



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 16th September 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to term with the children settling well into their new classes and forming great relationships with new friends and teachers.

This last week has been a week of reflection, a key virtue to support us all in our development of character. It has been an opportunity to reflect on the successes of last year and next steps as a school, a class and an individual. We have also spent time reflecting on the sad passing of The Queen and her 70 year reign. As a school we have worked on a collective book of condolences and considered her family and how they may be feeling during this time. We send those grieving our thoughts and best wishes.

Next week we would like to invite you all to a C360 workshop in your child's class. This is being held on **Thursday 22nd September at 2.30pm**. It is an opportunity to come and engage in activities with your child and consider the four cornerstones of our curriculum.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the parent information morning last week and hope to see many of you next week also.

Wishing you a reflective weekend,

Kind regards,

Mrs. Sharpe.

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Owls: Owls have had a super two weeks back in preschool exploring our senses by comparing our eye colour (iris) and colour sorting and matching. The children enjoyed blindfolded aroma testing and, not surprisingly, recognised chocolate the most!



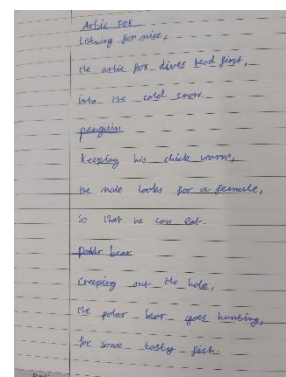
Hedgehogs and Squirrels: This week the children got stuck into a unit on place value and practiced their sorting and counting skills. Hedgehogs had great fun counting out the correct number of fruits for their kebabs and Squirrels followed a picture recipe to build their own pizzas. The year one children were particularly good at subitising (knowing how many objects in a set without counting), looking for patterns and explaining how they solved counting problems.



Squirrels: This week Squirrels have worked really hard at their place value, in particular learning the place value of each digit in a two-digit number. We have also had a big focus on counting in 2s and 3s, which should become a bit easier now we have Times Tables Rockstars!

Foxes: This week we have been looking at Place Value in maths, the children have been using a range of resources to support their learning. We started with two-digit numbers, and are now moving on to looking at four-digit numbers. In English, we have been looking at conversations and how conversations flow, and will be moving on to looking at the punctuation around speech and why this is important.

Badgers: This week Badgers have been working on Haiku poetry. They have had to be creative and resilient with this task as a Haiku only has three lines with 5 syllables in the first and third line and 7 in the middle line.



Character



Owls: Owls have been set their Inspiring Changemaker challenges again for this year, as a group we will take part in challenges to help the children reach the top of the character tree. We are pleased to say that Owls have been Inspiring Fundraisers to create a Harvest produce sale and have landed on the first branch of the tree.

Hedgehogs and Squirrels: This week we have been reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth and what an Inspiring Changemaker she was. We shared some story books that she has featured in such as 'The Queen's Hat' and 'The Queen's Knickers' and created some artwork in the style of Andy Warhol to display in the hall. Before we went home for the weekend, we sat underneath the Jubilee Tree for a moment of reflection and enjoyed a story with our Klassens Time biscuits.



Squirrels: Squirrels have been on the lookout for our Character Virtue, Reflection, and have been spotting it in action. We have seen lots of people reflecting on their learning and trying to make it even better. We have also reflected on the life of our wonderful Queen and all of the Character Virtues she displayed.

Foxes: This week we have been looking at the virtue of 'reflection'. We have been discussing how we reflect on our actions, how we reflect our work and how we can reflect on other people's actions. We have also been looking at how we are displaying virtues within school.

Badgers: Since our return to school last week the children have volunteered to be play leaders and lunch helpers. They have also applied for the jobs of Class Council Representatives and House Captains.



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Community

Owls: This week we have been reflecting on the sad passing of our Queen. The children have shown understanding and compassion and have made some lovely sun catchers to remember the Queen. said Thank You for her long and devoted service by laying flowers on the Jubilee tree in the school field. very much enjoyed our marmalade sandwiches for snack just like Paddington and the Queen!



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Hedgehogs and Squirrels: It was fantastic to welcome everyone back into school last week! The children have settled into their new routines brilliantly and are focused on their learning. This week we joined up with Badger Class for reading buddies and it was lovely to see the older children modelling good reading behaviours for our youngest members of the school.

Squirrels: Squirrels have loved getting used to their new class community! They are a joy to work with and are constantly helping each other out and cheering each other up when they are sad.

Foxes: It has been lovely to welcome all the children back into the school community. The children have been brilliant at settling into KS2 and adapting to different routines. Each one of the children supporting and encouraging one another.

Badgers: We all listened with fascination to Mrs Partridge's Assembly focusing on her trip to Uganda. The photographs were amazing and the information she gave us was very interesting. The children were all quite shocked at the living conditions, water supplies and especially the toilets. They were proud to be helping a child living in serious poverty with his education.

Digital & Innovation

Owls: We have been baking and creating some lovely treats for our Klassens time, this week we have collected apples and blackberries from around the school and turned them into apple chutney and apple crumble! The children followed a recipe and



used various tools to wash, peel, chop, mix, rub and stir.

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Hedgehogs and Squirrels: This week the children have been learning the names of different body parts, particularly those that are tricky to remember such as chest, waist, shin, calf and thigh. We then looked closely at our features and discovered that although we are made up of the same parts, we all look very different! The children had access to lots of small loose parts and had fun creating faces. Don't they look great!



Squirrels: Squirrels have been learning the poem 'What a

Wonderful World' in English and have innovated on it by making up their own verses to add in. We have come up with some beautiful imagery and the finished poems are lovely. We look forward to performing these at our Harvest Festival!

Foxes: This week the year 3s were very excited to finally receive their Chromebooks. We have been discussing about being safe online, getting use to the Chromebooks and discussing the ways in which we use them in school and at home!

Badgers: As part of our class fundraising this term we have been making pickled beetroot. This was great fun but rather messy!! First we to harvest the beetroots, onions and apples before washing, peeling, cooking, spicing and finally sealing it in jars.

