna

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

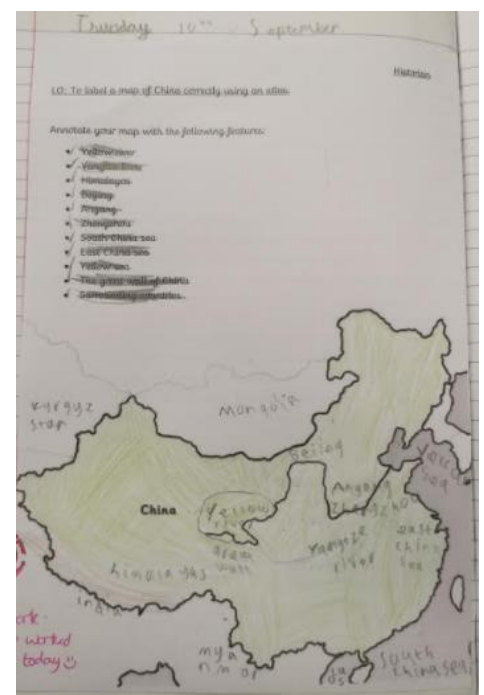
What a brilliant first full week back in class Riga! The children have been amazing and worked so hard this week. The children have been completing some assessments, but that hasn't stopped them from being in high spirits - They have come back as sensible Year 4s ready to learn!

The children have worked really hard researching their new class name 'Riga' using the internet to learn about their new country and some interesting facts. The children worked well together and shared the information they found to produce some great fact files on Latvia. The children even created their own post cards, writing as if they had visited Riga and describing what it is like.



This week, we had our first lesson on our new topic 'The Shang Dynasty'.

The children looked at the map of China and learnt about the chronological order of The Shang Dynasty. They were able to identify and relate this civilisation to other civilisations, such as The Romans.



Year 4 Star of the week: James A

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

Miss Mayhew is incredibly impressed and proud with how the Year 5 children have come back into school and settled so well into the 'new normal'.

Since returning, they have talked and written about their experiences of lockdown and how they have felt during their time at home and on returning back to school. After reading the story, 'Silly Billy', they made worry dolls using clothes pegs, which were very individual and imaginative.



Alongside our recovery curriculum, we have been making use of assessments to find out where the children are now so we can support them effectively.

Next week, we will be returning to our full curriculum. In Maths, they will be exploring place value in number: reading and writing numbers, rounding numbers and solving problems. In English, they will use the story 'Here We Are' as a stimulus for writing poems and cards.

Year 5 will also begin their Tudor topic by finding out who King Henry VIII was and why he broke with Rome.



Year 5 Star of the week: Cameron - for his enthusiasm and hard work since returning to school

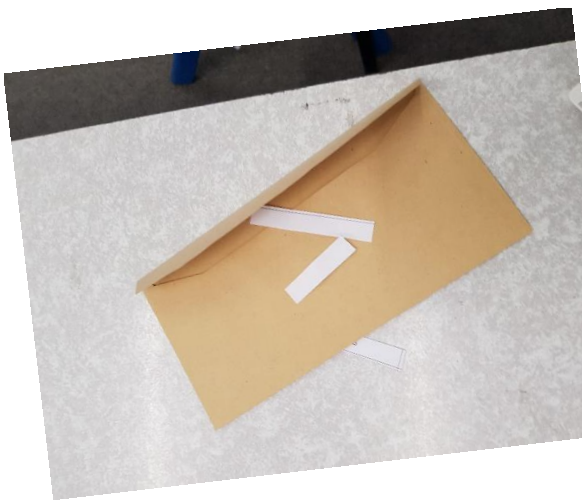
Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

Year 6 have settled in really well and it has been lovely to see all the children have a smile on their faces. They are so positive and have adjusted to the new routine. Keep up the hard work Year 6!

English:

