



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 18th March 2022

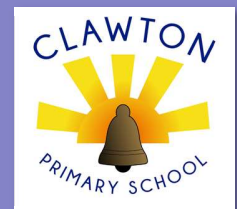
Dear Parents/ Carers,

We finish another fantastic fortnight at Clawton School, in which fun, focused learning and laughter have been ever present.

We have had many visitors to the school over the last few weeks, all of which have commented on the warm, welcoming, calm and purposeful environment. It makes me incredibly proud to walk through the school and think of the journey we have been on together for the past year - the staff and pupils are truly exceptional.

Children continue to engage in lots of enriching experiences including linking in with the Alumnis Community, both virtually and in person. In coming weeks year 3 and 4 children will be welcoming children from Clinton and Dolton for an afternoon to get to know each other before residential.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of illnesses around which has meant our attendance hasn't been as good as it could be. Unfortunately Covid and sickness bugs cannot be helped and it is important to stay at home for 48 hours after being sick. We aim for 96% attendance or above for individual children and the whole school, this is a national statistic and expectation. As the better weather comes we hope that attendance figures will continue to improve as attending school regularly is important for your child's future.



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Key dates:
22nd March Dolton & Clinton Year
3/4 children visiting Fox Class
4th April 2-3pm Easter Assembly
8th April – Last day of term
25-27th April Year 3/4 Residential
6-8th June Year 5/6 Residential

Focus virtue this week:
Forgiveness

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Over the next few weeks staff will be in touch to organise parents evenings to share your child's progress and next steps for the summer term. Please also remember that your pupils' class teachers and Mrs. Steyn and Mrs. Partridge, the School Improvement Leads, are available either side of the day and on Dojo if you ever have any queries.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

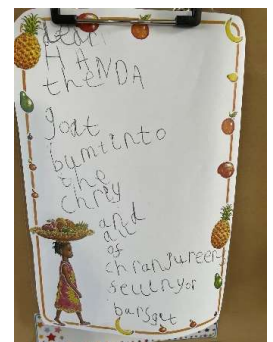
Kind regards,
Mrs. Sharpe

Academic

Owls: Owls have been learning our focus number 3 through The Three Little Pigs. The children have loved this tale and exploring the different materials. We used a hairdryer to see if we could huff and puff the materials then we worked in teams to construct houses using straw, sticks and bricks. We learnt the different weights of the materials and the children made some guesses which house would still be standing!



Hedgehogs: This week Hedgehogs have started to write full sentences in phonics. Although it has been a bit tricky at times, the children have demonstrated resilience and determination to do their very best! Some children have even been motivated to practise their writing during their play by sending letters to Handa explaining what happened to her tangerines!



Squirrels: In Squirrels we have been learning about statistics and data. We have learnt how to create tally charts, block graphs and pictograms.

Foxes: In Foxes we have been continuing to work on fractions which has been challenging at times. We have also been looking at persuasive arguments and the language and vocabulary used to try to persuade someone that something is a good or bad idea.

Badgers: This week Badger class have been reading stories from other cultures. We have started the book Journey to Jo'burg and talked about the issues of Apartheid.

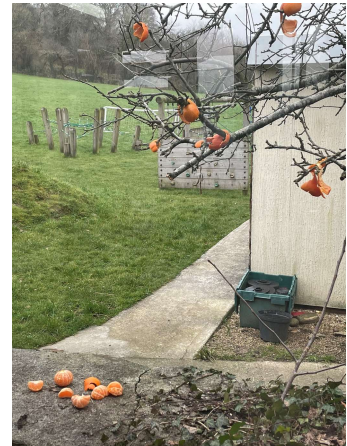
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Character

Owls: Owls new character focus is Helpfulness, we have been thinking about helping each other in preschool and helping out at home by doing good deeds. Some of the children have already been helping at home to do the dishes and gardening. Today the children watered the seeds as a good deed. We will be doing a coin trail next week to support Ukraine from the pennies the children have earned.



