



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already two weeks into term. The children have settled in quickly and I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to what they got up to over the Christmas break!

You have already received our Topic Newsletter, which has given you an overview of what the children will be learning this term. We are already really excited about our Art Gallery that we will be holding at the end of term and hope that you will be able to join us! If you are an artist or have a particular interest in art, we would love to hear from you!

Fox Class have been Inspiring Adventurers this week and spent time at the beach with 2minute.org. Read on to find out what they got up to! We are looking forward to welcoming 2minute.org into school this term who will be completing some workshops with Fox Class and hosting a KS2 Eco Club!

I thoroughly enjoyed spending time in Hedgehog Class this week, where we watched a squirrel in the tree eating from the bird feeders! The children were captivated by its behaviour and the way it swung from the branches.

Our Reading Focus will continue this term and I am already looking forward to sending out our next book review.

Kind regards,
Mrs Steyn



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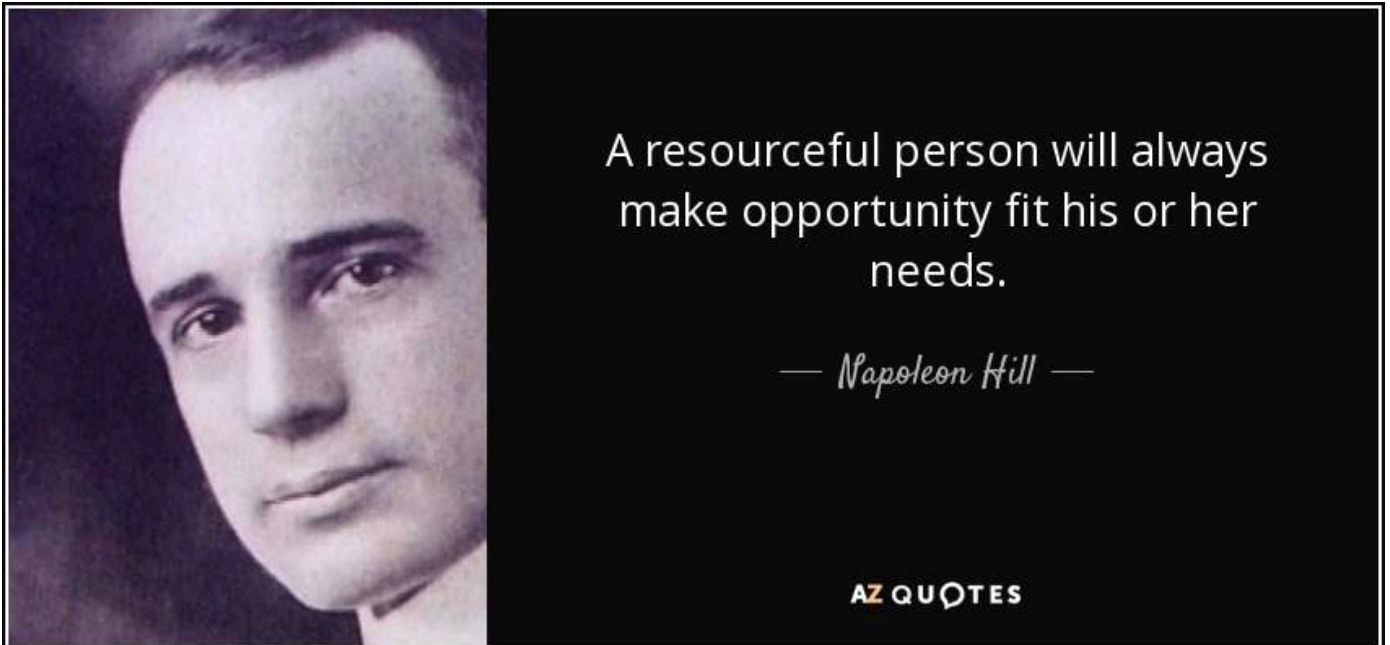
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Key dates:

18th January - Census Day
9th February - Clawton's Art Gallery
2.15pm
12th – 16th February - Half term
break
5th and 6th March - Parents' Evening
18th – 20th March - Fox Class PGL
Residential
28th March - Last day of term
15th April - First day back for pupils

Focus virtue this week:

Resourcefulness



Parent Safeguarding Advice

On the school website, we have some very useful safeguarding tips around online safety, social media, devices, gaming and mental health to provide some support or guidance if needed.

