



## Clawton Primary School Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the past term – we have had a very successful couple of months in so many ways!

Our second Reading Café, with a focus on Love Your Books was a great success – thank you if you were able to join us! We are trying to vary the days and times so that as many of you are able to join us as possible. We are always looking for ways to encourage a love of reading, so if you have got any new suggestions, please do let us know.

Our Bring a Bear day was very well supported and as Inspiring Fundraisers, we raised £190 for Young Lives Vs Cancer. Another of our schools within the MAT joined in and added a further £50 to the collection!

We enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service, who spoke to us all about fire safety. We learnt lots about the importance of keeping safe around the home and what to do in an emergency.

This week's newsletter contains lots of examples of children's work. We hope that you enjoy it!

We would all like to wish you a very happy half term. We hope that you have a lovely break and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Please do keep an eye on dates and key events. We will post reminders on Dojo as far in advance as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Steyn



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**Key dates:**

24<sup>th</sup> February – First day back  
1<sup>st</sup> March (Saturday) – 5<sup>th</sup> March –  
Year 5 and 6 France Residential  
6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings  
17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 and 4 St  
George's House Residential  
Thursdays: Plymouth Argyle Football  
lessons and After School Club.  
4<sup>th</sup> April – End of term

**Focus virtue this week:**

Aspiration and Leadership

**Owls Class**

**Academic:**



The last two weeks, we have finished our topic of 'Transport and how we get around'. Last week we looked at different types of transport that are used on a farm. Owls were able to tell us that tractors, combine harvesters and diggers were used.



Owls have had fun making marks in paint using tractors, playing in the tuff tray transporting cereal around with the tractors. Owls have also been using their creative skills once more and made some amazing farm vehicles from junk modelling.



This week we have been looking at the emergency vehicles. We have watched a couple of mini videos all about our fire and police service. They were able to tell us what a fire fighter does and how they put out a fire. As it is Valentine's day this week, Owls have been busy making some lovely salt dough hearts for their special people. They had some fun making love potions and friendship pots and discs.



### Character:

Throughout this last half term, Owls have shown so many wonderful character virtues, including, helpfulness, kindness, caring, critical thinking, generosity and friendliness and many more. We are very proud of our older owls, who have been helping the youngest and newest owls.



### Community:

Owls loved bringing in a teddy from home last week for Young lives verses Cancer and raising money for charity. We met some amazing teddies!



### Digital and Innovation:

To end our talk for writing this half term, Owls have been focusing on story map sequencing to retell the events in 'The train ride story' Owls were able to recall all the events of the story by memory! We then went on our own journeys to discover what we could see along the way. Tractors and planes were the favourite mode of transport. We then made a combined story sequence map of our own.



## Hedgehogs and Squirrels - When did we learn to fly?

### Academic:

This week the year 1 and 2 children have been busy creating some space poetry using features such as adjectives, similes and onomatopoeia. The year 1 children produced some brilliant rocket calligrams while the year 2 children wrote some effective countdown poems. Aren't they fantastic!

10 golden stars exploding like  
a bomb

9 round planets spinning like  
a washing machine. washing machine

8 big rockets speeding like  
a racing car. racing car

7 fast asteroids zooming like  
a sprinter. an athlete

6 busy astronauts building  
like a beaver.

5 black meteors crashing like  
a lorry.

4 angry aliens complaining like  
Kieran.

