

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This week at Clifford Bridge

This week's news includes:

Teaching and learning information

Mental wellbeing

UK Government advice

School advice and help for parents

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I would like to start by saying thank you. We have a large number of parents who are critical workers and many of you work for the NHS and I know you are relentlessly helping us all to have hope that our lives will return to some form of normality as soon as it is safe to do so. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone supporting their children with home learning. As a mum myself, I know it's not easy to juggle day-to-day life, working from home and then to encourage your children to focus upon learning is tough. We are grateful for everything you do. Some of you prefer to upload work, photos and videos at the weekend and therefore we will not be sending you a note to remind you to upload your child's pieces until Monday. Thank you for your feedback.

Sadly, we have not only said goodbye to Captain Sir Tom Moore this week but also one of our beautiful school rabbits, Toffee. It is always difficult to say goodbye to people and animals we care about but we must always think that our lives are so much richer for the influence they made on us and the emotions they made us feel. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Tarka for all the time, love and care given to our school pets and to the children and families who have looked after Toffee and given him a very happy four years of life. Rest in Peace Captain Sir Tom Moore and Toffee.



Please note that Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is a Teacher Day  
Keep smiling and be proud of everything you are doing.  
Mrs Morgan ☺

*"If you have good thoughts  
it will shine out of your face  
like sunbeams and you will  
always look lovely."*

Roald Dahl



HAPPINESS  
IS A MOOD.  
POSITIVITY  
IS A MINDSET.

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## What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges

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Click the header for the latest information from the DfE for parents. Last updated on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. It is so important we keep talking about good mental health. Click the logo for tips and ideas on how to...  
**'Express Yourself'**



## Kindness activity pack

This pack includes activities around kindness, coping, recognising feelings and learning new skills.



 **BritishRedCross**  
150 years

Click the picture to find out more about kindness activities...

# Learning this week at Clifford Bridge...

Some of our children are learning in school and some are learning remotely. We think it's important to celebrate the learning that is happening, regardless of where it is taking place. Thank you to everyone that has uploaded onto Tapestry and Class Dojo this week. Let's see what you've all been getting up to!



## Nursery and Reception

In Nursery we have been reading 'Cinderella'. Both at home and in school, the children have been practicing our sound of the week. We have also been busy making crowns, magic wands, using junk to make model castles and drawing round our feet to make slippers to go to the ball. We looked at the wonderful transformations in nature as caterpillars turn into butterflies and tadpoles turn into frogs after learning about Cinderella's magical transformation. We even made a tasty magic wand fruit kebab for our snack on Friday!



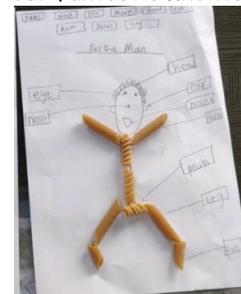
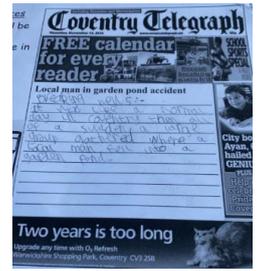
In Reception, we have been learning about the story, 'The Zoo is Not For You'. Both at home and school, the children have been writing letters to Platypus, asking if they can come to his party, they have been practicing and reinforcing their subtraction skills and using Google Earth to find out where the Duck-billed Platypus and other animals live. The highlight definitely seems to have been the vast array of musical instruments that the children have enjoyed making using junk modelling. What a fun-filled week! Have a lovely weekend everybody.



We hope you all have a restful weekend and if your child is working from home then don't forget to upload your remote learning to Tapestry so your class teachers can share and support your child with their learning.

## Year 1 & 2

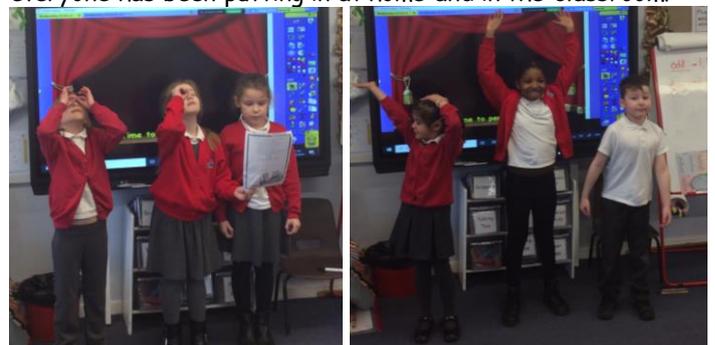
In Year 1 this week, both at school and at home, our English lessons began with a look at a funny, narrative poem called 'Daddy fell into the Pond' by Alfred Noyes. The children practised reading the poem with added actions and then performed the poem with clear, expressive voices - amazing! The week ended with the writing of a newspaper article reporting on the events surrounding Daddy's pond accident - we certainly have some budding journalists in Year 1! In Maths, we have been looking at different ways to subtract from a number up to 20; sometimes by taking away from the ones, sometimes by taking away from the tens, whichever works best for the number we have in front of us. Maths is a real strong point in Year 1 and this was shown by the fact that the children were able to, first of all, spot a set of 10 within a larger number of objects, and then make thoughtful decisions about which method to use. Science has been our enrichment subject in the afternoons and, in particular, showing our fantastic knowledge of parts of the human body - we even



