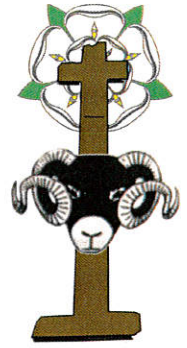




Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

9 February 2018



"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week in literacy we have looked at the role of determiners in a sentence, including knowing whether to use "a" or "an" as the indefinite article. We have also looked at the use of semi-colons to separate closely related clauses along with the auxiliary "helper" verbs "to be" and "to have".

In maths we have continued with data in the form of pictograms, bar charts, line and pie charts. In art we looked at the use of tone to draw pencil sketches of G.F.Handel. We have also looked at the incredible art and inventiveness of Leonardo de Vinci, who was a man clearly ahead of his time.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have been looking at the resilience traits of reflection, reasoning, resourcefulness and responsibility. As part of this work we watched a short video of the Hoyt family, who demonstrate remarkable resilience despite a lot of difficulties.

Class 1

This week in English we have been looking further into the thoughts and feelings of the main character in *How To Train Your Dragon* and how these establish him at the onset of his journey to becoming a Viking hero. We have looked at how flow charts can help us to correctly sequence and remember the story, paying particular attention to the three and five part structures of stories. We have also been focusing on identifying errors in our own spellings and in applying our phonics and homework learning to a greater extent in order to improve these in within everyday written work.

In maths we have extended our work on division into the area of fractions, looking at $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of numbers using a variety of practical apparatus, such as cubes and Numicon, and formulating our own various jottings. Our geography this week has been focusing on Glaisdale within the wider world during which we have compared villages, towns and cities and explored the differences between counties, countries and continents, as well as what distinguishes Great Britain from the United Kingdom. Our art work on the dragons that we designed has been completed, with the children producing some wonderfully detailed and colourful pictures to help decorate our dragon's cave.

Please note that children in Years 1 & 2 have been given times tables, as well as their weekly spellings, to practice during the half term. Thank you for supporting your children in this learning.

PLEASE NOTE: School resumes on Monday 19th February 2018

Diary dates for the week commencing 19th February 2018

Mon 19th: pm: Swimming (selected pupils only) – **bring costume, towel & warm hat**
Wed 21st: pm: Yr4 Forest Schools at Castleton – **wear appropriate clothing**
Fri 23rd: pm: Yr5/6 Indoor Kwik Cricket (letter to selected pupils to follow on Mon 19th)

Trip to 7 Stories, Newcastle – Monday 26th February

Please see the **attached** letter giving details of the trip. Please return the consent slip and contribution for your child/children to go no later than **Wednesday 21st February 2018**.

REMINDER – Swimming lessons – Mondays

For those selected pupils, please be aware that the **next £9 instalment payment is due now**, so please pay at the beginning of next term.

REMINDER – Forest Schools – Yr4 – Wednesdays – Castleton

Next term is the turn of all the Yr4 pupils to go over to Castleton for these sessions until we break up for Easter. They should come to school on the day in their outdoor gear, with warm waterproof coat/trousers plus their wellies, gloves, hat and a scarf. Please also consider putting in a spare pair of socks too for afterwards, as these can sometimes get wet during the session.

Dinner and Drinks monies – next term.

Please note that there are 5 weeks in the coming term but the children finish on Thursday 29th March.

Dinners - 5 x £10.50/wk - £2.10 (for 29th March) = **£50.40**.

Drinks – 5 x 75p/wk – 15p (for 29th March) = **£3.60**.

Please see on top of the newsletter what your child's balance currently is and either add on money to pay the full amount owed or deduct if applicable.

CHANGE OF DATE - World Book Day – Friday 2nd March 2018

Please note that School will now celebrate this day on Friday 2nd March. Your child/children will be encouraged to **come to school dressed up as their favourite book character** (a reminder will be given nearer the time).

Bonus Ball winner – As on 3/2/18 – Jackie Hunter – 38

News from Castleton Classes

This week in **KS1** we have been exploring floating and sinking and deciding which materials would be the best for life jackets. In English we have been writing instructions for our disgusting sandwiches that we designed and have made Mrs Grinling a recipe book with all our recipes in to help her stop the seagulls eating the lunch.

KS2: In English we have been looking closely at the character of Dad in “My Dad’s a Birdman.” We have discovered that he is acting rather strangely. The Big question is, why? We have started to look at mental health and how people can have problems with the brain for all sorts of reasons. It does seem like Dad has problems with his brain at the moment which is why Lizzie has to be his carer. We will look further into this issue, especially through the characters from the film “Inside Out.”

In History we have looked at the developments of the Hot Air Balloon and the very brave inventors who were prepared to experiment with this new and dangerous form of travel.

This half term, Yr3 from Glaisdale have been coming on a Wednesday afternoon to do Forest Schools with our year 3 children. They have focussed on learning to tie stopper knots, slip knots and reef knots and have used these to make structures to support their own bodyweight like rope swings. They have also used their skills to make objects of their own choosing. They have been thinking about working as a group to solve challenges and to describe how an activity makes them feel. They also baked bread on an open fire on the final session – it was delicious!!