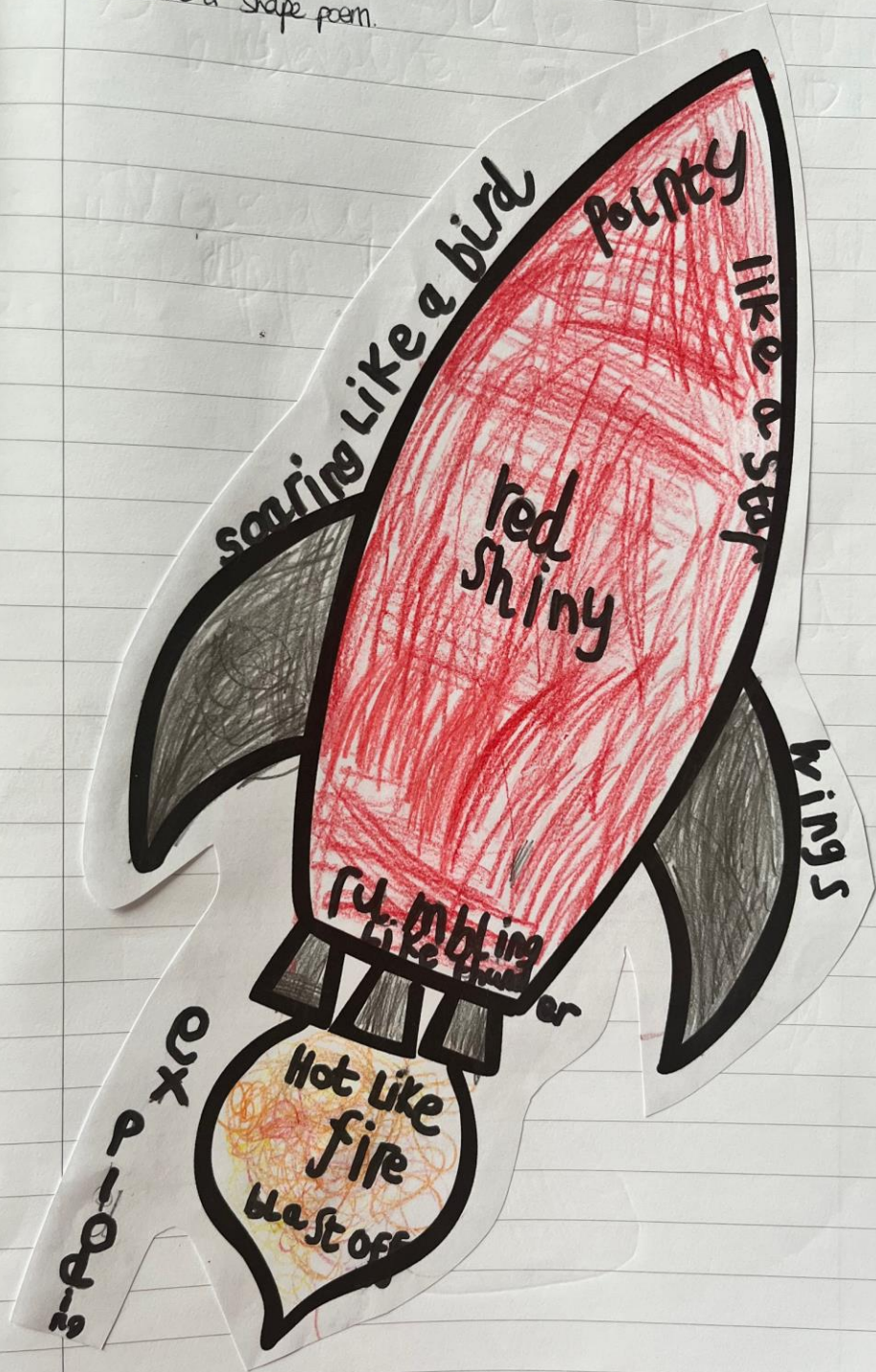
3 shiny comets floating  
like a balloon. balloon

2 bright suns smiling like  
Mister! Mr. Happy

1 colourful Earth rotating  
like a wheel wheel

blast off!

I can make appropriate word choices  
to create a shape poem.



### Character:

The children really enjoyed bringing their teddies into school last week to support Young Lives Vs Cancer. They were all very well behaved and had lots of fun seeing what the children do in lessons! Thank you all for your very generous donations to support the charity.



### Community:

Last week we enjoyed a visit from Gemma who works for the local Fire Brigade. She did a presentation to teach us about how to keep ourselves safe from fire hazards in the home. Hopefully the children could tell you some of the simple things we can do to avoid a fire starting like not overloading plug sockets and only charging our devices during the day. The children listened brilliantly and were very knowledgeable when answering Gemma's questions.



