

Friday 25th September 2020

Prize Winners this week

Class 1: Jorgie May for 100% effort all week

Class 2: Ava for brilliant counting in tens and trying new foods

Class 3: Isabella for working hard all week in school and with homework



Class 4: Dion for excellent homework and super classwork all week

Class 1: This week our reception children have been very busy learning how to change from their shoes to wellies. I'm quite impressed with the level of independence with this task. The Velcro fasteners are a winner. With our all about me topic we have drawn ourselves, family members and our house. We have also had the scissors out and cut around shapes. In phonics we have all completed the first set, s a p t. Ask your child to search for them around the home – on cereal boxes, books etc. Ask what the initial sound is in an object e.g. cup, mug or plate. Then ask what sounds they hear in a word c-a-t, d-o-g, b-e-d, then to say the word in full, cat, dog, bed. I am going to send some flashcards home next week so they can practice at home, after they have been quarantined.

Class 2: This week we have been learning about the senses. We have revisited the sounds...ee, ea, ir and ow. In maths we have been looking at hundreds tens and units and counting in tens above 100. We have been writing recipe instructions too for our egg and cress toasties....yummy

Class 3: This week class 3 have been super creative. We have looked at writing instructions and how to engage readers. On Wednesday all of the children worked together to create their own individual crumpet pieces and fruity muffins. In line with our topic, we thought about the healthiest ingredients and voted on what everyone liked. We used measuring skills and talked about how the ingredients would change once they were mixed and cooked. Everyone did an amazing job and thoroughly enjoyed the end product! We have started to practice our ICT skills by using word to construct our own instructions and have explored how to use Spelling shed and Sumdog. A very busy and productive week, well done class 3!

Class 4: Again, Class 4 have worked really hard this week. They are loving their maths work. In English we have been looking at Diary writing and everyone has created their own 'Diary of a Healthy Kid' writing hilariously about the trials of trying to eat and keep healthy in the style of Jeff Kinney –the Wimpy Kid author. In French we have been looking at how to describe our appearances.

Next week we are in the Garden during playtimes so if your child does not have a pair of wellingtons in school please could you send a pair in for them (clearly marked with their names) Thank you.

Homework reminders:

Spelling Shed – A minimum of two games per night. (10 games for the weekly total)

Sumdog – A minimum of 5 minutes game play per night. (25 mins minimum for weekly total)

Extra work on both programs will be rewarded with Sumdog coins.

YEAR 6 MOVING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

We have just settled in so well after the summer but it is already time for year 6 and their grownups to start making plans for the move to secondary school. You will have been sent a transition email from Cumbria County Council. It has instructions and a code for placing your application on line once you have decided on your favourite school, and including your second and third choices. The closing date for applications is 31st of October. Please let us know if you haven't received this code for registering your choices.

St Benedict's have forwarded this link inviting you to a virtual open evening,

<http://www.st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk/message-for-year-6-students/>

ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES

There are a number of instances of puddings not being ordered on the lunchshop website when parents/carers have placed their order for the main meal. Please can you check that you also order the pudding part (even if it is only fruit available) as if the order is not complete and the notification of completion doesn't appear, your child's dinner order will not be placed and there will be no food sent for them. Thank you.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

In the week beginning 19 October 2020 we will be having individual parent and teacher meetings by phone. We will contact you nearer the time to arrange this and give you an update on how they are settling in and their progress.

READING BOOKS

Children will be bringing a reading book home on Fridays. Please read this with them for 5 minutes each evening. Encourage them to point to the words as they read, sound out and say it silly, as well as re-reading the sentence once they have decoded new tricky words. For older children please ask them questions. Questions might be...

About vocabulary, what does that word mean?

Can you retell the story in 10 sentences?

Predicting what might happen next based on clues

Recalling figures or facts they have read

Inferring something that isn't stated based on clues that are mentioned

Explaining how the story affects you emotionally or how characters feel.

Then please return the book each Friday and we will quarantine that one, then send home another.

As well as these take home books, we are also hearing them read in school, doing group reading and doing reading comprehension, so this should really boost their progress.