

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a very productive first week back after half term. I do hope you and your families managed to have a break, despite the rainy weather and the darker nights closing in.

Children in Need- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Next week we will join with the national Children in Need campaign and raise money to support and help children to lead full and healthy lives. Children in Need support several projects in Coventry and our fantastic School Council will be running a 'Decorate a Duck' colouring competition for 50p from Tuesday onwards. Next Friday we also invite you to wear something Spotty and/or yellow for a suggested donation of £1.

This will be a great opportunity to have some fun and support a brilliant cause at the same time.



Classroom ventilation

Following guidance, we ventilate our classrooms by opening the windows in our classrooms. Our heating is on but please ensure your child has sufficient layers, particularly when they are wearing non-uniform.

Reading

As you know, reading is one of our school priorities this year. *"We will help you to have a love for reading. You will be able to find books that you enjoy. We will hear you read regularly and we will read to you too."* Staff at Clifford Bridge worked really hard on teacher day this week to focus upon this priority. We had some super Read, Write, Inc training, which I know the children are enjoying to improve their phonics knowledge. Key Stage 2 staff spent their time focusing upon guided reading- ask your child about the books they have been focusing on.

Remote learning

If your child is self-isolating, and is well, please ensure they are continuing their education at home through the remote learning section of our website. Your child's class teacher will be regularly checking the work which you upload onto Class Dojo and you will receive a weekly phone call too.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. My plan is to have a lovely long walk to get plenty of fresh air.

Take care, Mrs Morgan



w/b 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day

13<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need Day

## Nursery and Reception

We have had a very creative week in Nursery this week. We have really enjoyed sharing all our fantastic half term adventures-including lots of fantastic pumpkin carving! We made our very own pumpkins in Nursery this week and enjoyed exploring a real pumpkin in the water tray where we enjoyed hammering in golf tees and exploring the middle where we found pretend spiders and eye balls.

We have also made some amazing firework pictures as although we won't be able to celebrate bonfire night in the same way this year we have still seen lots in the sky at night over the last week or so and so we created some firework pictures using toilet rolls and paint!

On Friday we made poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day and talked to the children about why this flower is special and why we remember all the soldiers who have fought for us.



Reception have had a great first week back! The children had a well-deserved rest and were eager to get back to school. They were thrilled to see their friends and chat about how they dressed up for Halloween. They enjoyed learning about the story of 'Winnie the Witch' and how she could never find her cat in her house that was completely black. She eventually came up with the perfect spell for a solution. The highlight of the week was making a witch's hats. The children learnt that it is quite tricky to make a cone and practised it in several ways. They were delighted with their magical hats. They also loved going on some adventures with their magical broomsticks!



## KS1

This week in Year 1, we have enjoyed catching up on what we have all been doing during the half term break. We have turned our attention in English to traditional tales by spotting characters that we recognise from the tales we have heard in the past and then being detectives in investigating which traditional tale a particular character is from. We also met and interviewed the Troll from The Three Billy Goats Gruff (surprisingly, he did look a lot like Mr Peet!). In Maths, we have been continuing to look at number and addition by using part whole diagrams to show our understanding of number bonds, as well as enjoying some lovely Active Maths sessions and Independent Challenges. In the afternoons, continuing our theme focus of 'In the Toy Box', we have continued looking closely at the Kinetic Sculpture (Mobile Art) of Alexander Calder by making from materials such as coloured card and bendable wire.

This week in Year 2, we have continued writing our information text about old toys. We have used our editing skills to improve our writing and have even used self-evaluation to check if we have included everything in the success criteria. Also this week, we have enjoyed creating music in our theme lessons. The children have been using both tuned and untuned instruments to make a melody for a puppet show. They have worked together to put their instruments into categories and have been thinking about the sound and pitch their instrument makes.

We are making a small change to when home reading books will be changed in school to allow your child to have their book over the weekend. Starting this week, your child's reading folder will be collected in on a Thursday morning. Their book will then be changed and sent home with them on a Friday afternoon. If you have any questions, please send a message to your child's teacher on class dojo.

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.  
-Dr. Seuss

## KS2

Year 3 have had a great first week back. In Literacy we have moved on from fiction writing to looking at the features of non fiction writing. We have then started to research different bicycles from the past looking at skimming and scanning to help us to learn how to take notes. In Maths we have continued to add three digit numbers renaming across the ones and tens.

In Theme the children have had a fantastic time manipulating clay to create a transport inspired time which has involved pattern and texture. The children also had a great PE lesson when they were introduced to hockey. All in all an awesome first week back Year 3!

Year 4 have come back after half term refreshed and ready for anything! In Maths, we have been tackling multiplication this week and using different strategies to multiply three digit numbers. This week, we have started looking at play scripts to prepare ourselves for writing our own scene for The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Well done Year 4!

The children in Year 5 were excited to start their Bikeability training this week, and got off to a great start (apart from one puncture)! The children who are not taking part, enjoyed the chance to spend some real quality time reading and discussing our Harry Potter text, which they were delighted about.

In Theme, both classes have started to research what to do to protect yourself before, during and after an earthquake, in order to produce an informative leaflet for children of their own age, in Los Angeles. In 5M, the children are enjoying the opportunity to include lots of Americanisms in their writing, which Mrs Moore is not usually at all keen on! She can't argue with them on this occasion though, as they are ideal for the target audience!

Explosive news from Year 6 as Clifford children become investigative reporters. This week, they have been researching Pompeii and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Sources speculate that this is in preparation for our newspaper reports next week. Keep an eye out for more on this story as it develops.

## 100% Club Attendance

Whole School attendance is 96.29%

Best Class 5M 99.66%

(non uniform for 5M will be carried forward to the 20<sup>th</sup> November as all the school can wear non uniform next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> for Children in Need)

Well Done!

Class % Attendance			
RD	92.96%	3B	98.68%
RW	94%	3T	94.26%
1P	93.80%	4O	95.24%
1S	98.56%	4J	92.01%
2A	95.19%	5E	98.98%
2G	99.63%	5M	99.66%
		6S	98%
		6H	96.45%



### Birthdays From 2nd November to 8th November

Birthday  
Zone

Holly G	George M
Imogen E	Terell J-D
Daniel G	Holly H
Sophia M	Aairiyah F
Isla H	

