

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,

We are really excited to be re-opening our doors to all children on 8th March. I know there is a lot of excitement about coming back but it is also likely to be an anxious time and we will work alongside you to do our best to support your child before and during their return.

You asked, we listened! Thank you for your feedback on our Remote Learning offer. We have increased the number of Teams sessions each week and offered an increased number of devices to families where there is more than 1 sibling and remote learning has been a challenge. We have also addressed errors and misconceptions in learning, where appropriate, during our Teams sessions in addition to written marking on Class Dojo. I shared the survey feedback with staff and your wonderful comments of thanks regarding the videos they are producing and your lovely words about how assessable the staff have been were very much appreciated.

We still have Nursery and Reception places for the next academic year so please share our Facebook post, advertising our New Reception Zoom Meeting which is happening next Wednesday at either 5.30pm or 7pm.

Who is excited about World Book Day next Thursday? We are! The nights are getting lighter and the mornings are getting brighter so enjoy your weekend!

Take care,
Mrs Morgan



Please remember that your pastoral team are here to help too!



Click on the link above for parenting advice videos from well-known celebrities.

Guidance

What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19

Updated 24 February 2021

Latest information for parents, updated 24.2.21 [Click above](#)

Key Dates for Inspire Primary Schools:

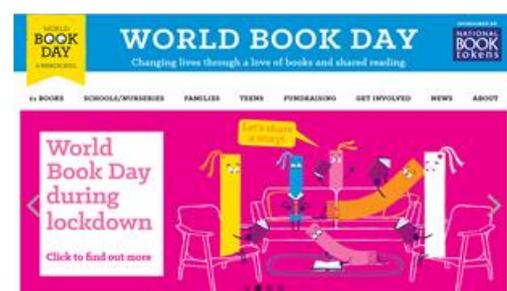
Weeks beginning 22nd February/1st March

Remote Learning will continue.

Screen-Free Friday 5th March - no remote learning feedback while staff prepare for return.

Monday 8th March - **All children return to school.**

Further details to follow by the middle of next week.



Click the picture for brilliant World Book Day resources and ideas!

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

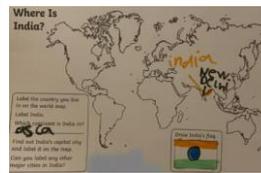
In Nursery this week we have been busy learning all about the seasons as we have read the beautiful book 'Seasons Come, Seasons Go-Tree' by Britta Teckentrup. We have made the four seasons using our handprints, we have made bird feeders to feed all the hungry birds who visited the tree over the course of the year and we have learnt all about nocturnal animals as many of these visited the tree each season. We also decided to plant some lovely Spring flowers to brighten up our outdoor area. In addition to this we have been doing some measuring by drawing round ourselves and using different objects to measure how long we are and we have been learning about another new sound this week in phonics.



In Reception, we have been reading the humorous story, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Both at home and school, the children have been writing about their favourite food, making lighthouses in different ways, using their problem-solving skills to attach a zipwire to transport sandwiches in baskets from the lighthouse to Mr Grinling. They have been replicating this using a giant rope outdoors to build strength in their arms. It looks easier than it actually is! We have been learning how to share equally so it is fair for everybody. We have completed the week by doing some relaxing bird-spotting.



