

Clifford Bridge News

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This week at Clifford Bridge

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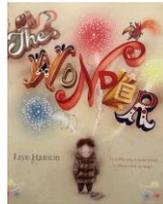
Teaching and Learning

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a happy and productive week at Clifford Bridge. I introduced the first of our school values, 'Curiosity' and we looked at the book 'Wonder'. We think it's really important to have a desire to ask questions about things as that's how we learn best. We have been using lots of curiosity this week across school.



As we come to the end of Mental Health Awareness Week, we are celebrating, Clifford style, with our Pet Day. Our pets bring so much joy to our school community and play an important role in nurture, wellbeing and support us in removing barriers to learning. A big thank you to everyone who has donated to help us to look after our pets. You may have seen Mrs Tarka and I at the gates this morning with two of our guinea pigs, Tom and Jerry and our rabbit, Popcorn! We have two new baby guinea pigs and two African land snails too to add to our collection ☺

Our year 6 children will be, on foot, delivering the Olympic Torch on Friday 21st May, leaving at 9.15am. If you see us, please give us a cheer and a wave. We are very excited that we are all going to get the chance to see the torch as it is arriving to school the day before.

Please remember that there will be no after school clubs next week. They will begin again after half term.

Have a lovely weekend and remember to make some time to do something that makes you smile!

Mrs Morgan

Whole School Attendance is 96.71%

Best Class 1S 99.12%

Well Done!

Class % Attendance

RD	95.19%	3B	98.39%
RW	96.88%	3T	99.07%
1P	98.96%	4O	96.98%
1S	99.12%	4J	95.00%
2A	94.23%	5E	94.58%
2G	98.15%	5M	96.55%
		6S	94.40%
		6H	96.77%

Summer term attendance expectations for schools

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

Learning this week at Clifford Bridge...

Nursery and Reception

Nursery have had a lovely week reading the story 'Rosie's Walk'. We enjoyed learning and using all the different positional language words in the story to describe where Rosie travelled on her walk. We practiced this language in the outdoor area as we created an obstacle to go over, under, around, through and across different obstacles.

We also had great fun trying out an egg experiment where we were able to stand on a whole tray of eggs and they didn't break! The children were amazed and intrigued at this, especially when Mrs O'Brien stood on them too and they didn't break!!

We have also welcomed two new additions into our classroom-our beautiful baby guinea pigs which we were very excited to name on 'Pet Day'

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend!



Reception have had a super week learning about the story "Tilly's at home holiday." They have learnt that although we have had to stay at home during these unprecedented times, you can still have lots of fun in creative ways. They have been busy creating structures outdoors and imagining that they are going to sunny places. They have been using crates, tarpaulin, blankets and a range of other resources to create them. They are all looking forward to visiting the beach when it is possible. The children are very excited to travel on a bus soon, just like Tilly in the story. We have had some fabulous paintings and models of buses evolve during the week. The highlight of this week has been dressing up for Pet Day! The children were thrilled to compare their wonderful costumes.



Key Stage 1

Year 1

What a lovely week we've had together in the classrooms of Year 1. Our English lessons shifted from fiction to non-fiction, and more particularly to information texts, with our researching and writing of an information leaflet about famous London landmarks.

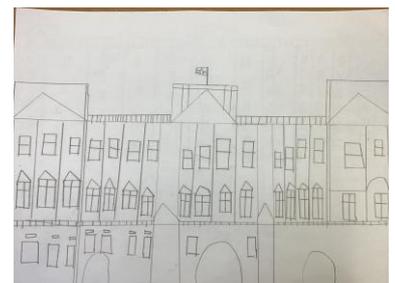


Looking back at how well the children were writing in December (when they wrote factual sentences about a toy) and comparing it to this week's writing shows an amazing amount of progress.

Sometimes we forget they are only 5 and 6 years old! In Maths, we have been telling the time, on an traditional, analogue clock, to the hour and to half past the hour, before using terms such as 'before', 'next' and 'after' to show our understanding of a sequence of events. In our P.E. session on Tuesday, we continued to enjoy some great, fun activities which allowed us to show off our agility, balance and co-ordination skills. We have also been focused on improving our handwriting, this week practising pre-cursive (getting ready to join) letter formations for *l*, *t*, *s* and *f* and encouraging each other to use this handwriting in all our written work.

