



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 14th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had! Since the previous newsletter, Clawfest has happened! We would like to thank the PTA and everyone who attended or has supported their fundraising efforts this year. There were many visitors from outside of the school community who were highly complimentary. The money raised will be put directly back into benefitting the children at Clawton and for this we are very grateful.

We have also completed two extremely successful performances of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. The children across the whole school have worked tirelessly to learn the songs and their lines, showed resilience when repeating scenes and have demonstrated courage to stand on stage amongst many other character virtues. Key Stage 2 have been fantastic role models to the younger children in the school, and we hope that they are excited and inspired about future performances. Mrs Vickery and Mrs Mitchell have put so much time and effort into bringing this together to provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience performing in front of an audience, and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as the school have.

Our beach trip was a great success, with the children spending time with the charity 2minute.org learning about how we can look after the coastlines and oceans. We managed to avoid any downpours and it was a great day out that the PTA had organised for us.

Over the final week, we will be reflecting on the past year and as staff we are already planning for next year. Please take note of the key dates on this letter, which detail our September return dates.

Kind regards,

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Key dates:

21st July - Last day of term

6th Sep - Children return

19th Sep - Potential KS2 visit to

Rexon Solar Farm - TBC

25th Sep - Bags 2 School collection

Focus virtue this week:

Reflection

Owls:

Academic:



As we approach the end of term we have been consolidating our knowledge, particularly in literacy and maths. We have been exploring 3D shape and looking at the properties of different shapes and the difference between 2D and 3D shape. Owls have been proud of their efforts with forming recognisable letters and blending words.



Character:

Owls have reached the final branch of our Character Tree by becoming Inspiring Volunteers. The children have engaged with our Stewardship deforestation topic so much that after their 'Save the Trees' posters, we decided to visit Beer Mill to see Claw Wood which we volunteered to help plant in the Spring. We are so proud of Owls for working together as a team to reach the top of the Character Tree and be recognised as Inspiring Changemakers.



Community:



Our older Owls have been visiting Hedgehog class over the past few weeks as part of them being ready to start school in September. They have all showed confidence, co-operation and friendliness when visiting a new environment as well as interacting and engaging well with members of the Hedgehog class. They have loved exploring the classroom and are all looking forward to being Hedgehogs in September!

Digital and Innovation:

Owls have really enjoyed our Talk for Writing text 'The Umbrella' We have been practising parts in the story to include all the different cloud forest animals to perform in our leavers assembly next week. The children have included makaton, music and props to enhance the story and bring it to life!



Hedgehogs and Flying Squirrels:

Academic:

This week the children have started to plan some Coral Reef poetry to accompany their artwork. We have brainstormed some creatures that live there, discussed effective adjectives we could use to describe them and will now think about adding some verbs and similes to build on our verses. The children will be performing their poems while also displaying their artwork for you on Dojo.

Character:

The children thoroughly enjoyed being part of the school production on Thursday and made fantastic Skunk Scouts. This involved them using a range of character virtues such as courage (to perform in front of an audience), patience (when having to wait to go on stage), determination (to learn the words for the songs), resilience (when having to repeat scenes) and cooperation (when following instructions). A huge thank you to Mrs. Vickery and Mrs. Mitchell for coordinating everything and giving the children this amazing experience! Scratch, scratch.....sniff, sniff, sniff!



Community:



What a busy couple of weeks we have had exploring our local community! We had a lovely day out at Beer Mill taking part in a variety of activities such as leaf rubbing, minibeast hunting and clay modelling. We also had a fabulous time at the beach where the children took part in a beach clean, created some transient art and sampled the local ice-cream! We certainly have been Inspiring Adventurers!



Innovation:

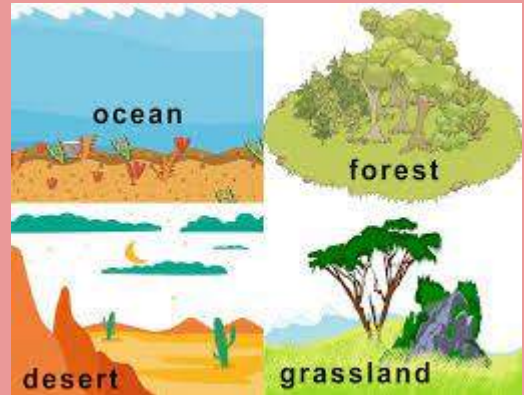


The children have been learning about The Great Barrier Reef and have started to design their own underwater collages based on the work of Aboriginal artist Melanie Hava. They have created a background using different shades of blue pastels, added coral shapes which they created with bright felt tips and are now working on sewing some felt sea creatures to add to their habitats. Keep an eye out on Dojo for their finished creations!

