



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are already at our February half term week. They say that time flies when you are having fun, and I can honestly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Head Teacher! Thank you for all your patience and support as I have found my feet.

Over the past two weeks, the children have been demonstrating the character virtue of determination. This has been evident in Maths and English work, as well as the children's independent interests such as programming the new drone in Badger Class to creating fantastic pieces of art in Owls Class. Squirrel Class have produced some amazing TED Talks and some of Fox Class demonstrated amazing determination in their football tournament. I have also enjoyed watching Hedgehogs display many virtues in their challenges set by Mrs Paget - in particular their sewing challenge.

The children have enjoyed using the footballs that we received as part of Schools' Football Week and it was great to see everyone enjoying the space that we have got on the field!

We are looking forward to sharing our new Enquiry Questions with you at the start of next term. Please keep checking Dojo as we will be confirming a date for our Open Afternoon so that you can see the learning that takes place at Clawton and how our four Cornerstones underpin everything that we do.

Please could we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe half term holiday, and we will see you all back in school on the 20th February.

Kind regards,

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Key dates:

20th Feb - First day back
2nd March - World Book Day
15th - 17th March - KS2 Residential
22nd and 23rd March - Parents' Evenings

Focus virtue this week:

Critical Thinking

Owls:

Academic:



Owls have travelled all the way to the Australian Outback this week to finish our 'Art Around the World' where we have learnt about the Pleistocene era and tried Aboriginal cave painting under the tables and in cardboard boxes. Curious questions led us to finding out how fires were made inside caves which led to a team effort to make a chimney from the junk resources.



Character:



Owls joined the Celebration assembly this week. We celebrated our focus virtue of Performance - Motivation. It was hard to choose which Owls received a certificate as they have all shown great motivation in their art projects this half term. Frankie received a certificate for his Weeping Woman portrait, Rosie for her fascination with the Japanese fish printing and Emily for her general creativity in all of her art!

Community:

I'm a Preschooler...Get me out of here! To finish our travels we held an Australian themed bush tucker trial! Owls have been busy making tasty 'treats' for their parents to enjoy for Klassen. We had on offer... Possum Poo, Crocodile Snot, Cockroach Shake, Fish Eye Jelly, Dirty Worms and Giant Lizards Toenails!



Digital and Innovation:



This week we have focused on shadow art linked to light and dark. The darkness of caves and light casting shadows on objects. We used the sun to create our shadows and drew around them with big chalk!



Hedgehogs and Flying Squirrels:

Academic:



This week, the year one children have been consolidating their knowledge of place value with numbers up to 20 through their maths challenge. They had to choose some dishes off the menu in our Chinese take away and pay using the correct amount of 10p and 1p coins. The reception children had to choose 2 dishes and use a part-whole model to find out the total cost (the whole). It made everyone very hungry!



Character:



This week the children have learnt about St. Valentine and how we can demonstrate our love for different people in our lives. They then made a selection of gifts and had to show the virtues of determination, patience and resilience while learning how to sew some love heart keyrings. It was lovely to see how proud the children were of their work.



Community:



Ziggy, our visitor from the planet Zorg has been enjoying his travels with the children this term. They have taken him home each weekend so that he can explore our community. So far he has been out for dinner, had a walk on the beach, met lots of new animals and spent money in the shops! He's never going to want to leave!



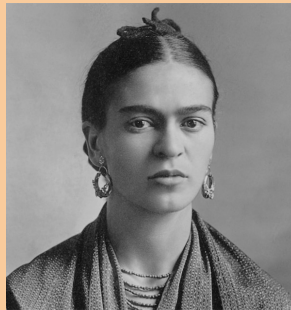
Innovation:

For the children's art and design challenge this week, they had to look out of the window and draw what they could see. They also had to think about how they could use the sketching pencils and pastels to show what the weather was like that day. How do their pictures make you feel?

Squirrels:

Academic:

Squirrel Class have been learning about money in Maths this week. We have focused on identifying the different coins and notes and are now very quick at counting up different amounts. Next we will start working on calculating change from £1.

