

# 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,

Thank you so much to everyone who has completed our remote learning survey. After half term, I will write to you sharing the results and actions we will take as a result of your feedback.

As we come to the end of half term, it's quite incredible to think that we have been working for 6 weeks with our blended model of remote learning. Please do encourage your children to have plenty of time away from a screen to give their eyes a break too! After half term we will be introducing 'Screen Free Fridays' for our afternoon activities.

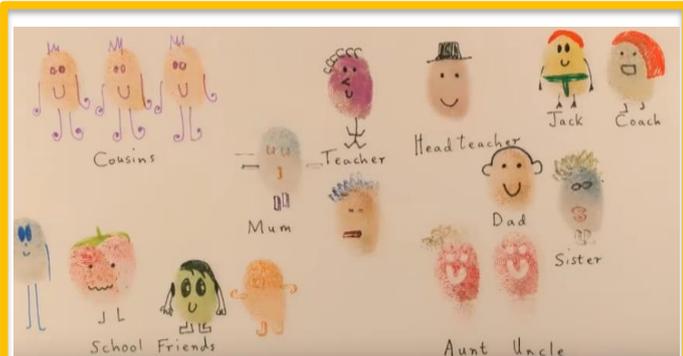
It is extremely important that you notify us if you are self-isolating or if there has been a positive test. Please click on this link in the green box to notify us so we can track and trace if necessary.

Please remember that **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** is a Teacher Training Day so school will be closed on that day and there will be no remote learning provided. Learning will commence on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Last but not least, a huge thank you for home schooling your children for this half term. I know it has not been easy but you have done a really great job! As soon as we have information about wider school opening, we will of course let you know.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term with your families. Please take care and stay safe.

Mrs Morgan ☺



An amazing child-friendly video encouraging young people to talk about mental health from the Anna Freud Centre. Click the picture to go to the video.

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

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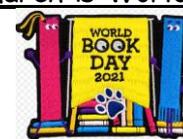
Click the header for the latest information from the DfE for parents. Last updated on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021



## Clifford Bridge Academy Covid-19 Line

Please complete this form to notify us that you, your child or a member of your household has tested positive for Covid-19 or to inform us if your household is self-isolating due to being in close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day!



We are planning a fantastic day of learning, including a live Teams session. It would be great if you could dress up as a book character. Start raiding those wardrobes!

# 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

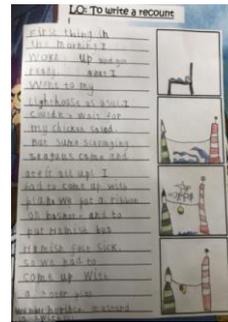
In Nursery this week we have been celebrating 'Chinese New Year'. We have learnt all about how people celebrate it, the superstitions surrounding the holiday and how each year is named after a different animal. In Nursery the children were born in the year of the monkey and the rooster! The children have enjoyed writing their names in Chinese, they have made Chinese fans and Chinese lanterns and to end the week we tasted some Chinese cuisine and sampled some noodles with some sweet and sour sauce! We have also enjoyed our second sprinkling of snow and even made a Chinese dragon in the outdoor area using crates, balance beams and painted ice!!



In Reception, our story focus this week has been the classic, Mr. Wolf's pancakes. Inspired by this, we have been keeping warm by decorating and eating delicious pancakes, writing to traditional tale characters to ask them to be kind to Mr. Wolf and drawing our own very scary wolves. As well as that, we have been learning about Chinese New Year (it will be the Year of the Ox) and we made some amazing Chinese lanterns and frightening dragons!



## Year 1 & 2



In Year 1 this week we enjoyed reading a new story, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by David and Ronda Armitage. We sequenced pictures from the book and used these to help us retell the story. It was a real treat to hear some super storytelling from the children, both at home and at school, using such lovely expression in their voices. We then went

on to write a diary entry for Mr Grinling after the scavenging seagulls stole his lunch! The recounts were fantastic, writing in the first person and using the past tense. Great job Year 1! In Maths, we have been looking at Shape and Pattern. We found out about 2D and 3D shapes, naming and identifying them. We also grouped shapes by different criteria and discussed their properties. In the afternoon's we have had lots of fun continuing our Science work and learning about our five senses. We used our senses to investigate the world around us. We especially liked using our taste and describing our findings! As part of our Wellbeing activity this week, we learned about Chinese New Year. We researched Chinese traditions and how the New Year is celebrated. We even had a go at making our own decorations, lanterns, cards and masks!



