

Clifford Bridge News

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This week at Clifford Bridge

This week's news includes:

Pet Day- Friday 14th May

Covid-19 advice

Teaching and Learning

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a difference the sunshine makes! As we begin the summer term, I cannot believe I have been in post for an entire year already. It's been fantastic to see the return of after school clubs and I know, from talking to the children, that they are thrilled to be able to attend clubs outside of school again too.

I thought I would take this opportunity to briefly explain some of the things that are happening in school to 'close gaps' in learning. I know it's been quite a disruptive year and we are working hard to help children to 'catch up' in a number of different ways.

Target Curriculum time

As part of our recovery timetable and in addition to Maths, Writing, Reading, PE, PSHE, Theme and Science, we are now also dedicating two afternoons a week to work alongside the children and support them in areas of Maths and English. These sessions consist of games, quizzes and revision and are designed to work alongside our English and Maths provision to further support their learning. Each have been carefully selected by staff to meet the children's individual needs.

- Teacher/TA support groups in class
- National Tutoring Programme
- Take 2 interventions (identifying children in class who require additional support/challenge and working alongside them during the afternoon to help address any misconceptions)
- Daily Supported Readers (Year 1 - structured reading programme offering daily reading provision)
- Target readers (Reading with adults in school)
- Read Write Inc phonics groups
- Phonics interventions (Addressing phonetical misconceptions and developing understanding)
- Reading/writing/maths interventions

You can help too by listening to your child read regularly, support them with their spellings and encourage them to have fun on Times Table Rock Stars!

We work hard during the day to keep our bubbles separate, please ensure your children are not mixing bubbles when you are waiting for the doors to open, there is plenty of space to distance. May I also politely remind you that, to reduce numbers on site, it is not possible for children to play on the school field or the trim trails at the end of the day. Please continue to use the one way system.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for all your support.
Mrs Morgan

PET DAY- FRIDAY 14TH MAY

At Clifford Bridge, we really love our school pets; Tom and Jerry our guinea pigs, Skittles our tortoise and Popcorn our rabbit. Children across the school have benefited from the strokes and cuddles that the pets freely give, but they need many things to keep them happy and healthy, such as food, vegetables, bedding and medical care.

To help fund the pets we are going to hold a non - uniform animal day on **Friday 14th May**. We ask that you bring in a donation for wearing non-uniform. Your child may come to school wearing anything with an animal theme. It could be a tee shirt with an animal on it, a puma logo on a pair of trousers or simply a butterfly hair clip.

As well as providing food and care for our pets, we are looking to purchase two baby guinea pigs who will live within our foundation area. Guinea pigs make perfect pets and will be well loved when they arrive.

Mrs. Tarka is looking forward to seeing all the different animal themed outfits and she will be awarding prizes for the most adventurous outfits on the day.



If you have Covid-19 symptoms please book a PCR test and do not come into school.

Main symptoms:

New, continuous cough or high temperature or loss of or change in taste or smell.

Other symptoms include:

Fatigue and lethargy, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, aching muscles, diarrhea and vomiting

Learning this week at Clifford Bridge...

Nursery and Reception

Nursery have had such a good first week back after the Easter holidays. We have continued our love of fairy tales this week as we read 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have seen some fantastic role play and the children have created some beautiful pig pictures by following instructions in order to draw them and then using watercolours to create their backgrounds. We have also been blown away by the children in phonics this week as well as everyone has been working so hard to recognise and write our new sound of the week!

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the sunshine!



Reception had a fabulous first week back after the Easter break. They were thrilled to return to school and see their friends again. They even seem as though they have grown over the holiday! They have been learning about the story of 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and have been busy painting beanstalks, completing the challenge of building a stable beanstalk using Duplo and retelling the story using actions. They have been making the most of the glorious sunshine and enjoying lots of outdoor play. The highlight of the week was planting beans and observing any growth as the week progressed. We can't wait to see if we have giant beanstalks when we arrive at school on Monday!



Key Stage 1

Year 1

What a super first week back we've had, it felt as if we had never been away! In Year 1 this week we have been excited to welcome a new face to our team, the lovely Miss Grimwood who joins us for the Summer Term to complete her Schools Direct training. We know you will join us in making her feel really welcome over the next few weeks! We have been busy completing lots of brilliant new learning in class. In English we began a new unit focusing on the traditional tale 'The Gingerbread Man'. We retold the whole story using our T4W (Talk for Writing) actions and fantastic, expressive voices. I'm sure the children would love to share these with you at home! We have also been learning about the differences between statements and questions, using our new knowledge to write our own questions to ask characters from the story. In Maths we have continued our Multiplication work from before the Easter holidays and have even started finding out about dividing, using lots of practical apparatus to help us explore different methods for sharing and grouping. The highlight of our afternoons this week has definitely been starting our new Theme topic 'The Big Smoke'. We created our Theme book covers and talked about our favourite places to go in Coventry, looking at lots of important landmarks in the city. A great week's work Year 1!