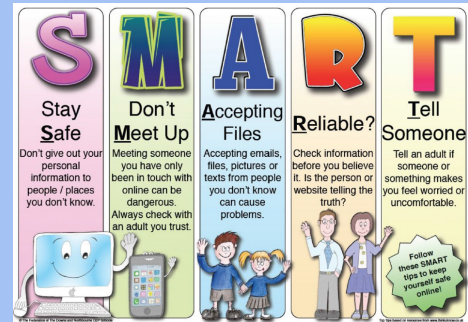


Character:

Squirrels have been Inspiring Speakers this week and have written and recorded their TED Talks about the life of Frida Kahlo. The children worked so hard on planning and structuring their talks. We also watched example TED Talks delivered by children and unpicked how they use their voices and their bodies to enhance their talk. The resulting TED Talks are really something to be proud of

Community:

In recognition of Safer Internet Day, Squirrels have talked about what it means to be a part of the online community. We discussed how we could be safe and still enjoy the use of the internet. The children understand how important it is not to share passwords or personal information and are shaping up to be very responsible internet users.



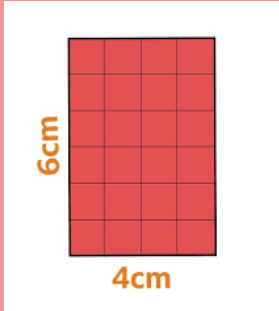
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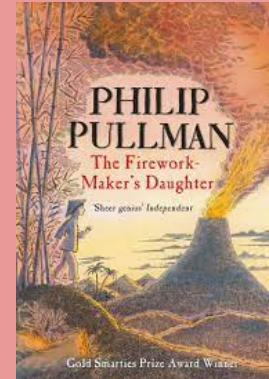
Squirrels are busy creating their own Frida Kahlo portraits. We studied different examples of her work and thought about her use of colour and shade to express the complex issues she faced in her life. We used marker pen to draw Frida, before colouring her in using oil pastels. Before Half Term we will collage her trademark flowered hair ornaments, as well as some frames to display the pictures in!

Foxes:

Academic:



Fox Class have been learning about measurement and perimeter in Maths and the year 4s have also incorporated Area into this unit. It has been a nice unit that the children have enjoyed! In English this week we look at script writing and acting out parts of a script based on the book the Firework Maker's Daughter!



Character:



Fox Class have been working on determination this week. They have been demonstrating how we show determination, whilst also discussing what happens when we don't always succeed the first time. Fox Class also demonstrated a variety of virtues during the Football Tournament last Friday from cooperation, courtesy, resilience, friendliness, creativity, patience, respect and courage!

Community:

Last Friday 12 children from Fox Class attended a football tournament hosted by Launceston College. The morning consisted of splitting all the children up and mixing with the other schools to learn new skills and make new friends. The afternoon was 10 matches in which Clawton played in 7 of them. This was a lovely day and all the children were superb! Well done team Clawton!

Digital and Innovation:

This week in one of our assemblies we were discussing the importance of the internet and what we would do without the internet, this was an interesting topic which many children decided that they needed the internet everyday! We have also been looking at how we keep safe online by not sharing any personal data and not using real names for usernames.



Badgers:

Academic:

Badger class have worked really hard to understand decimals and fractions this week. We have learnt about decimal places, equivalent decimals and fractions, tenths and hundredths.

$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$
$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	0.5
0.25	0.75	0.1

0.3	$\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{9}{10}$
$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{33}{100}$	$\frac{84}{100}$
0.7	0.9	0.01

Character:



Badgers harvested the leeks grown in our school vegetable garden this week. Instead of the usual soup we decided to make leek, potato and cheese pasties. We made them all from scratch - the fillings and the pastry. Some of them were rather strange shapes, but hopefully still tasted nice! We even hoovered up afterwards!

Community:



As part of geography this week, we have learnt about different types of farming around the world. We have learnt about the Jersey potatoes, citrus farms in California and coffee plantations in Peru.

Digital and Innovation:

This week we have learnt about staying safe online as part of Safer Internet Day. We have learnt about keeping our personal information safe online, our digital footprint and of course, cyberbullying. We have also looked at what we say to each other in group chats.

