

Straight out of the classroom

Topcliffe C of E Primary School Class 2, 3 & 4 news



Class 2 - Phonics year 1's have been concentrating on different ways to spell the /ee/ grapheme. For example, /ea/ as in tea, /ie/ as in chief, /y/ as in very and /ey/ as in monkey. We are starting to check children's decoding skills by giving them alien words. These are nonsense words which they will encounter in the statutory year 1 phonics screening check in June. Year 2's have been looking at a variety of /sh/ endings to words e.g sion, ssion, cian, . . .

Class 2 – English. We have been continuing our work on homes using a video called 'Home Sweet Home' to develop our creative writing skills. We have thought about the conversations between characters and year 2's have then used speech marks to punctuate this correctly. We have also been writing a set of instructions.

Class 2 - Maths We have been working on measures recently. Year 1 have been using uniform measures to measure lengths and investigate distances. They have been comparing lengths using words like; shorter, longer, smallest... Year 2's have thought about a variety of measures: comparing, measuring and reading scales.

Class 2 - Afternoons We have started our topic 'Farm to fork' and we are working closely with class 1 on this. We are opening up our adjoining doors in the afternoon and have so far found this joint work to be really fun!

Class 4 news

Maths – In Class 4 the Year 6 children have been working extremely hard with Mrs Clay, preparing for their assessments next week. Year 5 children have been using various mathematical methods and techniques to solve number problems and challenges, including time related problems and expanding on their knowledge of negative numbers.

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Class 3 news

English

This week we have been researching the causes of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest and we will be writing explanations about this on Friday. The children have enjoyed discussing the issues and thinking about the impact that deforestation has. They have really enjoyed this topic and I am looking forward to reading their writing.

Class 3 – Maths

We have started to learn the short method for multiplication this week and the children are doing really well with it. Some of us have moved on to do some problem solving using multiplication and others are having lots of practice with the new skills they have learned. Our knowledge of times tables is a bit rusty though so any extra practice with these at home would be much appreciated!

Class 4 - English

We have been reading and exploring the Greek Myth 'Pandora's Box'. The children have created their own ending to the myth, completed a character study after detailed discussions about good and evil characters, and also written a letter of application for the job of a mythical creature. All the children have also written letters ready for their new teacher, introducing themselves and welcoming her to Topcliffe.

Class 3 - Afternoons

We are really excited about our South America topic! The children have made a fabulous rain forest display in the classroom, showing all its four layers as well as the different plants and animals that live in them. In Geography, we have been learning about Brazil – did you know that it is the world's 5th largest country? It has both tropical and temperate climates and is home to over 205,338,000 people. In Science, we are investigating how animals and plants have adapted to different environments and in PE we are enjoying tennis and athletics.

Class 4 - Afternoons

In the afternoons the children have started their new science topic 'Forces', experimenting and learning about gravity and resistance. In PE, we have been polishing our techniques needed for a successful game of rounders, as well as having an amazing opportunity to learn running and agility skills from Mr Baines. Making links to our myth 'Pandora's Box', we are making our own boxes, designing and creating mythical creatures using clay.