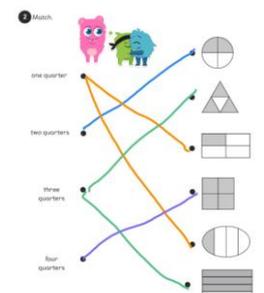
Year 1 & 2



Beginning the Spring 2 half term in Year 1 this week, in both our English and our Maths lessons, we have started new topics. In English we have used the wonderful storybook 'The Pirates Next Door' to stimulate discussions around inferring meaning and predicting events, showing our understanding of the story by correctly sequencing some of the story's events and some lovely writing in which the children described what it might be like if we really did have pirates next door! In Maths, we have been looking at the concepts of 'length' and 'height' and practising the accurate use of comparison vocabulary such as 'taller', 'shorter', 'longer', 'tallest', 'shortest' and 'longest'. We also became well-practised in accurately measuring objects and pictures using a ruler or a tape measure. Geography has been our enrichment subject and, in particular, identifying the location of the country of India, and some of its major cities, and some of the varying climates and landscapes that exist within this extraordinary country. In our PSHE we have been focusing on what humans need to stay healthy, creating posters to explain the key messages, and have also been discussing all the different ways in which we are amazing, also displaying this in the form of a poster. The children in Year 1 certainly are amazing and we continue to be incredibly proud of them and the resilience and maturity they are showing. Also doing an amazing job are the adults supporting them so wonderfully too - what a great team we are together!



We've had an exciting week in Year 2, starting new topics in both English and Maths. In English, we've been reading 'The disgusting sandwich' and we've loved using our detective skills to infer what the story would be about and what makes the sandwich so disgusting! We loved drawing the settings from the book and then using our favourite adjectives to describe the settings in some super sentences! In maths, we've been getting to grips with fractions. We used paper folding to help us understand what a fraction is and what makes something equal. We've been starting to understand halves, quarters and thirds and we can't wait to start exploring more! In the afternoons we've started a new geography topic. Looking at India and what makes it different from the UK and what we have in common. We've loved getting to know where India is and we've particularly liked learning about the different seasons they experience. We can't wait to keep exploring our new topics next week and seeing the awesome work the children of Year 2 create!



Year 3 & 4

Year 3

It's been great to see the children in Year 3 back at school/online with smiles on their faces, looking nice and refreshed following half term! Maths this week has been all about measuring and it has been lovely to see some practical maths going on both at school and at home! The children have been busy measuring anything they can find with measuring tapes and rulers, all whilst getting to grips with a variety of units of measurement. In addition to this, our very own Mrs Tarka led the online 'Teams' session this week, where our learning was all about geography and the States of America! An all-round impressive start to a new half term! Well done Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have come back from a well rested half term with a bang! We have started looking at fractions this week, which can be a tricky concept to grasp. Year 4 have tried incredibly hard in maths and have successfully braved equivalent fractions! In English, we have been researching the wonderful world of the rainforest in preparation for writing Harry's Guide to the Rainforest next week (based on the book, Harry the Poisonous Centipede). Meanwhile, we have created some beautiful sunset and sunrise pictures and paintings as part of PSHE and Wellbeing, focusing on the different colours in the sky and how it makes us feel. Well done Year 4, another excellent week 😊



Year 5 & 6

Year 5

In Year 5 this week, the children have continued working on the book, Who Let the Gods Out? Many are waiting for the next installment of this funny and exciting novel. They have been describing a character using simile and metaphor, with wonderful examples such as: a china doll face, hair as curly as a dry mop and eyes dark as night. It is interesting to see how different children have pictured Virgo in their heads, as we have also had: shimmering hair, light as the moon, eyes as bright as stars and her face as pale as a rose! They have all certainly been throwing themselves into it anyway!

We are sure that the children will be glad to see the back of the measurement unit in maths at the end of this week. However, it is really clear to see what progress they have made in this area. In one of our Teams meetings this week, we looked at how to answer questions presented in a 'table' style, which lots of children had been finding quite daunting.



Year 6

Year 6 have been writing their own poems this week, inspired by Macavity The Mystery Cat. We have Peter the Messaging Pigeon, Kiwi the mean, green bird, and Comedian the Cameleon. In addition, we have been shaping up in our maths. This week, our **area** of expertise has been 2D and 3D shapes. We even managed to get out on the field for PE due to the surprisingly warm weather. Bubble life is good life; however, we're all excited to get the full team back together.

Birthday Zone



Birthdays from - 15th - 21st February - Happy Birthday

Emilia D	Laila-Mai H	Ayaan V
Liliana K	Oliver T	Harry D
Meenakshi P	Louie F	

Merits

1S	Elliot C	1P	Louie F	2A	Riya P	2G	Matei D	3B	Arrietty L	3T	Mia S
4O	Samuel M	4J	Caleb W	5E	Ella P	5M	Ethan W	6S	Trinitee S	6H	David J