### Digital and Innovation:

This week the children created a moon buggy toy for a toddler based on a specific design brief. They had to ensure the wheels could turn smoothly, it was painted and decorated in a fun way and that it was easy to pull along. They were all fantastic at cooperating in their groups and their final pieces of work really are fantastic! Well done everyone!



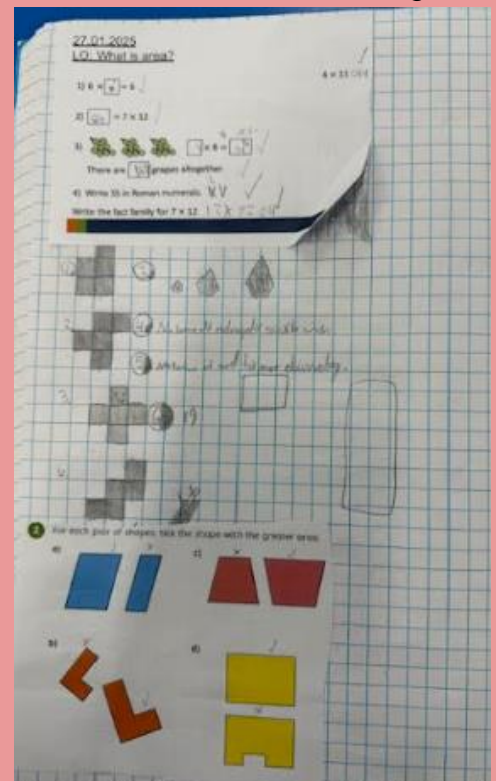
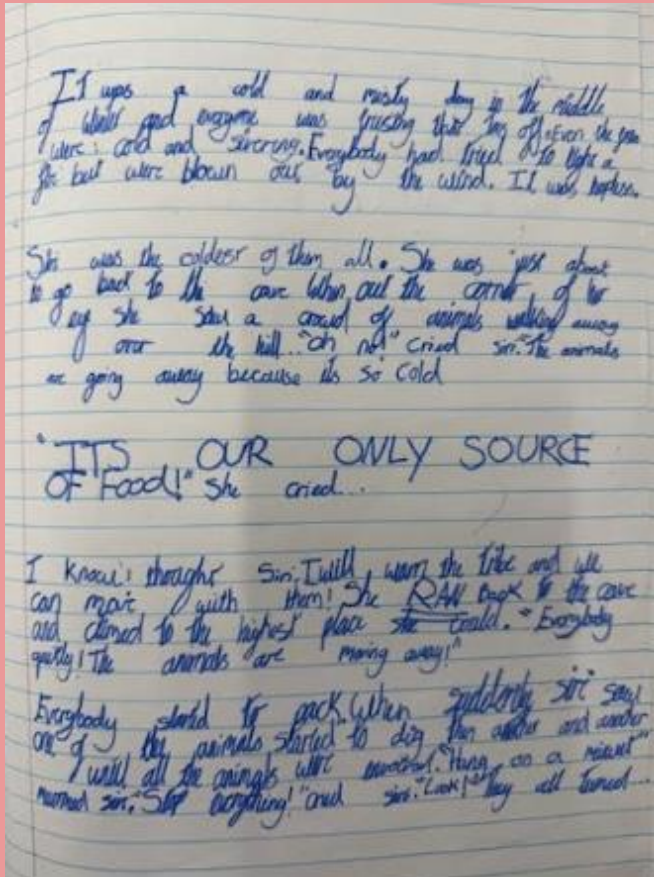
## Fox Class - Why did the Romans Settle in Britain?

