

Cleves School

Newsletter - 22/09/23



walking in so confidently and independently. If you haven't given it a go yet, why not make it your Monday challenge.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we've been enjoying planning and drafting our own 'Heard it on the playground' poems. Pupils also practised editing their writing using a purple polishing pen before writing it up in their Special Writing Books. We have also been enjoying hearing pupils 'All about me' presentations and learning lots about our classes. In our whole class reading sessions, we have been sharing extracts from 'Winnie the Pooh' by A.A Milne and discussing the characters and any unfamiliar vocabulary. In maths, we have continued with our work on place value and we've been finding one, ten and one hundred more and less than given numbers, positioning numbers on a numberline and comparing numbers up to 1000. In science, we have continued our work on forces and pupils carried out an investigation to compare the amount of friction created on different surfaces using toy cars. In RE, we have been identifying the important people in our lives and how they have helped us and changed our lives. Next week, we will be learning about some of the miracles in the Bible and discussing how Christians believe Jesus has changed people's lives. Our PE lessons this half term are focusing on gymnastics and we have been practising different rolls, including the pencil, tuck and teddy roll and we will be working on creating a sequence over the next few weeks. In our topic lesson, we have been learning the difference between human and physical features and identifying examples of these in our local area. Year 4 have had a great week! The children have completed our first hot task of **Year 4**, which we are super proud of. They enjoyed writing a character description based on Nuwan, the main character in our book, 'The boy who saved a bear'. They are excited to finish the story to find out what happens! In maths, we have continued to learn about place value and have begun to order and compare 4 digit numbers. In science, we made it rain by completing an experiment using our knowledge of the water cycle. We have enjoyed spending some time sketching by the pond for our art lessons, focusing on lilly pads. We thought

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 25/9 - School Photographs
- 26/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning 1
- 27/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning 2
- 27/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 1
- 28/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 2
- 29/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 3
- 29/9 - Yr 5 Outdoor Learning 3
- 29/9 - 6B Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 4/10 - Harvest Service 5M (1.30 & 2.30pm)
- 6/10 - Harvest Collection
- 6/10 - Y6 Outdoor Learning - 6A 6C 6T
- 6/10 - Y6 Victorian Day - 6B 6P 6F
- 6/10 - 5N Class Assembly (1.30 & 2.45pm)
- 13/10 - PTA Discos
- 20/10 - Outdoor Learning - 6B 6P 6F
- 20/10 - Y6 Victorian Day - 6A 6C 6T

THIS WEEK

On Wednesday this week we had our annual service at St Mary's church to formally welcome our new year 3 pupils. It was lovely to see the church full with both pupils and parents and have the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the fantastic start our pupils have made. It was lovely to hear the children's singing filling the church.

Thank you for dropping off your children at the school gates. It's been great watching the year 3s

about what positive relationships and friendships look like in PSHE and have enjoyed learning about grid references, ready for our river trip next week.

What a fantastic week we have had in **Year 5!** We have spent plenty of time writing up our final piece of writing for our narrative on Mega City in Literacy. In Maths, we have continued on with our place value unit, focussing on ordering numbers and rounding them to the nearest 10's, 100's and 1000's. During Computing, we have looked at Digital Citizenship and have discussed the importance of being safe online and how we can use the internet appropriately. In Science, we have looked at different properties of materials and we even got to test some out in our experiment. We looked at several types of materials to see which ones were absorbent in order to rank them based on our observations. Within Games, we have continued on with our Athletic unit and have all thrown ourselves into fitness, running and practising throwing and catching. We have linked this closely with our PE lesson too, working on our team building and extending our coordination skills with some ball games. This week, we have been very impressed with the standard of writing from **Year 6** as they have written their first hot task, which is a descriptive narrative linked to 'Street Child'. We have moved onto a new unit of addition and subtraction in maths where the children have applied their knowledge by finding missing numbers and solving word problems. Continuing with our very interesting Victorian topic, we have begun learning about 'The British Empire'. First, we reflected back on our learning about Tudor exploration in year 5, and then how this developed into global trade and into the colonisation of countries which became the British Empire. The children have also enjoyed developing their observational drawing skills by sketching natural objects as part of our William Morris art unit. Finally, we have concluded our 'World Cup of Books' competition and these are the winning books.

- 6A - 'The Many Worlds of Albie Bright' by Christopher Edge
- 6B - 'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson
- 6C - 'Roof toppers' by Katherine Rundell
- 6F - 'Wonder' by R J Palacio
- 6P - 'Time Travelling with a Hamster' by Ross Welford
- 6T - 'Wonder' by R J Palacio

The children will now have the opportunity to read all the books in the competition over the course of the year.

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome Service

This week saw us officially welcome Year 3s in to our wider community with a church service at St. Mary's Church Oatlands. This was a really nice service which saw our Senior Choir perform a song about a Mad Moon, off by heart (having only had two rehearsals). We finished off the service with a song which definitely raised the roof of St. Mary's! Reverend Folli and Mr. Hodges closed the service also welcoming our children again. This marks the end of the Year 3s third week at their new school and hopefully they are now starting to well and truly settled in. Our next service is for Harvest in a few weeks time.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that on Monday, the photographer will be visiting Cleves to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure the children come to school looking smart and smiley!

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored tablets and how to talk with your child about their device. This week's explores laptops. It includes conversation starters and top tips.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.