Year 2

Year 2 have been exploring London this week in both their theme and English lessons. We have taken a virtual tour of Buckingham Palace and are working on creating an information leaflet to inform tourists all about the London landmarks they can visit. So far, we have written our introduction to entice our readers to want to find out more. We have also researched interesting facts about Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the London Eye and shared our findings with the class. In our theme lesson, we learnt all about how to create a line drawing of Buckingham Palace and then had a go at creating our own. It has been an exciting week! We can't wait to share our finished information texts with you next week! In Maths, we have been recapping our knowledge of multiplication. We have really showed off our understanding of inverse operations, looking at multiplication and division fact families.



Year 3 & 4

Year 3

It's been another busy week in Year 3 this week, where amongst other things, the children learnt all about the expansion of the Roman Empire in Theme! As part of the geography based lesson, we studied a map of Europe and watched as the Roman Empire spread from Rome in Italy, all the way to the North of England. Next, we put our map work skills to the test, learning how to use an atlas and completing timed team challenges, before discussing the 8 points of a compass in detail. Meanwhile in English, it's been all about story maps in preparation for our very own quest narratives based on the Firework Makers Daughter, we can't wait to hear these stories! Finally, in Maths, we have been continuing our fractions work and have been comparing fractions with the same denominator in a variety of ways, whilst in PE, our football skills have been further developed by the sports guru himself - Mr Towel! All in all, it's been another busy but fun week of learning in Year 3! Well done everyone :)

Year 4

Year 4 have had another fantastic week! We have been so impressed with the quality of learning that has been going on. We have continued with multiplication this week and focused on our 11 and 12 times table. We even found the time to have a dance with SuperMovers to help us remember the times tables! In English, we have been getting into the character of Beans and writing diary entries from her perspective. We focussed on how her emotions changed over the course of the book. Finally, in Theme we were able to use an atlas to locate the countries that were part of the Roman Empire. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning about how the Roman Empire expanded over time. Well done Year 4!

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. 1.5 hours a day 12.00-1.30pm, term time only. If you are interested and want more details or an application form please contact the school office. Deadline for applications is Friday 21st May.

Year 5 & 6

Year 5

Year 5 children have had a week packed full of grammar this week, as they have focused on all the technical aspects of writing an information text. Next week, they will be using all that they have learned, to write tourist information brochures about attractions in Greece. On Thursday, they all had great fun working in teams against the clock, to improve sentences.



In Theme this week, the children completed a comparison of England and Greece, looking at similarities and difference between aspects of physical and human geography. We compared the White Cliffs of Dover with the Corinth Canal Cliffs, Westminster Abbey with the Parthenon, Scafell Pike with Mount Olympus and Stonehenge with the Lion Gate.

In maths, everyone grappled valiantly with multi-step word problems (never a favourite!) and good progress was definitely made.

Well done Year 5 - you have all worked so hard this week, achieved great things and definitely deserve a good rest this weekend!

Year 6

Year six have had a cold, wet but fantastic week this week. We started with some high quality storytelling and witch impersonation from Mr Seath, followed by a lot of drama in preparation for rewriting the story of Macbeth. In maths we finally addressed the algebra dragon and while we haven't completely slayed it yet, we're definitely winning! In our theme we have been learning about where Greece is and what it's like compared to England. I know where I would rather be! Great job this week team!

Birthday Zone



Birthdays from 3rd May - 9th May.

Happy Birthday

Charlie G

Oliver M

Lauren F

Freddie F

Merits

RW	Isla M	RD	Emily M	1P	Lily-May M	1S	Frankie W	2A	Eva H	2G	Jack Q	3T	Haseeb K
3B	Olivia D	4O	Alice H	4J	Stanley W	5E	Ben W	5M	Charlotte R	6S	Karta W	6H	Ionatan C