To find what these look like, follow this link [👉 https://alumnismat.org/online-safety/](https://alumnismat.org/online-safety/)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clawton Primary &
P.T.A



Love what you wear day!
(non uniform day)
£1 suggested donation.

FEB
08



Focus on our art!
join us from 14.15, come
and view our art gallery.
Cake sale & refreshments
+ a special silent art
auction!

FEB
09



Easter bingo at Tetcott
village hall.
More details soon!

MAR
15

Save the date!

Owls

Academic:

This term we are learning all about art. In particular, how we can express our feelings through art. We are looking at some famous artists and the work they have created. This week we have researched all about Pablo Picasso. Owls have been amazing artists themselves and have made some wonderful Picasso style sculptures from clay.



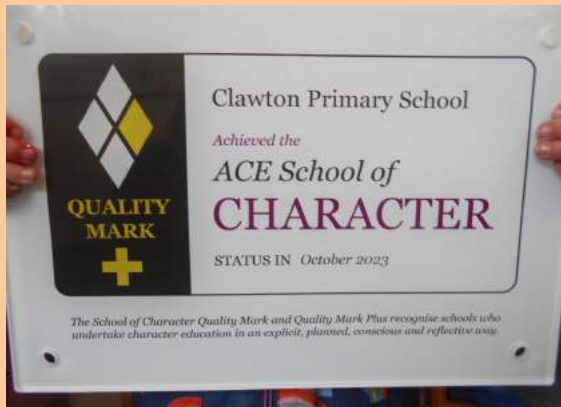
Our new Talk for Writing story is - The Colour Monster written by Anna Llenas. It is a lovely story all about colours and how they link in with feelings and emotions. We have lots of fun and colourful activities planned to link in with this story this term.



Since the weather has turned colder, we have been looking at ice and had to work out how to free our preschool toys which got frozen in the ice. Owls discovered that they needed to smash it and that we needed hammers to break the ice. We had to use our character virtues of determination, resilience and critical thinking to free their toys.



Character:



This week we had a very special assembly to celebrate our school achieving a Character Quality Mark Plus award. Owls demonstrated Character Virtues of Courage and Confidence by standing up in front of the whole school, staff, parents and special visitors. They all should be very proud of themselves. I am extremely proud of them all.



Community:



New term and Owls have welcomed in a new Owl, Sidney. Owls have been using our character virtues of friendliness and generosity to help him settle into the wonderful world of Preschool!

We have also decided we want to help the birds of our community by making bird feeders in a couple of weeks time. We discussed that we need yoghurt pots and bird seed.



Digital and Innovation:



As we have been learning about the artist Pablo Picasso, We decided to watch a couple of short videos to find out all about him. We discovered that Picasco was a young boy when he first found his love of art. He was born in Malaga, Spain and was just the tender age of 9 when he created his first piece of artwork. Picasso's father was also an artist. As Picasco grew older, his art took on different forms and he started using cubism to form his pictures.



Hedgehogs

Academic:



On Tuesday we noticed an unusual bird perched in our apple tree. It turns out it was Blue from the film Rio who has flown all the way over the Atlantic Ocean from South America to visit us. He has offered to teach us all about Brazil and the Rio Carnival so that we can prepare our own



celebrations with Samba, costumes and delicious food. This week we have been busy learning about the rainforest, the climate in Rio de Janeiro and famous landmarks such as Christ the Redemmer and Sugarloaf Mountain.



Character:

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back this week and hearing about what a wonderful Christmas the children have all had. On our return, we talked about how we all celebrated the new year and discussed what it meant to plan resolutions. We explored personal goals such as reading regularly and keeping our rooms tidy but also decided that it would be nice to think of others throughout 2024. We all came up with one act of kindness each and recorded them on stars. We then put them all together to make this fantastic 'New Year's Acts of Kindness' wreath which we shared with everyone at our special assembly on Monday. It is now on display in the classroom to remind us how important it is to fill up each other's buckets!



