

# Calder Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Class News

**Class R** In maths we have been finding one more and one less as well as continuing to work on our subitising skills. In topic we have been finding out about migration, thinking about the different birds we might see during the winter and how we can help them during the cold weather. We spent some quiet time in our outdoor area and saw lots of birds flying above and settling in the trees around us. We were able to use our identification sheets to identify which birds they were based on their colours and size. In the craft area we have been making bird feeders and birds' nests. We have all done super reading and writing during our phonics lessons too! Well done Reception!

**Class 1** This week Class 1 have been working super hard in their topic lessons. We have been learning all about human and physical geography for example a park has mixture of both features - maybe this weekend you can have a look around you and try to spot human and physical features! In maths, Y1 have been learning about the number line to 20: we used skipping ropes and ordered numbers from 0-20 discussing the tens and ones value for each number- wow! Y2 have been learning all about money and they have been counting amounts using notes and coins. In science we have been learning about our senses and we even went on a senses observational walk to see what we could hear, smell, see and touch and then we ate some fruit for our taste sense. What a busy week, well done Class 1!

**Class 2** Class 2 have had a great week this week! In English we have started our new novel Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. We have started investigating the characters Fern and Wilbur as well as their relationship with each other. In maths, we have finished our multiplication and division unit and have done amazingly well learning the different written methods! In science we learned all about neutrons and protons and how they create static electricity. We have continued our P.E units of dance and tag-rugby and even had our first match of tag-rugby! Well done everyone, a super week!

**Class 3** Class 3 have worked hard this week in PE to learn more street dance moves and combinations as inspiration for building their own routines throughout the half term. They have also done a great job of understanding modal verbs this week and read further into our new class text. In Science, Class 3 have developed their own investigations into shadows. They thought carefully about what to change and what needed to remain the same for their investigations and results to hold validity. Finally, in topic we investigation vegetation within a variety of biomes and how certain plants have adapted to grow in specific areas.

### Diary Dates

23.1.24 Class 1's trip to Royal Armouries  
25.1.24 2.30pm Parent meeting about supporting emotional and mental health.  
2.2.24 9am Golden Book Assembly- families welcome  
2.2.24 NSPCC's Number Day  
5.2.24 Children's Mental Health Week  
6.2.24 Class R's trip to Cromwell Bottom  
9.2.24 Break up for half term  
19.2.24 Back to school  
22.2.24 Class 3 Mental Health Workshop 'kindness, friendship and social media'  
6.3.23 Class 2 Mental Health Workshop 'self-esteem'  
15.3.24 9am Golden Book Assembly and End of Term Awards – families welcome  
22.3.24 9am Easter Egg Hunt- families welcome followed by refreshments and Easter competition entries to view.  
22.3.24 3.15pm Break up for Easter  
8.4.24 Back to school  
16.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – in person  
17.4.24 3.30pm Parents' Evening – online

### Class Showcases

Each class would like to welcome parents and carers (or a family member such as a grandparent) in to showcase an aspect of their learning from this term and proudly share their work!

#### Class R

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm: Chinese New Year

#### Class 1

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm: History -Where we Live

#### Class 2

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm: Ancient Greece

#### Class 3

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.15pm: Beautiful Biomes

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## Golden Book Awards

### Kindness Awards:

Class R: Sam  
Class 1: Henry  
Class 2: Reuben  
Class 3: Maggie

### Stars of the Week:

Class R: Elizabeth H  
Class 1: Noah B  
Class 2: Ellie  
Class 3: Florence G

## Mental Health Session Reminder

A reminder that our Mental Health Practitioner, Amber Wrigley, will also be running a session for parents and carers on how you can support your child with their mental health on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm** and we hope you can join us.

*I will be available to meet parents and carers and aim to provide support and resources on a range of topics related to emotional health and wellbeing including signposting to local services. It will also be an opportunity to have general discussions and for me to gather feedback and ideas. Tea and coffee will be provided!*

*Amber Wrigley*

## Number Day

On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day, organised by Miss Appleyard. This is a national celebration of maths in a positive, fun way as well as a way to fundraise and support the NSPCC charity. Please see the letter emailed out for all the details.

## Pantomime

Skyla is in Beauty and the Beast the Pantomime from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February in Halifax – the poster is at the end of the newsletter for how you can get tickets. Well done, Skyla!

## Tapestry

A little reminder for Reception and Year 1 parents – we love to see learning at home on Tapestry! Please share reading, maths, independent learning and proud moments to help us see the full picture of your child. If you need any help with logging in, please ask. Thanks!

## Class 2 Times Tables

Thank you to the parents and carers that came to the information session this week about the Year 4 multiplication check that will take place in June. All schools are required to undertake the check and in a certain time period and we aim to administer the test to everyone in Year 4 on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The test is comprised of 25 random multiplication questions and the children will have just 6 seconds to answer each question. The most commonly asked questions are in the 7,8 and 9 times tables - so these are definitely ones to practice!

