



Autumn 2 2023

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another busy half term and 2023! As you can see from the class pages there has been lots of exciting learning throughout this half term and our performances from the nursery and Year 1 were just wonderful to see!

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our school community for your ongoing support throughout 2023.

All of the staff would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and safe Holiday and for our families celebrating, a very happy Christmas!

Thank you for your very generous donations for Children in Need we raised £785.65!

We welcome children wearing watches to school but ask that children do not wear SMARTwatches. A Fitbit or similar gadget that count steps only is fine, but any smart watch/device that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs is treated the same as mobile phones and are not allowed to be used during the school day.

Dates for Spring 1

16/01/24	6AW - Whitworth
22/01/24	Bumblebees / Y5 / Y6 Visit to Chester Zoo
23/01/24	Ladybirds / Y3 / Y4 Visit to Chester Zoo
24/01/24	Butterflies / Y1 / Y2 Visit to Chester Zoo
29/01/24	Y2 Visitor - Dentist
31/01/24	Y2 Visitor - Dentist
16/02/24	School closes for half term.

Our Parents/Carers Coffee morning is every Tuesday at 9am everyone is welcome.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is extremely important for your child's learning that they are in school and on time every day. Our school target for attendance is **96%**. Well done to those classes that have exceeded it this month.

Attendance for Autumn 2

Class	Nursery	Bumblebees	Butterflies	Ladybirds	1AS	1MG	1MN	2KW	2LF	2TS		
%	89.9	91	92.8	94.1	96.3	92.7	94.9	97.2	95.6	94.9		
Class	3JB	3JS	3LT	4CV	4KH	4RV	5PA	5SS	5TD	6AW	6BH	6HE
%	96.7	95.5	97.6	95.1	95.5	94.1	95.9	97	96.5	93.4	97.7	94.9





Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery

Our amazing nursery children have had a wonderful half term. They have really begun to settle into our school routines. In Literacy the children have explored two texts, 'Wow said the Owl.' and 'A Busy Day for Birds.' As part of our exploration of colour the children worked together to make a rainbow for our reading area.

In Maths we have been learning about patterns and counting and subitising numbers 1 and 2. The half term has concluded with our performance Songs Around the Christmas Tree. Well done to all the children for a fantastic half term.



Reception

Reception have been learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' this half term. We have been doing lots of writing, reading and creating with this story. We have also been making bread. The children followed the instructions, helped to mix and knead the bread. We then got to taste the bread, thinking about how hard the little red hen worked in the story. In maths we have been looking at what numbers make 3, looking at part,part whole diagrams.



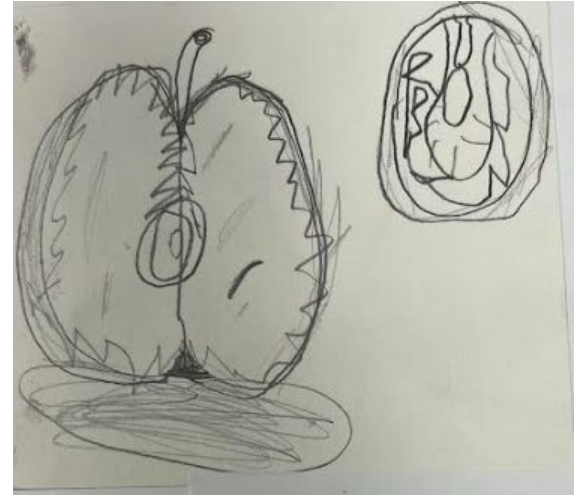


Key Stage 1

Year 1

In English, the children have rewritten the story of The Three Little Pigs, thinking about the materials that the pigs used for their houses. They also wrote instructions for making tasty 'wolf' soup.

In art, they enjoyed drawing fruit and vegetables from observation. They spent time looking at the lines to draw, the shapes of seeds inside the fruit and vegetable and also what colours they needed to use to make the food look juicy.



Year 2

In English, the children have produced brilliant book reviews all about The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig. They all definitely recommend that you read this book! In History, we learned about significant nurses and the children enjoyed taking part in drama activities related to this unit of work. Also, as part of our RE topic, we looked at how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah and we learned about the special objects that they have at home.

In Maths, the children have been working hard on learning the 10 times tables as well as describing 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, we have learned about living things and their habitats, observing and naming a variety of animals in their environment.

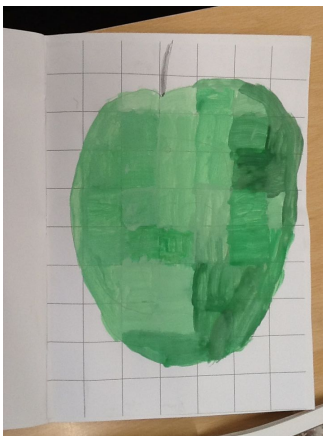
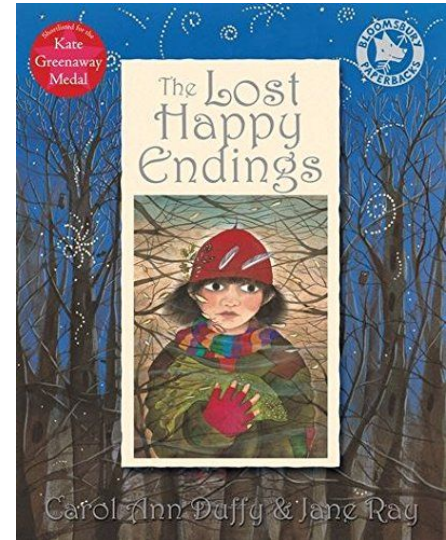




Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3

We have been very busy this half term. In history, we are learning about the Stone Age and we very much enjoyed taking part in drama activities related to this topic. Also, as part of history, we learned about cave drawings and created our own. As part of our RE topic on why people pray, we visited the Alfurqan Mosque. We were given a tour of the mosque and learned more about Islam. It was extremely interesting. In English, the children have enjoyed reading the book, *The Lost Happy Endings* and we have used this as stimuli for our narrative writing and our persuasive writing.