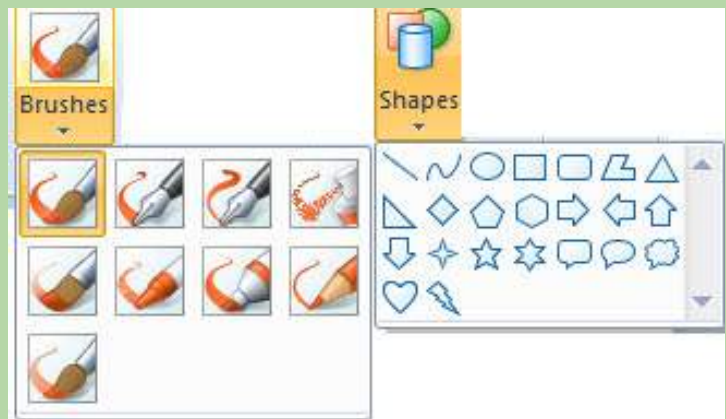


Community:

Unfortunately we didn't spot Blue sitting in our tree right away so he had to endure the cold British weather for a while! He asked us how our winter birds survive in this chilly weather and we explained that we help them out by making bird feeders for our apple tree. While some of us were watching our resident birds enjoy their afternoon snack, we noticed that the Starlings who migrate from Northern Europe to spend the winter with us have arrived. They were very hungry!

Innovation:

In ICT this half term, the children will be developing their digital painting skills. This week we focused on using different brushes in the Microsoft Paint Programme and the children had a go at creating a picture of their choice. Can you see the different strokes and brush widths? Every week we will learn a new skill and then put them all together to create a rainforest picture.



Squirrels

Academic:



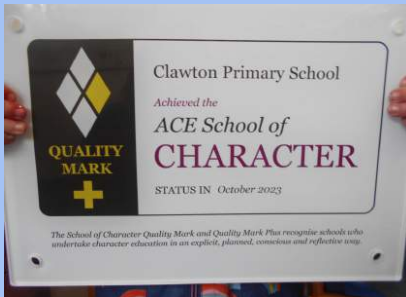
In maths we have started a unit on Money. This is an interesting topic as money is not often seen as much as in the past. We have looked at coin recognition, making amounts of money in different ways and comparing different amounts. In English we have been looking at recreating a humorous poem. There are some funny poems currently being written. We have also started to look at our topic The Great Fire of London. We have spoken about where London is and where the Fire started.

Character:

The children all came back from the Christmas holidays motivated and determined to succeed. Over the last couple of weeks we have been looking at resourcefulness and how we can demonstrate this. In the classroom the children have had to carefully take care of their own school equipment to ensure they are ready to work! They have all been really successful with this.



Community:



At the start of this week we had a Special Celebration assembly to recognise our Character Quality Plus Mark award.

The children were courageous and confident standing up and speaking in front of the whole school and the wider school community.

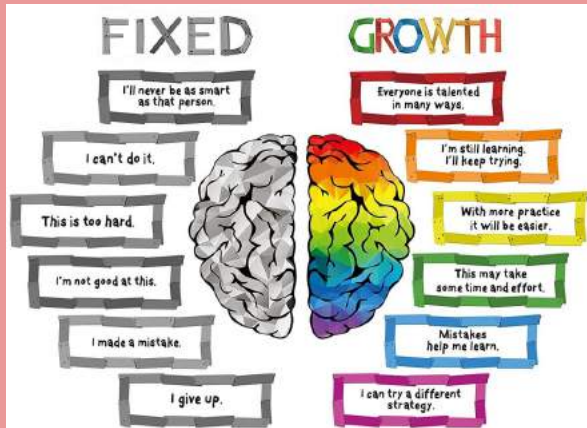
A huge well done to all the children in school who helped to make this a special assembly.

Digital and Innovation:

This week the children have been thinking about colours and what different colours can sometimes represent. The children have been thinking about why colours are used in certain images and at different times of year. Some of the children have also been digital innovators by typing up their poems they have written; Learning the skills needed to type.

