

Straight out of the classroom

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

Class 2 - Phonics – Year 1's have been looking at the /ay/ phoneme in phonics. We have revised /ay/ and /ai/ and learnt about a-e as a split vowel digraph e.g. cake and /ey/ e.g. they. We have read some poems with these words in and completed puzzles using these types of words. Year 2's have revised some of these graphemes alongside year 1's and they have been further exploring words with the /ay/ sound in but their words have suffixes on the end, for example, arateful.

Class 2 - English – We have watched a short film called 'Home Sweet Home' which the children have really enjoyed. This has inspired our writing and the children have thought of some great vocabulary to include in sentences. Year 1's have been really refining their sentence composition skills and working hard on linking their phonics to spellings. Year 2's have looked at some grammatical skills such as possessive apostrophes and expanded noun phrases.



Class 2 - Maths – We have been exploring fractions recently. We have enjoyed singing a couple of Number Fun songs to get our lessons started! Year 1's have been finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and quantities and year 2's have been finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a shape, quantity or measure. Fractions is always a fun topic as we get to do lots of practical lessons.

Class 2 - Afternoons – We are coming to the end of our 'We are Britain' topic and we have explored our capital city by reading a story called 'Katie in London by James Mayhew' We then wrote diary extracts pretending we were Katie and we wrote about some of the sights we saw. We have also found out about the 4 countries in the UK. In science we have been exploring habitats from around the world. We have looked at some photos and described what we could see and we have created collages of different habitats and drawn animals which might live in them.



Class 4 news

Maths – This week we have been recapping our fractions, decimals and percentages knowledge. We have looked at methods for dividing fractions by whole numbers and methods for multiplying fractions by both whole numbers and by other fractions. We have also been converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

To Divide a Fraction by a Whole Number:

- Step 1. Multiply the bottom number of the fraction by the whole number
- Step 2. Simplify the fraction (if needed)

Example:

$$\frac{1}{2} \div 3$$

Step 1. Multiply the bottom number of the fraction by the whole number:

$$\frac{1}{2 \times 3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Step 2. Fraction is already as simple as possible, so no need for step 2. Answer:

$$\frac{1}{2} \div 3 = \frac{1}{6}$$

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Class 3 news

English –

We have been finishing our very exciting murder mystery stories, full of suspense and intrigue. The children have been using different devices to create drama and tension in their stories as well as detailed description to help us imagine their characters and plot. I am going to enjoy reading them all.

Class 3 – Maths -

In maths we have been finishing off our 2D shape topic, finding different kinds of lines in 2D shapes. Can your child tell you what a horizontal, vertical, parallel or perpendicular line is? We have also been describing different kinds of angles and drawing shapes with different properties.

Class 4 - English – Some of Class 4's poetry writing is up in the cloakroom and I'm sure they would love you to pop in and read it! This week we have been writing a character descriptions about a fictional character called Beegu. The children have been working hard to apply all their knowledge to this piece of writing and use a range of punctuation. They have used a range of sentence structures to make their writing more interesting and cohesive.

The children have also worked hard to learn their lines for the Easter service. I hope you all enjoyed it!

Class 3 - Afternoons –

In the afternoon we have been enjoying playing Hockey in PE and have made some absolutely super junk models of a monster inspired by the Jabberwocky poem. They are now brightly coloured and have all kinds of moving parts, using links and levers, cogs and wheels. The children have really managed to bring their imaginations alive and have thoroughly enjoyed this project.

Have a fantastic Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Class 4 - Afternoons – Class 4 have been helping to plant apple trees this week. We dug holes in the ground, added manure and soil, put the tree roots in then filled up the holes. The children have also been keeping a close eye on the trees and watering them every day. Thank you so much for all your help this term, I hope you all have a fantastic Easter holiday!