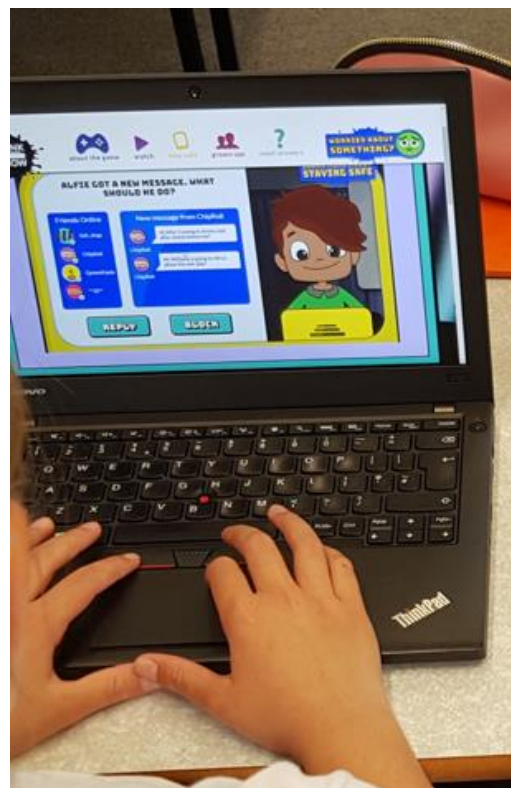
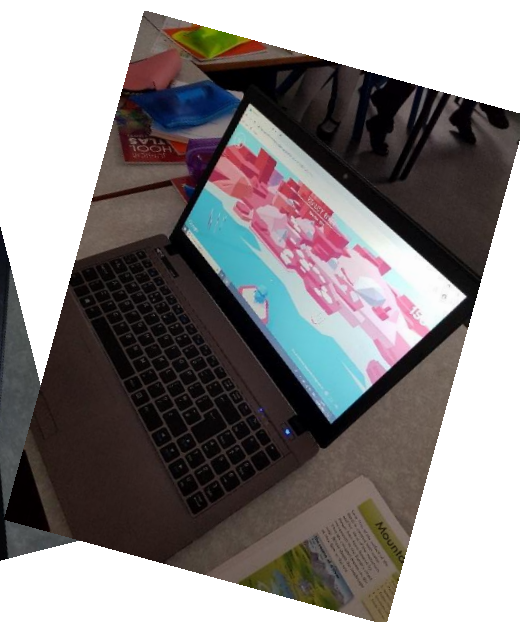
In Year 6, we have been looking at a very interesting book called 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse.' Each character is battling their own difficulties and they all help and support each other.



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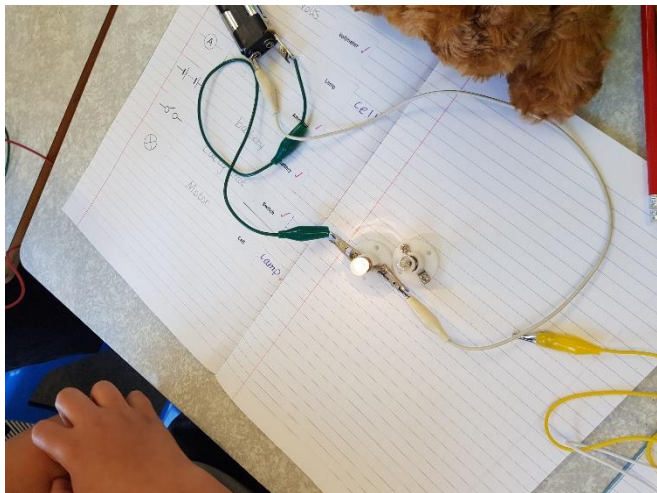
In Maths we have kicked off the year like any other year, ensuring we all have a solid understanding of place value. Over this first half term we will be ensuring all children have a good understanding of the 4 operations

This week Year 6 have completed a variety of tasks to do with Internet Safety. They have played games and answered questions, but most importantly refreshed their understanding of how to be safe online.



Science:

We have started our learning about Electricity. Year 6 now know the symbols for each component of a circuit and are able to construct simple circuits. I'm sure the children can't wait to explore more with the equipment and carry out some further investigations!



Year 6 Star of the week: Daisy A

Out of School Achievements



A huge well done to Emilia on completing her 1000m, 1500m, 1 mile and Level 10 swimming awards! Amazing effort Emilia!

A big congratulations to Freddie G on being awarded 'Manager's Player of the Season' for his first year with his football club Blyth Bombers – Great work Freddie!



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.

Farewells

It is always lovely welcoming new children and staff into our #Team Clarborough but much harder to say goodbye. These two members of staff have given so much to the school community over many years but for various personal reasons Mrs Turner and Mrs Goad have decided to end their time with us.

Mrs Turner has been with us here at Clarborough Primary school for over 30 years and has had several roles in school including; cook, cleaner, site manager and midday -supervisor and will be much missed. Her no-nonsense approach and hard work have made her a much appreciated team member. We wish you well and hope you will keep in touch with us.

Mrs Goad will be known to many of you as the friendly face in the school office although she also worked as a TA and is part of the school governing body. We have really appreciated all you have done Mrs Goad and will miss you but hope to see you at the school gate or on the playground when you collect Freddie.



Please can children in Years 1-6 come to school on Mondays and Fridays in their PE kits and trainers.

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 Bennett 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, 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/>

School Dates for your Diaries.....

21 st – 25 th September	- Parental consultations week (Details to follow)
25 th September	– Macmillan Coffee Morning (Details to follow)
15 th October	– Harvest Festival (Details to follow)