



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 24th September

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Children have settled well into school life over these last few weeks with total engagement and focus everywhere you turn in school. In every corner of school, I can feel a real 'fizz buzz' and hive of learning with Mrs. Steyn working exceptionally well in her SIL role to promote and embed all aspects of C360 across key stage 2.

Lunch times are calm and purposeful with semi structured sessions and quiet rooms opened up for those children that prefer to sit and engage in arts and crafts. The new outdoor classroom has also provided a calm area for children to sit and eat and play – a huge thank you to Luke Dunkin for building this during the summer holidays and to the PTFA for raising the funds. Many people that visit the school are very envious of this fabulous resource; when you are on site collecting your child, please take a walk up around to have a look.

Morning club is working well and soon we will be able to run gardening club again with thanks to Wendy who has kindly offered to volunteer her time again. Now that COVID restrictions have eased, we can invite more volunteers on site. If you are interested, please do get in touch with Mrs. Skinner in the main office. Volunteers need to complete application forms, have DBS checks and attend a level 2 safeguarding training session which we can organise when people come forward.

Please see below the C360 learning for our classes over the last few weeks:



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Key dates:
Friday 24th September – parent tours
and coffee morning.
Thursday 21st October – Harvest and
soup share.
Parents evening – w/c 1st November

Focus virtue this week:
Friendliness.

Preschool (Owls)

Academic

Our learning focus has been 'All about me' so we have been learning about ourselves. Our portrait wall looks fantastic with the children's self portraits and we have decorated our tree outside with our own characters which play and sit under our tree. Our technical word has been 'paramedic' where we have been learning what a paramedic does, this has linked to our maths activity creating the patterns we see on ambulances.



Character

The children have demonstrated the moral virtue of character showing caring and compassion in our doctor's surgery, looking after the babies and playing doctors and patients. We were fascinated and curious to see a Rhea egg, which one of the children brought in to show us.



Community

We have welcomed some new members into preschool, the children have been kind and caring to our new friends making them feel settled in a new environment. We have been finding out all about people who help us and enjoyed a visit from a nurse, Nicole, who showed the children how to clean and dress a wound which they practised on each other! We are looking forward to a visit from a policeman next week.



Innovation

We have been looking at 'You Choose' text for our talk for writing, the children have been choosing their own characters and who they would like to be, we have had superheros, cowboys, knights, wolves and even Father Christmas! The children chose bug stew so we made our own bug stew gloop!



Hedgehogs

Academic This week the children in Hedgehog Class started our phonics programme and learnt the sounds s, a, t and p. We were very impressed with their oral blending and they had a fantastic try at forming the letters correctly. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for a short video explaining how you can support this learning at home over the weekend.

Character Our focus for character education this week has been friendliness. We read a lovely story about a little hedgehog who showed friendly behaviour towards a donkey by collecting apples for him. We then talked about ways in which we can be a good friend and it has been lovely to see the children looking out for one another each day.....we have lots of leaves on our character tree already!

Community The children have really enjoyed exploring our school garden and picking some of the vegetables that were ready to be harvested. The courgettes were so big we thought they were marrows! We also discovered that a family of caterpillars have enjoyed dining on the cabbages!



Innovation - After picking the courgettes, we designed our own pizza for snack time. We used puff pastry, cheese, tomato sauce, courgette ribbons and tomatoes from the garden. Delicious!

Squirrels

Academic - Year 2 have been learning about the long /a/ sound in Spelling - did you know there are 9 different ways of spelling it?! Year 1 have been recapping their Phase 3 phonics and are nearly ready to start Phase 4. We have finished our Place Value unit in Maths and are starting our new unit for Addition and Subtraction.

Community - The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing parents and carers touring the school on Friday! It is so lovely to have members of the community visiting again.

Character - We have focussed on showing Friendship this week. The children reflected on how they could show Friendship towards the younger children in Hedgehogs who have just started school.

Innovation - We have written our own cinquain poems about giants! We are going to be producing some artwork to accompany them to make a fabulous display. We had a fantastic time generating different adjectives to use in our poems and enjoyed putting them together in to make some fabulous poetry.

Badgers -

Academic - We have been learning about WW2 this week. We have listened to the air raid sirens and heard the sounds of the planes and the bombs dropping before completing timelines of significant events.

Community - As part of our WW2 topic we have looked at how communities pulled together to support each other during the war and how children who were evacuated were treated.

Innovative - We have written wartime poems, designed and made our own videos linking these with very dramatic music and we have shared these as a class. They are amazing!

Character - Badger class has reflected on friendships this week. We have looked at a recipe for a good friendship and thought about how we can help each other.

Foxes

Academic

This week we have been looking at the stone age and looking at the different periods of prehistoric times. We have also enjoyed creating our cave paintings, where we made the classroom dark and went under the tables to create a cave.



Community

This week we have been focussing on keeping our environment tidy and taking care of our belongings. This has built up independence for some children and supported others in taking care of their area.

Innovative

This week we have been outside practising our times tables and having a more active learning environment.

Character

We have been focussing on the character virtue of Friendliness. This week we have been reminding one another of how we can be friendly and how we can show friendliness in all areas of school life.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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Mrs. Rachael Sharpe.