Each child in Years 3 and 4 has been given a log in to [timestables.co.uk](https://timestables.co.uk) and on there they can do a practice times table check. This will get them familiar with the types of questions and how fast 6 seconds goes! We are asking pupils to practice for the multiplication check regularly using this and also Times Tables Rock Stars.

Confidence and speedy recall of times tables has been proven to help pupils succeed in Year 6 SATs, into high school and on to GCSE maths as they are so crucial in so many different areas of maths work.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Mrs Holland*

## Calderdale Music Trust

Calderdale Music Trust, who teach our Class 1 and 2 music lessons each week as well as individual music lessons in school, have many new music opportunities at their centre in Halifax including clubs, bands and music lesson availability. There is a group for pupils who are learning or who have learnt ukulele - ideal for our KS2 children who would like to continue this – and a new Debut Rock Band group! They are offering free taster sessions throughout January at <https://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/> or search for them on Facebook.

If your child is interested in individual, paired or group music lessons at school, please enquire with Mrs Pickup.

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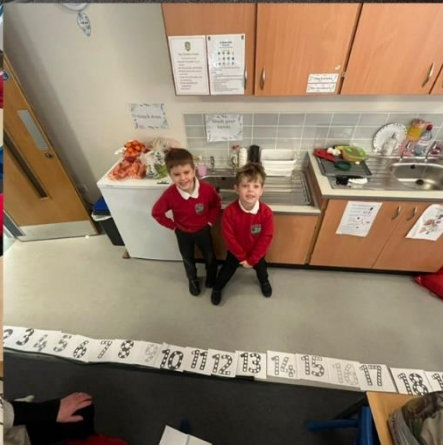
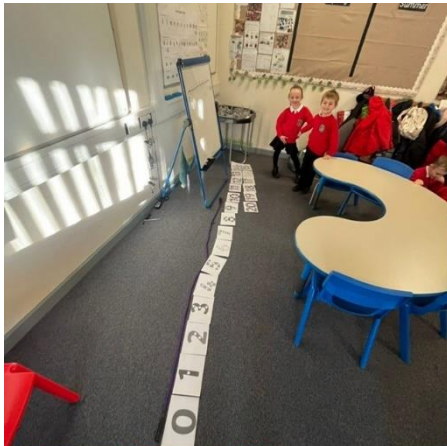
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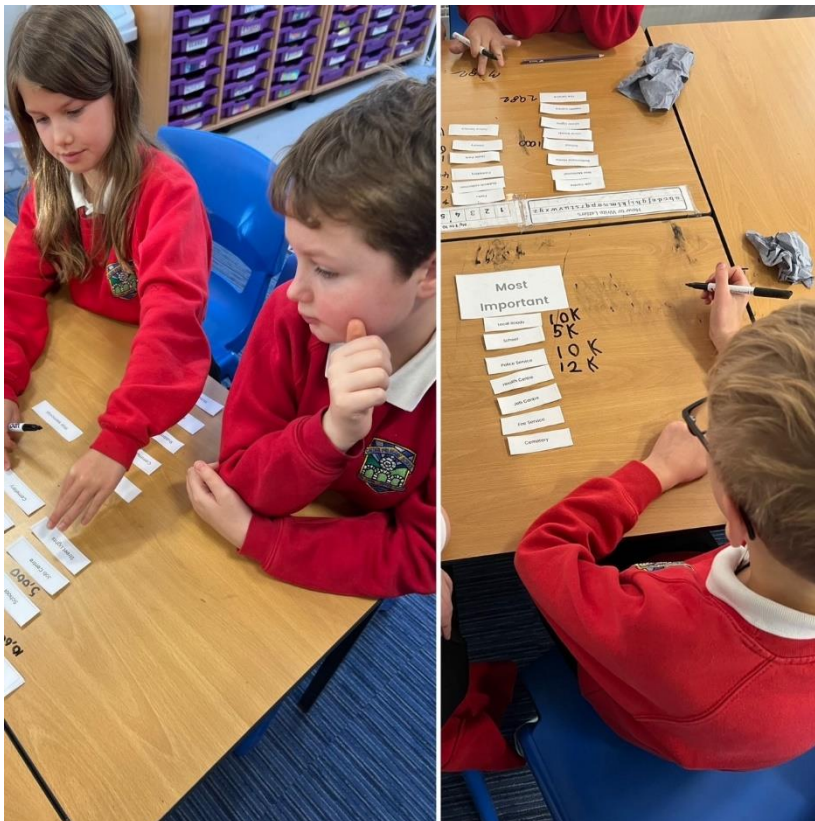
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