



Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to be back in school, despite the very cold start that we had! We have already had a fantastic start to the term.

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Bradworthy Primary School to Clawton. They brought their Year 3 and 4 children and took part in an athletics festival. Fox Class were a credit to the school, demonstrating courtesy, respect and friendliness towards our visitors. They all made friends with the children in their group and demonstrated fantastic teamwork and we are looking forward to visiting them in the summer! Our Year 6 Young Leaders were also brilliant, making the afternoon very easy for the staff members!

We have also enjoyed our football coaching sessions run by Plymouth Argyle. Carwyn and Dylan have provided exciting and interesting lessons for the classes, and it is great to see more children attending their football club.

Key Stage 2 are looking forward to a trip to Rosemoor on Monday and then our Year 6s are attending a football festival at Launceston College.

There is so much to celebrate this term already and I, for one, am excited about the term ahead.

We are still running our Wrap Around offer, so please do book via school money! We will be sending out a survey in the near future with a couple of questions to get some feedback about our offer.

Kind regards,

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Key dates:

20th January – Rosemoor (KS2)

21st January – Y6 to Launceston

Thursdays: Plymouth Argyle Football lessons and After School Club.

Focus virtue this week:

Resourcefulness

Owls Class - How do I get around?

Academic:

For the last couple of weeks, we have kicked off our learning journey about transport and how we get around. We have looked at land and sea transport so far, investigating the various modes of transport for land and sea. We have discovered that some transport can be used on both!



Owls have been dynamic designers and have designed cars and boats from junk modelling. We have been super scientists too by investigating FLOAT OR SINK. Finding out which item would float and which would sink! We found out that heavy items sink and light items float. However, we did discover an item that did both! The bucket...when empty, it floated but when it was full of water...it sank! We added in some mini maths to the mix by asking the Owls why the item sank or floated? Was it because the item was heavy or light?



For our mark making, we have made tracks on paper by using pens taped to various vehicles. Making tracks in flour (This was snow!)



For our Klassen this week, we made banana boats! A very popular snack was enjoyed by all!

This is proving to be a very popular topic to investigate! Next week we will be moving on to how we get around in the air!

Character:

2025 - a new year and new starts, we have welcomed four new Owls to preschool this term. Owls have been amazing with welcoming them.

They have shown friendliness, caring, helpfulness and have been very curious! We have been refreshing our carpet expectations too.

Resourcefulness has been the focus of the whole school and Owls have also been focusing on this virtue too. They have been very resourceful finding different items to design their transport and the results were fantastic!



Community:

One amazing Owl has been looking out for our planet! During a beach trip with his family, Herbie wanted to pick up litter left on the beach. He had a discussion with mum about the litter - where it has come from? And why it could be dangerous to wildlife. Herbie also found some interesting items - some shark eggs and a hook!



Digital and Innovation:



Researching different types of transport has been highly enjoyed by Owls these last couple of weeks. We have researched different types of land and sea transport. Owls couldn't believe it when I said that trains can go underwater! They kept on telling me that they go on land. So, we researched the channel tunnel and the trains that go under the sea! Our new talk for writing text is called "The Train Ride" written by June Crebbin and illustrated by Stephen Lambert. It is a lovely little book with amazing illustrations. It is simple and interesting for children of all ages. Owls have picked up this story well and next week we will be moving on to retelling the story using story maps only!



Hedgehogs and Squirrels - When did we learn to fly?

Academic:

The children have been really interested to learn about the Wright Brothers and how they became the heroes of the sky. This week we read a story about how they achieved their dream of being the first men in the world to fly. Groups then created a tableau to show the moment their glider took off and were encouraged to think about what Orville, Wilbur, the photographer and members of the public were thinking or saying at the time. We agreed that they were very courageous, determined and resilient men!



Character:

As the weather has got colder, we have been thinking about how we can use the character virtue of service to help the birds in our local community. We have been busy making some feeders to go in our apple tree and have already enjoyed watching some robins and sparrows eating their breakfast and lunch. We are now waiting patiently to spot the starlings that usually come to visit us during the winter.



Community:

We have thoroughly enjoyed our visits from Plymouth Argyle Football Club over the past couple of weeks. Dylan and Carwyn have been so much fun and they are amazing with the children. So far we have been learning how to dribble and kick the ball at a target.



Digital and Innovation:

The children have been really inspired by our topic about flight and have been busy at the Creation Station designing their own model planes. It has been wonderful to see them using lots of skills such as measuring, cutting, joining and evaluating. We love how they all look so different!



Fox Class - Why did the Romans Settle in Britain?

Academic:



This week in English we have been focusing on planning and building a bank of words and ideas to include when we start writing our Historical Stories.

In Maths we are coming to the end of our Multiplication and Division unit and next week the children will be moving on to Measurement and looking at area.



In History we have started looking at where Rome is on the map. Then we looked at the key words 'settlement' 'invasion' and 'empire'.

Character:

The children have demonstrated friendliness, helpfulness, determination, confidence, creativity, respect and motivation during both PE sessions this week, especially when Bradworthy year 3 and year 4 joined us.

Then during football, the children were also demonstrating a range of virtues and really determined to have a go!



Community:

This week we have been really lucky to firstly welcome Bradworthy Primary School to visit for a sports afternoon on Wednesday. Then on Thursday we have welcomed Plymouth Argyle Football coaches for the second week. The children were brilliant and tried all of the activities. Next week we are looking forward to visiting the wider community and spending the day at Rosemoor.



Digital and Innovation:

In our Design and Technology topic this half term we are focusing on wearable technology and how this has changed over time. The children were interested to know what a Walkman was! Also, the class were looking at the difference between analogue and digital and what makes a product digital.



Badger Class

Academic:

Welcome back! We have had a very successful first two weeks back at school. The children have all returned keen to work hard and do their very best. We have been working on third person stories based in another culture. This has involved research as well as story writing.

In maths we have been battling through long multiplication and long division and using these to solve multi step problems.

Character:

In our Design technology lessons, we have been thinking about making pop up books. We have had to have resilience and motivation in order to succeed with some of the moving parts which are quite challenging!



Community:

Badgers have been enjoying the Plymouth Argyle football sessions. They have learnt all about dribbling, marking, shooting, fainting and agility. The lessons have been full of fun and the children have all been motivated and beautifully behaved.



Digital and Innovation:

Most children are doing really well accessing the homework on Mirodo or SATs companions. I have been checking to see that they are all keeping up with it! This week I have asked them to access English reading, Maths division and multiplication and also a Space homework. They do have a whole week to do these and they don't take very long!

It is lovely when children send in photos of things they have done over the weekend or in the evenings. They all enjoy seeing these up on our class notice board and are very proud of their achievements.