drew a life-size diagram and were able to label the parts of the body. This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and the children have been engaged in lots of discussion around their own and their family's wellbeing - such kind, thoughtful and caring children - we are incredibly proud of them and how they are continuing to show such resilience

and maturity beyond their years. Another huge thank you to the adults supporting them so wonderfully too - you are all doing an amazing job!

We've had a great week in Year 2 this week, starting new topics in maths and English! In English, we've enjoyed learning the poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat', performing it and writing our own versions. We added actions and spoke clearly to present the poems beautifully! In maths, we've begun learning about length and we've had great fun measuring things in the classroom and in our homes. In PSHE, we've been expressing ourselves through scribe art and learning all about healthy eating! We designed our own healthy lunches, making sure we included something from every food group. It's been a great week and whilst we're missing being in school, we're so proud of the fantastic effort everyone has been putting in at home and in the classroom!



Year 3 & 4

Year 3

Well, it's been another eventful week in Year 3 this week, but despite the various challenges, one thing is for certain...we couldn't be more proud of our learners!! The children have done an incredible job, working hard and rising to the challenges of the week with smiles on their faces and a determined glint in their eyes. Nowhere was this more evident than in our English work this week, where the children wrote their diary entries from the perspective of the Iron Man. We were literally blown away by some of the work uploaded and it was great to see children expressing their individuality in their writing.

Another highlight this week, was the live Teams session on Wednesday, where we celebrated a birthday, completed an enrichment quiz and all had a good giggle to boot - something which is very much needed right now! Well done Year 3, you are amazing!

Year 4

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard this week, as always! The standard of work both in school and at home has been phenomenal.

This week, we have been tackling word problems using multiplication and division and planning our character description of Romeo. We have been using thoughtful vocabulary, describing Romeo's personality and appearance!

In Enrichment, we started looking at identifying the features of a plant and what they need to grow. We really enjoyed getting our scientific brains in action! Well done Year 4, another fantastic week! 😊

Year 5 & 6

Year 5

This week in year 5 we have been learning how to write game instructions for our families' game night. We explored a variety of instruction texts and mapped the success criteria we needed to follow. It is evident that we have some very bossy children in year 5 as they loved using imperative verbs and we are very impressed by the game instructions they wrote.

In maths this week, we have been exercising our brains by solving problems with mass and volume. We learned how to convert between different units of measure and continued practicing our decimal numbers.

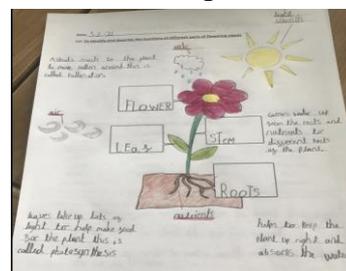
This week was mental wellbeing week and we loved finding different ways to express ourselves, our feelings, and emotions. The children in school particularly enjoyed creating art from scribbles and discussing it with their friends.

During our enrichment lessons we learned about the differences in the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibian, and insects. How fascinating!

Year 6

Year 6 have been extremely busy. Our suspenseful Alex Rider-inspired adrenaline-pumping spy stories really raised our pulse rates. We could hardly contain our excitement at converting units of measure.

We really got our blood pumping in our exciting table tennis and handball PE lessons. And who could forget, the gooey, red stuff we learnt about in science... What was that again? Great week team!



Birthday Zone



**Birthdays from - 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February - Happy Birthday**

<b>Iqra A</b>	<b>Brady J</b>	<b>Jasmine B</b>
<b>Tilly V</b>	<b>Netran T</b>	<b>Raylan B</b>
<b>Eva R</b>		

**Merits**

<b>1S</b>	Jaya S	<b>1P</b>	Eric I	<b>2A</b>	Rose J	<b>2G</b>	Lacey R	<b>3B</b>	William A	<b>3T</b>	Delilah D
<b>4O</b>	Neve S	<b>4J</b>	Ella R	<b>5E</b>	Alex B	<b>5M</b>	Amealia-Mai S	<b>6S</b>	Ashleigh A	<b>6H</b>	Jasmin G