Year 4

Year 4 loved taking part in the Ancient Greeks workshops. Each class had four sessions involving drama and dance. The children learnt lots of new information about the Ancient Greeks that links to our current History unit.

In maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. It is great to see so many children who are able to solve calculations that involve more than one exchange.

In Art we have been exploring different shades and tints. We've used these when painting to create a 3D image.

In English, we have been reading the book *Fox* by Margaret Wild.

In Science, we investigated the effects of coca cola, water, coffee and orange juice on our teeth.



Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy half-term. In English, we have enjoyed reading the classic story 'Gulliver's Travels' as well as a biography called 'The Darkest Dark,' which tells the story of a famous astronaut. In maths, we have been building on our knowledge of fractions. In history, we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and what their lives were like. In science, the children have loved learning about space. We even took a trip to Jodrell Bank, where we were able to learn more about how scientists study space.



Year 6

In history, we have been learning about the Peterloo Massacre. We have looked at maps, explored jobs and laws and investigated a range of sources. At the end of the topic we had the opportunity to visit Manchester Museum, which we all enjoyed.

In science we have been very interested in learning all about the circulatory system. We now know how the heart works and what are the components of blood.

In English, we have loved making our own creatures. We have used our science knowledge- from Autumn 1- to design their habitat, diet and appearance. We have now made our own animal reports.



Reading

Class 2TS went to Powerhouse library and listened to the author Gav Cross tell lots of stories.

Bug Club

Remember to read books at home using Bug Club. If you are unsure of your log in, please ask your child's teacher.

Remember to bring your book bag to school every day.



Online Safety

At Claremont we have always taken online safety seriously. We realise that as adults it can sometimes be difficult to keep up date with some of the latest apps and games that our children might be accessing. We all worry about our children giving away their personal data because if your personal data falls into the wrong hands, it could lead to identity theft, bank fraud or something even more sinister. As parents, we can do many things protect our children including:

- Using security software;
- Keep data guarded (don't use names or dates of birth in email addresses);
- Don't overshare on social media;
- Be wary of shared networks;
- Play safe in online games.

"Think before you click"
To stay safe, keep your personal information private and make sure that the website you are using is safe..





PE and Sport

Year 6 Football Competition

We took 3 mixed boys / girls teams to play in a tournament at Platt Lane.

All the children showed excellent values of teamwork, fair play, honesty and respect. This was reflected in the results: Out of 6 teams we came 1st, 3rd and 4th.

Congratulations to Michael who was Claremont's overall player of the tournament. As a result he received a Manchester United shirt.

Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors training

Team Manchester came into school to train 20 children in Year 4 to lead activities out in the playground at lunch or break times. The children all really enjoyed the training.



School Games

Tennis competition

It was the turn of the Year 3 and 4 children to compete at William Hulme in the Mini tennis competition. We took two teams who competed against 5 other schools.

Both teams won more matches than any other team making Mrs Richardson extremely proud.



School Games

Sports Hall Athletics

We took 12 children (6 boys and 6 girls) to compete in the exciting sports hall athletics at Loreto High School in Chorlton.

The events included: soft javelin, standing long jump, speed bounce, chest push throw and a range of running races with an exciting relay at the end.

Out of 10 teams, Claremont came an amazing 4th place. Well Done to all who competed so well.





Spring 1

Our learning in Spring 1 will be:

Nursery

Animals
Numbers to 5, subitising, shape
Materials and plants

EYFS

Reception

Animals in cold places
Numbers to 20, subitising, estimate, compare amounts, number bonds to 5.
Looking after the environment

Year 1

English - The Gruffalo - Retell a story and Instructions
Maths - Place Value to 50, 3D Shape, Weight and Volume, Time
Science - Animals including humans - Mammals
Geography - The British Isles and its Seas
DT - Constructing a Windmill

KS1

Year 2

English - The Dragon Machine - Narrative and Instructions
Maths - Place Value, Statistics, Fractions
Science - Animals including humans- Humans and Animals
Geography - Contrasting Locality
DT - Baby Bear's Chair

Year 3

English - Stone Age Boy - Narrative and Information text
Maths - Place Value, Multiplication and Division, 2D shapes
Science - Animals including humans - Movement, bones and muscles.
Geography - Villages and Cities
DT - Electricity Poster

LKS2

Year 4

English - Theseus and the Minotaur - Report and Narrative
Maths - Place Value including negative numbers, Fractions, Length and Perimeter, Area
Science - Electricity
Geography - Europe
DT - Pavilions

Year 5

Queen of Falls - Information Text and Narrative
Maths - Place Value including rounding, Volume, Perimeter, Fractions.
Science - Properties and State of Materials
Geography - Brazil
DT - Bridges

UKS2

Year 6

The Viewer - Narrative and Instructions
Maths - Place Value including rounding and negative numbers), Decimals, Percentages.
Science - Light
Geography - Climate Change
DT - Steady hand games