Hedgehogs: Hedgehogs have had a little visitor in class this week who has been stealing our tangerines. The children have been amazing critical thinkers and examined the clues to predict what animal it could be. So far they have narrowed it down to a bat, parrot or an owl!



Squirrels: Squirrels have been studying the life of Mother Teresa and considering how she fought against poverty throughout her life. This ties in with our learning about the UN Goal 'No Poverty'.

Foxes: This week we have been working on a number of virtues, as we have had such small numbers of children in school the children have shown friendliness, patience, generosity and forgiveness whilst interacting and working together.

Badgers: We have finally completed the paper mache stage of our masks. This has taken much longer than we anticipated and so we have well and truly used the character virtues of resilience, determination and patience!

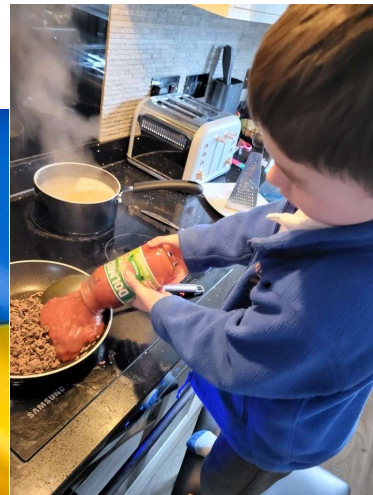
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Community

Owls: We would like to say a massive thank you to Janet Axford for making our special memory bear for Preschool. The children all brought in pieces of special fabric which was turned into our own class bear to treasure. He is lovely and he now sits pride of place in preschool for us all to enjoy.



Hedgehogs: This week we have been global citizens and started to raise some money for the people of Ukraine. The children have been busy carrying out jobs at home in exchange for money. They are now experts in laying the table, stripping the beds, emptying the dishwasher and loading the washing machine! Well done Hedgehogs, it is lovely to see you being so caring and compassionate. Thank you also to our parents who are giving so generously.



Squirrels: We have spent more time working on our class project focused on the UN Goal 'No Poverty'. We have thought about how our lives compare to the lives of children in Uganda and will start thinking of ways we could help fight against poverty.

Foxes: In our discussions this week we have been speaking about how we can welcome Clinton and Dolton children to Clawton next week. How our school community will make them feel welcome, so that we can build new friendships ready for PGL!

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Badgers: In PSHE we have looked at newspaper reports and identified facts and opinions. We have linked this to news in our local community and to news abroad.

Digital & Innovation



Owls: We have been busy designing our preschool garden, thinking about what we want to grow. Owls have planted seeds including Nicky's favourites, Sunflowers and we are looking forward to watching them grow and change.

Hedgehogs: This week we have been learning the text 'Handa's Surprise' as part of our Talk for Writing unit. Next week we will be innovating it and changing the fruits to ones we can grow here in the UK.



Squirrels: Last week we completed our fact files about Ugandan animals! They really are fantastic pieces of work that were meticulously researched and written entirely by the children.

Foxes: This week we have been working on our research projects alongside our TED talks. Our research projects are almost complete and ready to be printed and put together. Our TED talks still need more work, the children have discovered that talking to a camera for 10 minutes can be a challenge. There will definitely be a lot of character virtues demonstrated when we complete and present them!

Badgers: We have now all finished recording our TED talks based on the UN sustainable development goals. For some children this was quite a feat as not everyone liked being videoed or had the confidence to stand up in front of the class and present their talks. They are amazing!

Community News:

One of our parents has set up a campaign to get a pedestrian crossing installed outside Clawton Primary. If he can present Devon County Council with a petition showing public support, they will hopefully look into it. If you have a minute we would be very grateful if you could support the petition, and if you can share it that would be even better! This is the link:

<https://chnq.it/4PDJXWQvPM>