### Academic:

This half term the children have worked incredibly hard on two different pieces of writing. The first one being a historical narrative and the second a third person narrative. The children really delved into their imaginations to create these stories. In Maths this half term the children have really

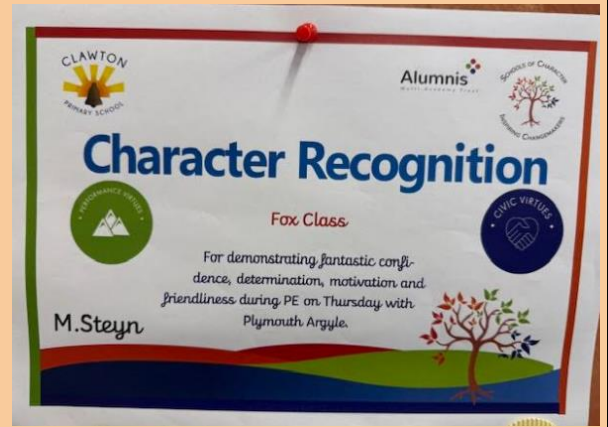
focused on their timetables. They are all improving on their soundcheck each week and are really starting to recall those answers quickly. They have also completed a unit on area. In History the children have enjoyed learning about how the Romans came to Britain and how a lot of things the Romans invented are still used today.

In Science the children have been looking at Shadows and Light and how Shadows are formed and why shadows change throughout the day.



### Character:

This half term the children have focused on a number of Virtues. Resourcefulness, creativity, aspiration and leadership. Many other virtues have been spotted throughout school by many staff members, which have been recognised throughout our Celebration Assemblies.



### Community:

This half term has been a busy one full of community spirit. We have ventured on a trip to Rosemoor for a sculpture expedition, we welcomed Bradworthy Year 3 and 4s in for a sports afternoon, we held another Reading Café and raised money for Young Lives Vs Cancer. The children all took part in a non-uniform day. Next half term is looking equally as busy so keep an eye on Dojo!



### Digital and Innovation:

For our DT project this half term, the focus has been on wearable technology. In these lessons, the children learnt to code a virtual Micro-bit. Then designed their own piece of technology for Children to wear in the winter months when it is dark. They also focused on a selling strategy to make sure that their product would get the best sales.





## Badger Class

### Academic:

Last week we completed our letters to prospective investors in our weird and wonderful inventions.

These are written in Dragon Den style! They are written using formal language, begin with a rhetorical question, include fronted adverbials, subjunctive verb forms and clear paragraphs.

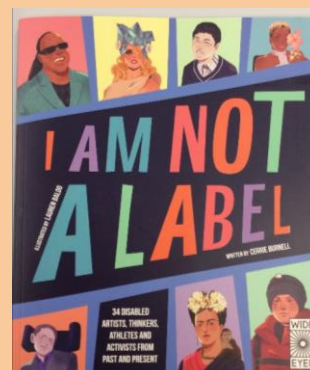
In maths we have completed our unit on fractions and have now moved onto decimals up to 3 decimal places.

We have also now completed our History unit on the Tudors. This has been great fun and many of the children have also done some of their own research at home to further their learning.

We have continued with our French and can now order simple food and drinks in a café and ask for the bill!

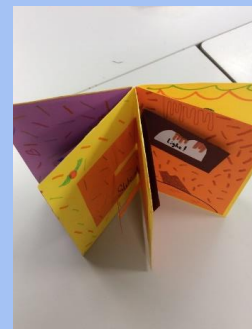
### Character:

Over the last week we have been reading the book 'I AM NOT A LABEL' by Cerrie Burnell. It is an inspiring anthology of tales about disabled artists, athletes, activists, thinkers, writers, performers and dreamers. This book has made all of us think about our own levels of resilience and what we could achieve if we really put our minds to it.



### Community:

The children enjoyed showing off their pop up books at the reading café this week. They have all worked really hard to make bridges, flaps, twirly parts, sliders and much more. They have also learnt about layers and spacers and how to create a high quality product.



### Digital and Innovation:

Over the last two weeks we have continued to learn about Space. We have made simple sundials and learnt how these work to tell the time. We have also looked at the terrible amount of litter that we have put in Space. The children have then thought about how they could design a rubbish collecting machine to clean up Space and collect up all the waste floating around. They thought about using giant magnets and nets but then realised that some of things would burn up on re-entering earth's atmosphere.