<i>blue</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>green</i>
TRUST SMART CALM FAITH NATURAL STABLE POWER	LOVE IMMEDIACY ENERGY SALE PASSION ANGER HUNGER	BOLD RICH POWER MYSTERY ELEGANCE EVIL STRENGTH	SOOTHING ECO-FRIENDLY NATURAL ENVY JEALOUSY BALANCE RESTFUL
<i>yellow</i>	<i>orange</i>	<i>pink</i>	<i>purple</i>
CHEER ATTENTION CHILDISH FRESH WARMTH ENERGY OPTIMISM	HEALTH ATTRACTION STAND OUT THIRST WEALTH YOUTHFUL HAPPINESS	TENDERNESS SENSITIVE CARING EMOTIONAL SYMPATHETIC LOVE SEXUALITY	ROYAL MYSTERIOUS ARROGANT LUXURY CHILDISH CREATIVE SADNESS

Foxes



Academic:

Foxes have been working really hard to learn about the digestive system in science. This will then be applied to their Literacy where they are writing explanatory texts about the digestion process. In maths they are looking at multiplication and division. We have been talking about Growth Mindset and the importance of having a positive outlook towards our work in order to reach our full potential.

Character:

On Monday we had an assembly to celebrate the character award. Children showed courage and resilience standing up in front of the school to talk about how we use character in the classroom. The children were also very well behaved when we went to the beach and made sure that everyone was included in the activities.

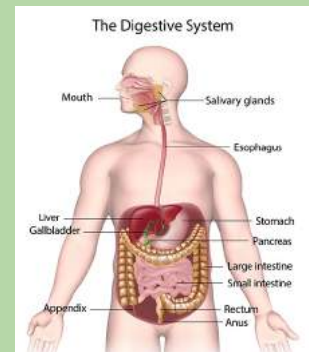


Community:

Fox class had a very exciting (and sunny) trip to the beach yesterday. We learnt about all of the plastic rubbish which is washed up on the beach and the damage that it can have to wildlife. We found Nurdles in the sand, which are pieces of plastic which are washed down drains in factories. We also had a look at the honeycomb reef which is made by worms. All in all, Fox class removed 2.5kg of rubbish from Crooklets beach!

Digital and Innovation:

Fox class have been using their chromebooks to take part in our history recap quizzes, they have been very thoughtful in making sure that everyone gets to take part. We have also been using them to look at a digestion ebook to help us with our Science and Literacy.



Badgers

Academic:

Badgers have started a new area of literacy this term. They are writing adventure stories and have had to think really hard about setting a scene, building tension, action and resolution. This has involved thinking really hard about the level of description needed, similes, metaphors and personification. Some of them have really struggled to move away from their usual writing about aeroplanes or horses!

Adventure Stories

Use exciting words

Suddenly beautiful In a flash freezing
stormy gloomy strange shaking

Can you think of any more?



Character:

Since returning to school after the holiday, Badger class have welcomed a new member to the class. They have shown the character virtues of friendliness and helpfulness and have supported him to settle in.

It was also lovely to hear the children talk so confidently about their character education in the Assembly on Monday.

Community:

The children all enjoyed Rev. Paul's visit to school on Thursday for Assembly. They bounced back into class talking about his experience on Dartmoor when he had to show resilience and resourcefulness as the weather changed for the worse.

resilience:

"an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change."

—Merriam-Webster Dictionary



Digital and Innovation:

For our history focus this term we are learning about the Mayan civilisation. The children have used their chrome books effectively to identify which modern day countries were occupied by the Mayans in the past. They have also looked at photographs of the ancient Mayan city ruins and have used clues to work out what these amazing ruins might have once been used for. They have shown that they can be historians.

Clawton Toddler Group

The run up to Christmas was super busy at Toddlers, with lots of making, including our Santa beard advent calendars, decorations for home and our Tree in Ashwater Church, not forgetting the mint sweets we made, and then of course the visit from Father Christmas himself.

We had a great time when we set the hall up as a road system and practised our highway code, a few children did exceed the speed limit on their ride-ons. We've seen a few new faces this term which has been lovely.

We are looking forward to more exciting activities this term including bird feeders, valentines cookies and pasta necklaces.

Clawton Parent and Toddler Group



Free School Meals

Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals? If you are in receipt of any of the following your child should be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

To check eligibility and apply visit

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/> This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

