

Friday 25th February 2022

Prize winners this week:



Class 1: Dotty for growing confidence and super math's.

Class 2: Ernie for good measuring and a great attitude to school.

Class 3: Erin for lovely writing and superb note making.

Class 4: Kadie and Grace for organising a fabulous learning experience for us.

CLASS 1: Our new topic this half term is Geography: All Around the World. We will be completing some weather activities as well as looking at places and people from around the world. This week we have found China on the map, then in Art and Design we explored some work of Zhan Wang, a Chinese sculptor. The children enjoyed sculpting with foil and playdoh in his style. In food technology we sampled some Chinese cuisine such as egg fried rice, wontons, prawn toast and vegetable spring rolls. We looked at fruits grown in China and tasted Kiwi fruit and Mango. This week we have also begun to use a slightly different phonic scheme, "Essential Letters and Sound". Over the next couple of weeks your child may say we are doing things a little differently, however the change you will see is that your child's reading book will be more closely matched to their phonic ability. Please don't hesitate to ask myself or Miss Charlton if you have any worries. Thank you

CLASS 2: This week we have been learning about our new topic All Around the World beginning with the continent of Australasia. The children learnt how to use sequencing words when they wrote stories about 2 koalas, inspired by the story Clyde and Eustice. This was also the text for our reading comprehension work. We have also enjoyed our phonics session following the Oxford Owls "Essential letters and sounds scheme". Our previous scheme is no longer on the approved list and our new one is approved, and is better because it matches reading books to the sounds the pupils have been taught. Please read our attached leaflet about how you can support your child to learn to read. In maths we have been measuring the length of kangaroo tails as well as measuring in whole and half cms. In science we pushed playdough slabs together to learn how the forces on chunks of the Earth's crust can push together, causing a mountain to form. In art we developed landscape painting skills painting the Uluru rock and creating perspective by making the things in the foreground brighter colours. We also explored how sacred spaces make us feel and learned about why the Uluru rock is so important to the Aboriginal people.

CLASS 3: This week Class 3 have worked super hard. We have started our new topic focus of Mexico- then and now. Using research skills, we used laptops to find information about Mexican landmarks and compared them to the U.K's. The children have also jumped back in time to look at Ancient Mexico and the Mayans. The children placed Mayan settlements on a map and created posters and notes advertising Mayan temples. Continuing our topic focus, the children looked at Mayan art and astrology by making their own sun/ moon dials. Using our comprehension skills, we have looked at the Queens Platinum Jubilee, picking out key information and discussing the up-coming events. The children enjoyed watching the Trooping of the Colours as we discussed the traditions and history. In Math's, the children have continued their division skills, using our times table knowledge and columns with growing confidence. In Science, we set up our own investigation to test the permeability of different soils. We discussed how to make it a fair test and why it is important. The children worked in teams and as a class constructed a solid conclusion, adding in their findings and planning their next investigation. Well done Class 3!

CLASS 4: We are all happy to be back to school. We are on to a new topic which is Mexico we the year 5s have been making a story board that the year 6s are going to star in. We had a fabulous STEAM day where we learned all about houses in Mexico. This was planned and led by Kadie and Grace. They organized lots of fun challenges for us during the day to help us think and learn. World book day is on Thursday 3rd March. Class 4 are looking forward to coming to school as their favorite book characters. You do not need to by an outfit as many characters wear normal clothes.

General information

DATE AND TIME	EVENTS
Thurs 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day. Dress as one of your favorite book characters but please don't feel obliged to buy an outfit- see what you can make at home!
Wednesday 16 th March 2022	Y5 and Y6 visit to the library am, Science Event at St. Bees school 1.30- 2.30pm. They will need to bring a packed lunch.
Friday 18 th March	School Library Bus visit 1.15-2.00pm.
Wednesday 30 th March	Whole school visit to the Buddhist Centre in Carlisle and then a visit to Carlisle Cathedral. The pupils will leave Lowca at 9.00am and return to school for 3.00pm. The pupils will need a packed lunch.
Friday 1 st April	Finish for Easter Holidays 3.15pm. Back in to school Wednesday 20 th April 8.50 am
SWIMMING	THE NEXT SWIMMING LESSON SESSIONS FOR JUNIORS WILL BE MONDAY 25TH APRIL THROUGH TO FRIDAY 29TH April. The bus will pick them up at 12.30pm to take them for their lesson for 1.00pm-2.00pm from which they will be picked up and brought back to school. Can girls wear one piece swimsuits and wear hair tied back if it is long. Can boys please wear shorts that are above the knees as if they are long they are restrictive during the lessons. Can all pupils remove any jewellery. Goggles can be worn if needed.