

# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Class News

**Class R** This week in our 'talk through stories' sessions we have been reading Supertato. The children have loved creating their own Supertato models and retelling the story. They have written some amazing speech bubbles for the trapped vegetables, using their phonics knowledge to sound out and blend words. Reception have also been enjoying our new supermarket role play area; they have been writing shopping lists and getting their weekly food shop! Alongside this, we have been learning all about a balanced diet. In phonics everyone has been working so hard and we have moved on to trickier books and writing tasks. Finally, Reception have been learning about numbers 0-5 and have been focused on 1 more and 1 less. They have been introduced to the addition and subtraction symbols and have enjoyed finding 1 more and 1 less of amounts. Well done!

**Class 1** In science this week we have been learning about the structure of animals. We found out what vertebrates and invertebrates are before completing a classifying activity which led us to finding out about exoskeletons. The children then completed a craft activity with some super representations of the skeleton of their chosen animal. In geography we discussed different types of weather, thought about what the weather might be like in each season and we have started keeping a weather record. In maths we have been working on our addition and subtraction skills. In PSHE we have been considering identity and it has been wonderful to hear the children identify their own talents and qualities!

**Class 2** We've had a brilliant start to the new term! Everyone has loved our new geography topic, Volcanoes and Earthquakes! Last week we learnt about the layers of the Earth to help us see how volcanoes are formed. In PE, we have started our gymnastics and hockey units. We have continued looking at plants and this week investigated how they transport water and how different temperatures affect the speed of water moving through a plant.

**Class 3** Class 3 have had a great first full week back at school! In maths we have been multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers. We have also been multiplying fractions by fractions - a great effort everyone! In English, we have collated evidence from the story about the inferences we have made about the main character, Bradley. We then created a character profile to describe what Bradley is like. In geography we started looking at British trade routes and researched the origin of popular items that we find in shops. In science we continued learning about the circulatory system and look forward to our investigation next week. A super week everyone - well done!

### Diary Dates

**23.1.25 2.50pm** Rearranged KS2 Cross Country League at Stubbs Field  
**3.2.25** Children's Mental Health Week  
**7.2.25** Number Day – come in clothing with a digit on, or make your own number/maths themed outfit!  
**14.2.25** Golden Book Assembly – families welcome  
**14.2.25** Break Up for Half Term  
**24.2.25** Back to School  
**4.3.25** SEND Parents' Evenings  
**25.3.25** Class 1 Trip to Thackray Museum  
**1.4.25 and 2.4.25** Class 3 Bikeability  
**4.4.25** Close for Easter  
More Spring dates to follow as they are confirmed!

### Clubs Spring 1

Our clubs this half term are:

- **Monday 12.00pm: Choir (Years 2-6)**
- **Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm: KS1 Sports Club**
- **Tuesdays 12pm in the library: KS2 Book Club**
- **Wednesday lunchtimes: Active Leaders Outside Games and Challenges**
- **Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm KS2 Drama and Dance**
- **Thursday 12pm: KS2 Indoor Games Club**
- **Thursday 3.15-4.00pm – Year 6 at Hockey Club**

Some clubs have limited spaces, we will be asking children to sign up to our lunchtime clubs for 4 sessions up to half term initially.

KS1 Sports and KS2 Drama Clubs have begun this week and Choir, Active Leaders and Hockey are ongoing.

If your child would like to take part in KS2 Book Club or KS2 Indoor Games, please ask them to sign up with their teacher on Monday.

Reception – we have plans for you coming up soon!

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## Awards

### Kindness:

Class R: Barney

Class 1: John

Class 2: Noah B

Class 3: Florence

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Millie

Class 1: Elizabeth

Class 2: Sebastian

Class 3: Ben

**Well done everyone!**

## Number Day

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, we are once again taking part in Number Day. It is a day to encourage a love of maths and support positive 'can do' attitudes towards mathematics with fun events, puzzles and challenges. We are also 'dressing up for digits' – encouraging everyone to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, rugby top etc) or even dress up in a maths themed outfit – be as creative as the children would like. We are asking for a donation of £1 on ParentPay towards NSPCC who are helping to organise the event and who need donations to be able to run their vital services such as Childline. Full details will be sent out next week.

## Active News

Well done to Effie, Harley, Skyla and Seb who represented us at the Calderdale School Games Bowling Competition on Monday. They were superstars – trying their best, supporting each other and having fun! They came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and got some impressive medals to show for it too. Congratulations to Mila in Class 1 who has achieved her Rise Discover 3 Gymnastics Award and brought her certificate in to share with us in assembly today.

## Reception Lining Up

Reception made a wonderful start to school last term and are becoming so confident and independent in their routines.

In the mornings, Reception are now going to line up in their playground to go in independently. Please can we ask that you say goodbye at the gate and send them in to line up for Miss Appleyard. Thanks!

## Home Learning Thank You

A huge thank you for all your efforts (children and parents/carers/families!) with home learning last week due to the snow and ice. We really appreciate your support with this.

## School Uniform Discount

[www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) are currently running a discount on school uniform orders. You can get 10% off with the code UNIFORM10% (expires 31.3.25) To find Calder Primary uniform, visit the website and search for 'Calder Primary'.

Mrs Pickup has also been restocking the pre-loved uniform in the entrance area and there is plenty of stock available at the moment. If you're looking for a particular item or size, you are welcome to email to check or pop-in and ask. Prices start from 50p.

## Overgate Thank you

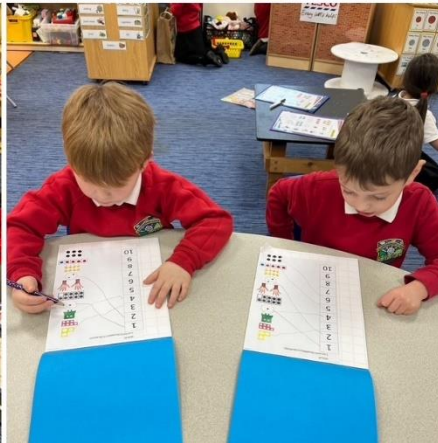
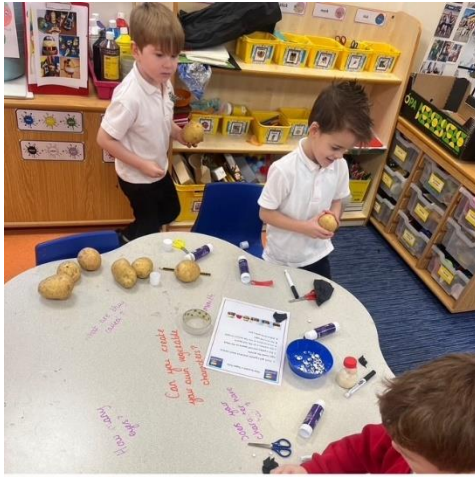
Thank you so much for your generosity in sponsoring our Reindeer Run again this year. As well as a fun morning of relay challenges together, we raised an amazing £958.50 for Overgate Hospice!

## Alumni

If you or any family or friends attended Calder High or Cragg Vale School (or both!) and would like to share your story of what you did next, we would love to hear it. We have been gathering alumni stories from sportspeople, musicians, doctors, business owners and more to inspire our pupils and students. Please complete [this form](#) if so!

## Tractor Run

Well done to Sam in Class 1 who, along with his grandad, came in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in the Christmas Tractor Run! The event also raised £35,162 for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice too, wow!



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