Year 2

It has been a lovely first week back after the holidays. We have started our new topic in English 'Paddington goes to the Palace'. We have had fun using google maps to explore Buckingham Palace and have used our senses to help us step into the picture, imagining ourselves standing outside the Palace gates. We then created some visual artwork of what we could see in our imagination. We used all of this to write a fabulous setting description. The children really enjoyed watching a recording of the Changing of the Guards Ceremony.

Even more excitingly, we have started our new theme topic 'The Big Smoke'. We have been exploring Coventry and London and have identified and discussed key landmarks. We created a scrap book and wrote some very interesting facts about these landmarks.

We have continued our PE lessons supported by Adam from Cov Sky Blues and this week we worked on strengthening our balances skills.

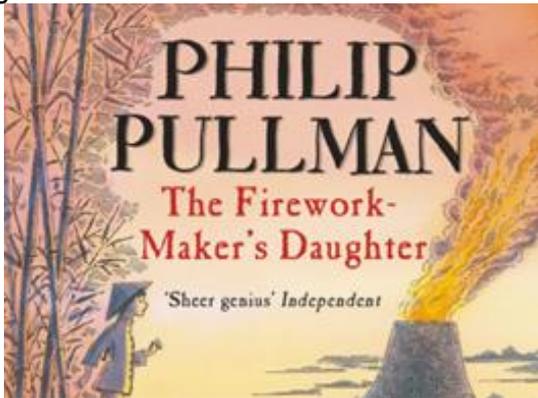
Year 3 & 4

Year 3

Year 3 have returned to school eager to learn! They have started reading a new text in English called the Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman and have written some excellent character descriptions of the main character Lila.

In maths the children have continued looking at adding and subtracting fractions within the whole number 1. They have started to look at the challenging understanding of equivalent fractions and have benefitted from lots of practical experiences.

We have really enjoyed the nice weather this week and have started looking at athletics and football in PE. It has been a great week.



Year 4

We jumped straight back into our work this week like we'd never been away... You could say it went swimmingly. We were so proud of our children this week, the way they conducted themselves on the coach, in the changing rooms and in their swimming lessons. As a year 4 team, we were immensely proud. As I'm sure you are aware, some children had never experienced a swimming lesson before but the children who were more confident blew us away with the level of support they gave others. It was just lovely to see.

In other news, we have started reading 'Operation Gadgetman' in English. The children have absolutely loved reading this story. Perhaps you could ask the children what has happened so far.

Year 5 & 6

Year 5

What a week we have had! For their first week back Year 5 have busily been settling back into their school routines whilst enjoying seeing their friends again. The Jabberwocky has been our focus in English this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the complexities of the language used by Lewis Carroll. The children have worked together well to create a class performance of the poem, focusing on what makes a performance fantastic! Watch this space for a video of their final performances. In Maths, the children have been getting to grips with perimeter and learning how to measure distances accurately. During PE, we have started our Rounders unit where the children practice their fundamental skills of throwing and catching! They can't wait to start playing a proper game soon! Well done for this week Year 5, we can see how hard you have all tried!

Year 6

Welcome back! We hope you had a great Easter holiday. In Year 6, we've had a wonderful first week back by getting stuck into school life! In English, we've been staying in the realm of Greek myths as we stepped into the shoes of our hero and mythical beast from the story we wrote before Easter. In doing this, we've learnt to write diary entries from two different perspectives. In maths, we've been delving into the world of co-ordinates, reflection and translation. The children have shown great resilience in practising these different skills using mirrors and working practically to help them solve some tricky questions. We've also been getting quite arty this week by creating our wonderful theme book covers for our new topic: Greek Legacy. We are looking forward to our launch for this topic next week and learning all about how the ancient Greeks lived. It's been lovely welcoming the children back this week for the Summer Term - we can't wait to enjoy this last term together in the sunshine!

Birthday Zone



Birthdays from 22nd March - 10th April Happy Birthday

Caleb W	Phoenix F	Miller D
Macie J	Benjamin W	Evan F
Harrison C	Ethan D	Tiarna E
Zanthe R	Ryan J	Reece R
Poppy F	Olivia H	Jessica L
Kiera S	Sophia Grace W	Willow G
Emylolo L	Deven M	Shayan M
Dilan S	Denver W	Indie-Rose S
Ella P	Erin H	Avin F