This week in Year 2, we have been continuing our topic of the Owl and the Pussycat. We have got into character and have written a letter from Mr Owl to his friend Mr Dog, telling him all about his adventures with the Pussycat. We have been examining the different features of a letter and the different types of letters we may send or receive. In our geography lesson, we travelled around the world to discover the 7 different continents and used as world map to help us locate them. We learnt about the countries that are located in each continent and the sorts of animals we may find living there. The children agreed that having the snow outside our window really did make it feel like we were in Antarctica. We couldn't see any polar bears wondering around on the school field though!

In science, we have been learning about how germs spread and what we can do to keep ourselves safe. We designed our own handwash and even designed a poster informing people on how to wash their hands. We noticed that when you have glitter on your hands, it lands on every surface you touch and we talked about how the glitter is just like germs. It has been a fabulous week full of laughter, learning and new experiences.



### Year 3 & 4

#### Year 3

READ ALL ABOUT IT!! It's been another newsworthy week in Year 3 this week, where the children have rounded off their work on The Iron Man by writing their very own newspaper articles about the capturing of the iron giant! It was great to see the children experimenting with different journalistic devices like alliteration and formal language as part of their work, and I think it's fair to say we may have a few aspiring journalists on our way up through the school. Another highlight this week, was the bridge building challenge during our enrichment afternoons. These hands on activities, where the children can use their creativity and practical skills are so very important at the moment, so it was great to see lots of children embracing the challenge and having some fun along the way too. With half term now upon us, the Year 3 team would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support this half term, despite the challenging circumstances we all find ourselves in. The children have done superbly with remote learning and we realise that this wouldn't be possible without the support from home - so thank you from us! Take care everyone, stay safe and we will see you all in a weeks time! Well done Year 3! :)

#### Year 4

'We've had a fun and challenging week in year 4 this week. Fun because we have been learning about diary entries and challenging because we have been learning about word problems for the first time and they are tricky' - for a year 4 pupil. In other news, we had a very dramatic Science lesson, don't worry no children were harmed in the process. We learnt about seed dispersal and the different ways seeds travel. Afterwards, we formed small groups and acted out different ways that seeds disperse. It was really fun :)

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe half term. The year 4 team.

### Year 5 & 6

#### Year 5

The children in Year 5 have packed a lot in this week. They have delved into the book, Who Let The Gods Out?, practising their grammar and putting together fact files about a Greek God of their choice. There are some very strange stories about some of them! In maths, everyone is gradually becoming experts at converting between various measures. There is only one more week to go on this topic, with time and temperature scheduled for after half-term. The children have definitely consolidated their skills by using them to convert backwards and forwards between so many units of measurement, although they had a bit of a shock on Thursday, converting between months and years and realizing that this can't be easily accomplished with the aid of a place value chart!

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and Miss Pavlova was very impressed with the expert knowledge that the children already had about the dangers of the internet, and how engaged they were. She found it very reassuring. This week's wellbeing task involved making a little character from an old sock, to help with worries. In school, there were no old socks, so the children decorated tiny peg puppets. Finally of course, lots of the children enjoyed fun in the snow, both at home and at school.



#### Year 6

Year six have just finished their very own spy stories. The in-school bubble alone, Alex Rider has stopped Godzilla, saved Ariana Grande from a kidnapping, and escaped from a volcano. We've also been getting in shape by calculating area, perimeter and volume (with a bit of PE here and there too). All in all, a lovely end to what's been a quite strange, and snowy, half term.

### Birthday Zone



### *Birthdays from - 8th- 14<sup>th</sup> February - Happy Birthday*

Lilly-Grace P

Kiara S

Kartar S

Maharshi S

Aidan L

Nylah J

Rufus S

Jaya S

Jacob H

Serena M

### Merits

1S	Esme K	1P	Arya P	2A	Scarlett T	2G	Theo S	3B	Sienna P	3T	Toluwani A
4O	Harrison H	4J	Eden D	5E	Maisy G	5M	Eva-Lea K	6S	Lewis T	6H	Owen S