Squirrels:

Academic:

In science, the children have explored world habitats, and have discussed the differences in the animals found in oceans, deserts, rainforests and the arctic, leading into an insightful discussion about why a polar bear would not survive in a desert, and why a shark would struggle in a rainforest.



Character:

Squirrel Class enjoyed being part of the chorus in our school production. They have demonstrated excellent patience whilst waiting for their turn to go on stage and have shown courage to stand in front of an audience.

Community:



Squirrel Class enjoyed the Beach Trip, during which they learnt about looking after the ocean. They created art using materials found on the beach and appreciated being part of a global community working towards cleaning up our shorelines.

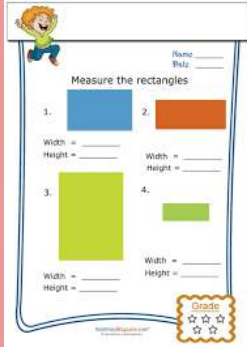
Digital and Innovation:

Squirrel class have been sewing over the past week, carefully cutting out their fabric and using their designs to create ocean creatures. It has taken a lot of creativity and resourcefulness to do this!



Foxes

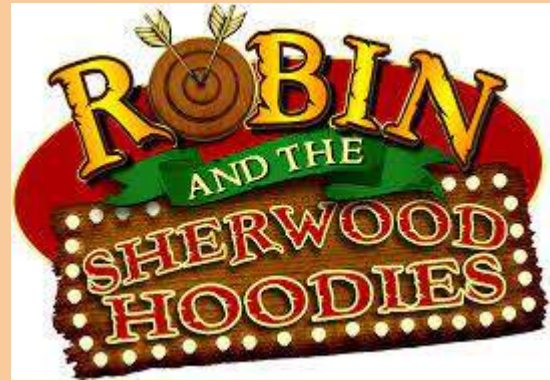
Academic:



This week we have been looking at shapes and measurements. The year 4s have been focusing on Polygons whilst the year 3s have been drawing different sized shapes, making sure the sides of the shape are drawn accurately. Over the course of the last couple of weeks Foxes have also been writing their own versions of The Sherwood Hoodies. They all have some fantastic ideas and have been creative with their ideas.

Character:

This week Foxes have been focusing on the production, they have been resourceful with the use of props, creative with their voices and also confident, determined and demonstrated helpfulness.



Community:



On Monday we were very lucky to be able to go on a whole school beach trip to Bude. We walked from Crooklets to the Ice Cream shop in the town. We then walked from the Ice Cream shop to The Castle, where we explored the museum. In the afternoon we spent some time with 2 minute charity, in which the children completed a beach clean and we looked at the plants growing on the sand dunes. The children were fantastically well behaved, demonstrating nearly all of the character virtues representing Clawton brilliantly.

Digital and Innovation:

This week Foxes have been innovators by having to perform and get into character for the production, by using clothing and different outfits to develop their characters and really enhance the performance!

Badgers

Academic:

Badger class have been finishing off their research into the Victorian era. They have all worked incredibly hard on their projects and have discovered many interesting facts about the people who lived at that time.



Character:



The children have all shown the character virtues of courage, creativity and motivation this week as we put on the Production Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. They all spoke out loudly and clearly and definitely got into character! Well done all of you!

Community:

The beach trip to Crooklets and Summerleaze was a great success. The children behaved beautifully and represented Clawton well. They enjoyed ice creams in the town centre before walking to the Castle museum where they looked at some of the displays linked to the inventions of the Victorian period. They were also amazed and disgusted by the amount of rubbish washed in from the sea at the tide mark when we did a litter pick.



Digital and Innovation:



Sadly the year 6 children had to return their chrome books this week! The research they have carried out as a result of these has been fantastic and the presentations from all of the class have been high quality. They particularly enjoyed the virtual walk around The Great Exhibition at Crystal Palace in Victorian times.

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Clawton Toddler Group

We run every Friday throughout term time 9am-11am in the school hall, it would be great to see some new faces.

There will be a few key dates for certain activities during the Summer Holidays, so please keep an eye out for the WhatsApp messages once the dates have been confirmed.

We hope to see you there and wish you all a wonderful summer break!

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