

New Close News

Friday 17th November, 2017

Executive Head - Mr James Evans
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RABBIT CLASS

Maths: Rabbit Class have been practising thinking for themselves and choosing a method to help them solve addition problems. We have been using number lines more and more, as well as the **Chunk, Chunk, Whole** method to help them to **see** the problems they are trying to solve! Year 1s have been particularly impressive, becoming really independent with their methods!

English: We have been finishing up our topic on nursery rhymes this week. After creating some funny and scary nursery rhymes about dinosaurs and tigers, we have spent the week focussing on talking about the nursery rhymes, which ones we like (or don't!) and why we feel that way. Using the words **because** and **and** has been part of the challenge to help us talk with more information, and the Year 1s have even started using the words in their writing!

★ **Star of the Week is Henry, for being so enthusiastic about learning, and sharing his ideas for games with others. Keep it up, Henry!**

OTTER CLASS

Maths - This week, we have been consolidating our understanding of multiplication and division rules by multiplying 3 numbers (factors) to find a given product (answer) and using short multiplication to tackle larger numbers.

Eg: 35

X 6

In Ninja maths, we are working on speed and accuracy, as we answer 20 questions consolidating our knowledge of number partitioning in under 2 minutes!

Eg: $87 = ___ + 30$ or $50 = 95 - ___$.

English - This week, we have been writing our biographies of Roald Dahl, making sure that we include the text structure - and language features - which we have been learning about in our genre (style of writing) lessons.

Eg: Roald Dahl, *who* is famous for writing popular children's stories such as *The Twits*, was born on 13th September 1916.

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★ **Star of the Week is Amelia for really throwing herself into her maths and having a go without hesitation.**

HEDGEHOG CLASS

Maths: This week we have been learning to identify odd and even numbers, identify the division fact from the multiplication fact, e.g. $2 \times 10 = 20$ so $20 \div 10 = 2$

We have also been solving word problems using addition or subtraction (Y1) and multiplication (Y2).

English: This week we have been writing our information text about toys, using the planning from last week. We have been reading texts and answering comprehension questions about them. In grammar, we have been reading and identifying the four different types of sentences- statements, questions, commands and exclamations.

★ **Star of the Week is Sebrina for being an enthusiastic learner and for persevering.**

FOX CLASS

Maths

This week we have been developing our understanding of factors, multiples, including common factors and common multiples, prime numbers and composite numbers, recognising and using square numbers and cube numbers. Factors of a number are the numbers that can be multiplied together to give that number. If two numbers have the same factor, it's called a common factor. To work out multiples, the children really need to know their times tables. If something is a multiple of a number, that means it appears in its times table. A prime number is a number that can only be divided by itself and 1. Numbers that can be divided by other numbers are called composite numbers. When you multiply a number by itself you get a square number and when you multiply a number by itself twice, you get a cubed number.

$$2^2 = 2 \text{ squared} = 2 \times 2 = 4 \quad 2^3 = 2 \text{ cubed} = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$$

English

We have been continuing to read a variety of performance poems and identifying the appropriate features in each one. Building on this, we have developed our understanding of onomatopoeic words and the use of the subjunctive verb form. We thoroughly enjoyed writing some additional poem verses using the subjunctive form.

Onomatopoeic words - the formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named (e.g. *cuckoo*, *sizzle*).

Subjunctive form - formal vocabulary structures, e.g. 'If I were...', instead of 'If I was...'

★ **Star of the Week is Ethan for working hard to complete grammar tasks accurately and to reach the extension questions which he approached with great enthusiasm.**

SQUIRREL CLASS

In Squirrel Class we have been writing captions for newspapers and planning our newspaper report on the 'Hodgeheg'.

In maths we have continued to learn about negative numbers and have been solving word problems that involve these numbers. We have also been testing our times tables regularly to earn House Points!!

★ **Star of the Week is Elis for working very hard in all subject areas.**

Lunchtime Assistant

(permanent, term time only)

Hours: 5 per week (1 each day), Monday to Friday

Grade B, Salary range: £7.83 - £7.97 per hour

We are looking for a caring, lively and efficient person to join the lunchtime team:

- To prepare the dining area, serve the hot meals to our pupils and to wash up and clear the area afterwards;
- Who can fully engage and lead our pupils in fun and games through the lunchtime period;
- Who is enthusiastic, reliable and who has a good sense of humour!

Full training will be given, although a current First Aid qualification and/or a current Food Handling qualification would be an advantage.

How to apply

Please download an application pack from our website at www.newclose.wilts.sch.uk or ask at the school office.

Closing date: 24th November, 2017 (noon)

To start: December 2017

New Close Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The school nursing team will be in school on 8th December to give flu vaccinations to all children in Reception to Year 4 who have returned the consent forms giving permission.

FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost. For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school Office.

**For the attention of all parents
Will your child be four years old before
September 2018?**

**You must apply for a primary school place.
Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk
The deadline for all applications is
15th January 2018**

to request our booklet -

"Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire" or for a paper application form contact customer services on 01225 713010. All paper applications must be returned to the School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

Ist Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment & Warminster Community

WORLD RECORD NATIVITY EVENT 2017

Wednesday 6th December
Warminster Town Park (opposite Morrisons)

We aim to break the current Guinness World Record of 1,254 people taking part

To participate in this event, please arrive at the park from 1545 onwards. The World Record attempt will begin at approximately 1730.

To take part and to count in the final numbers, you must be dressed in nativity costumes such as Angels, Wise men/women or Shepherds. A simple costume is all that is required, along with the willingness to sing some hymns and carols

A military band will play music and food and drink vendors will be in attendance, as will a number of charities

Please come prepared for inclement weather...



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