

Clarendon Cottage



Newsletter

Small school. Big expectations

Mrs Hartley's Corner

Welcome back to our Spring term, I hope you have all had a wonderful start to 2019!

The children have all come back ready to learn and have made a wonderful start to the new term.

It is lovely to see some of our children wearing our new P.E kits, they really do look wonderful and the children are loving the long sleeved tops and trousers!

The new P.E kits are optional from now until the end of the academic year and they will become a compulsory part of the school uniform from September 2019.

January 2019

Fun in the snow!

The children had a wonderful surprise when they woke up to lots of snow on Wednesday.

They had so much fun playing in the snow, making fantastic 'Clarendon' snowmen, a huge snowball, snow tunnels and even a snow mountain.



Dates for Diary

- *WC 11th February—Prep 5 & 6 swimming lessons start—every Monday.
- *Friday 15th February—Junior Monochrome disco—6-8pm—£5 per ticket—food included.
- *WC 18th March—Test week—Prep 3-8
- *18-21st March—Scholastic book fair
- *Tuesday 26th March- Prep 1 and Prep 2&3 Easter play
- *Wednesday 27th March—Prep 1 and Prep 4 Easter play
- *Friday 29th March—End of term—Toy day and party day.

Prep 2 & 3

Prep 2 & 3 have had a very busy start to 2019!

In Science, we are learning about materials. We have identified all the different materials and went on a material hunt to find all the materials and used a Venn diagram to sort them. We are currently learning about the properties of materials and why they are chosen for different purposes.

In English, we have been looking at the text 'Grandad's Island.' The children have been using superlatives, similes and questions in their writing and their language use is really developing! We have also loved acting out different scenes from the story using lots of superlatives in our speech.

Our new Topic is 'The Flintstones.'

We are really enjoying learning about the Stone Age and how people lived. We were fascinated to learn about how they made clothes out of animal skins. We also loved having Prep 7&8 join us for one of our Topic lessons. Together we created some Stone Age jewellery and used lots of different techniques to manipulate our salt dough into the required shapes. We can't wait to join back together to paint them!



Prep 4

It has been an eventful January in Prep 4! The children have been learning how to write a non-fiction report. It is all based on Pirates! All of the children have loved learning about what pirates eat, what they wear and the punishments they get for not doing their jobs!

In Maths, we have focused on multiplication and division. It has been mainly practical and the class have done very well dividing by two, five and ten. Then they have used multiplication to check their answers.

Our Topic has started off with the children placing events on a timeline for our display. We also now know how a Stone Age man would find food and how they keep warm.

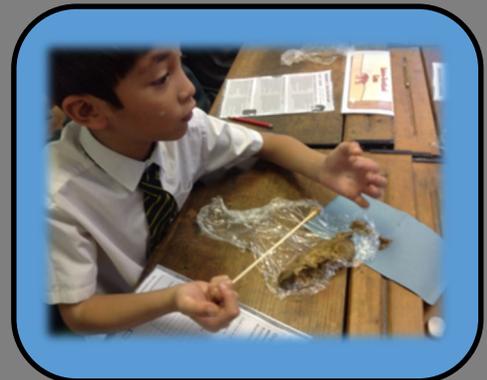
In PSHCE, all of the children have thought about what worries them and how they can help their feelings of worry by talking about it to a teacher or parent. Everyone has also thought about what they want to achieve in the coming year.

Prep 5 & 6

The first term back after the Christmas holidays has been a busy one for Prep 5/6. We began our new English topic exploring 'twisted fairy tales' and have been working very hard writing their own twisted fairy-tale.

In Topic, the class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'The Flintstones' exploring the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. The children have been archaeologists investigating remains from our history. 'Some' of the children loved getting their hands stuck into this activity. Other children were a little put off by the smell.

Prep 5/6 have also been working extremely hard on their reasoning and comprehension skills each week and I am very proud of them.



Prep 7 & 8

Prep 7 & 8 actually cheered when they discovered that our science topic this term was Earth and Space. At the start of every unit we discuss as a class what we would like to discover. For this topic I asked for questions they would like answers for- as you can see from the selection of questions I gathered, I think we will be using our research skills a lot this term.

Will the universe ever stop expanding?

What happens if you reach the end of the universe? Will you bounce off?

Could a Black Hole suck the Earth in?

Which star will Break - Through Star Shot go to? (Linked to the last project Stephen Hawking was doing)

How many UFO sightings have there been and what possible explanations are there for them?

How is a Black Hole formed?

We have started in earnest and the class have researched and written their own explanation texts based on key aspects of our Solar System. We are all looking forward to going where no class has gone before.