

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Wow, this half-term is flying by. Over the next couple of weeks there will be many exciting things happening inside and outside of school.

On Monday, we are having a whole school launch of TT Rockstars. Each child will receive a login to a website/app which enables them to practise their recall and fluency of times tables. Quick recall of times tables is such an important skill for children as it underpins all other areas of maths. The website is designed to really appeal to children with its rock star theme. However, while it is lots of fun, there is a lot of science involved in the program and it adjusts the questions it asks each child based on their success rate and time taken to answer questions. Essentially, it is fully personalised to each child's needs, enabling them to progress quickly. Look out for more information next week.

This week we placed a huge order for new home reading books. We have also re-organised the library, class reading corners, our guided reading texts and have created a 'Book of the Month' display. There is a real buzz about reading in school and there are still more things in the pipeline.

Please can I ask that children don't bring big back packs into school? Space within cloakrooms is really limited and coats and bags are ending up on the floor or damaged as children cannot fit everything they are bringing into school on their pegs. Ideally, children should have a small drawstring bag for their PE kit. We have separate storage for lunch boxes and water bottles within the classrooms. If it helps with transportation, reading folders, lunchboxes and water bottles can be carried to school in a small fabric bag or carrier bag that can be folded up and put in children's drawers during the day. We understand that coats and bags cost a lot of money and therefore ask for your support with this in order to prevent any more problems.

Just a quick reminder, dogs are not permitted on the school site, even if they are being carried.

Enjoy the weekend,

Rebecca Moore



The School Calendar

Don't forget to check
Twitter for regular updates



05.02.20	Year 2 SATs Parents meeting (6pm - 7pm)
06.02.20	PTFA Meeting and AGM 3.30pm Everyone Welcome
06.02.20	Netball -v- Potters Green 3.30pm

Merit Certificates	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Toluwani A	Neve S	Eva-Lea K	Summer W & Kithurshaa R	Evie D
		Benjamin B	Kian Mc	Aryan L	Keerthishaa R	Freya J

Early Years

Nursery

Zog

This week in Nursery we have been reading Zog by Julia Donaldson. The children loved finding out about all the things Zog learnt to do at dragon school and have had a fun packed week making all things 'Zog' related. We have made symmetrical dragon paintings, fire breathing dragons (thank you for all the toilet rolls) and 2D shape dragons! Outside we have been creating a large dragon to use in order to pretend to be Zog and we have also been giving our reading shed an early spring clean. If anyone has any leftover pastel coloured shed paint/treatment we would really appreciate it so we can give it a new lease of life!

Here is our fabulous dragon we made last week for Chinese New Year



Reception

The children have had a superb time learning about our new story 'Lost and Found'. They have been learning all about water and its properties. The highlight of the week was exploring our 'Magic Water' and how sometimes it exhibits properties of a liquid and at other times, it exhibits properties of a solid. The children have been immersed in this scientific learning, as well as learning about floating and sinking. They thoroughly enjoyed making their model boats and testing them on the water. This encouraged them to explore the waterproof properties of different materials. They found that plastic containers were ideal for making water resistant boats. Thank you everybody for supporting the children in creating an array of amazing boats for their Home Learning Challenge last week.



100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RD	98%	3H	94.67%
RW	96.23%	3T	99%
1J	96.25%	4O	99.66%
1P	100%	4P	96%
2A	95%	5E	98.06%
2C	97%	5M	93.33%
		6S	96.67%
		6H	94%

Whole School Attendance is 91.65%

Best Class 1P 100%

Well Done



Birthday Zone 	Birthdays from	
	27 th January to 2 nd February	
	Toluwani A	George B
	Aaron M	Mia S
	Iqra A	Brady J

KS1

Year 1 and Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about instructions. They created their set of instructions to make Wormy Spaghetti for Mr. and Mrs. Twit. Unfortunately, poor Miss Moore was in the wrong place at the wrong time and tried to sample some of it! The children have also been learning how to subtract using a blank number line. They have practised this tricky method and are becoming superstars at solving real life subtraction problems.

Year 1 have been creating a new adventure for Baby Bear, based on the story of Whatever Next. They thought of different places that he might like to visit and also of the different characters that he might meet when he got there. In maths this week, they have been learning about length and have been measuring objects around the classroom using their hands and feet. They then began to use rulers to get a more accurate measurement.



KS2

Year 5 and 6

The whole phase has been exploring information texts this week in English! Year 5 have begun their unit of work by looking at some good examples and beginning to plan and organise their own information text relating to space. Year 6 are onto the next stage of the writing process for their information text. They have written and published a text all about how astronauts live in space - they have taken so much pride in their work and thought carefully about their audience. In Year 5's maths lessons, they have been tackling some very tricky word problems and moved onto a new unit all about interpreting information from tables. The children have really worked hard and shown great resilience in trying different approaches - well done!

Our theme trip to the National Space Centre is coming up really soon. If you have not yet given consent or paid, please do so ASAP. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have had another exciting week. In English, they have been writing a news report informing the public of the movement of the Iron Man. In maths, they have been challenging themselves to use their knowledge of the measurement of mass with several operations. Their Science lessons have been focused on building their understanding of the various forces of pull, push and twist and how they apply to the physical world.



In another great week, Year 4 have been looking at the traditional tale of The Firebird, identifying the key features of the story and beginning to plan and re-tell the story in their own words. In maths, they have been using and applying their multiplication skills to solve word problems and extending the scale of those problems into multiplying 3 digit numbers as well as multiplying by multiples of 10 and 100. In science, the human digestive system has been their fascinating subject, beginning the theme of 'Where does all that food go?'

Animal Day

Wow, what an amazing day we had for our Animal Day where we raised a staggering £510 pounds. The children had fun dressing up and supporting our school pets and the charities in Australia that are supporting the animals caught in the devastating fires.

In a few weeks' time it will be half term. If you would like to look after one of our school pets please see Mrs. Tarka or speak to the office who will pass the message on. Once again thanks for your generous support on Animal Day.

