



Spring 2 2024

It has been lovely to see so many parents at our class assemblies over this half term. The children really enjoy sharing what they have learned in the different subjects.

Over the holidays it would be great if you could read with your child each day. Counting, cooking and measuring are ways to support in maths. Most importantly, relax and enjoy the time with your child. We look forward to seeing you and your child refreshed, rested and excited for the summer term.

All of the staff would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and safe Holiday.

For our families celebrating, Eid Mubarak!

For our families celebrating, Happy Easter!

Dates for Summer 1

Friday 19th April	Eid Party Day
22nd April - 24th April	Year 2 Class assemblies
24th April	EYFS Wiggly Roadshow Workshop
13th May - 16th May	Year 6 SATs

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

IMPORTANT POLITE REMINDER:

Please do not park or wait on the zig-zag/yellow lines near school. We have had a number of reports of children in danger due to cars moving off as families are crossing the road - in particular at our Claremont Road entrance. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 Spring 2

Class	Nursery	Bumblebees		Butterflies	Ladybirds	1AS	1MG	1MN	2KW	2LF	2TS	
%	93.3	96.5		91.4	96.1	94.2	97.6	93.2	97.3	96.1	97.3	
Class	3JB	3JS	3LT	4CV	4KH	4RV	5PA	5SS	5TD	6AW	6BH	6HE
%	92.6	91.6	94.7	96	91.6	93.9	94.8	95.4	96.5	97.3	95.9	96.5

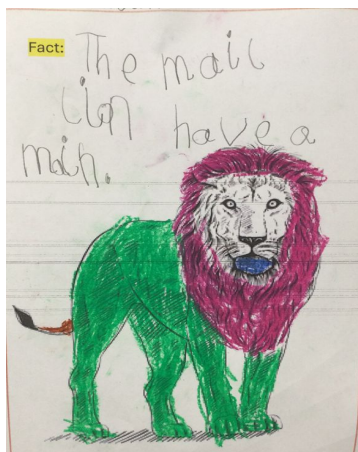




Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery

This half term the children have been learning all about growth and life cycles. We have been reading the book 'cow's go BOO' and come on Daisy. We have loved learning all about the farm and visiting Smithills farm where we met different animals and even went on a tractor and donkey ride! We have loved making animal masks and singing songs for our parents in our assembly. Thank you for all the parents who came along to our farm trip and our assembly. In Maths we have been learning all about Height, length, capacity and mass. We have had an exciting and busy spring term!



Reception

This half term we have been busy learning about animals that live in hot countries. First, we read Elmer and completed some wonderful activities around Elmer. Then, we explored a nonfiction book- Lion. From that book we learned so many facts and new information about lions. The children enjoyed making lion face masks, creating lions in the playdough area and writing all they knew about lions. The children have also learned about shadows and double numbers this half term. It was been a fantastic, busy half term- well done, Reception!





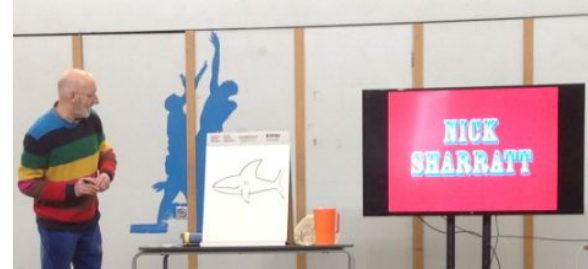
Key Stage 1

Year 1

In English, the children have written a recount about Mrs Honey's Hat. This has helped them to remember the days of the week.

We had a lot of fun for World Book Day this half term. We read our favourite stories, talked about characters in books and designed our own bookmarks. We were lucky to have the opportunity to go to the Powerhouse Library and meet the author Nick Sharratt.

In Art, the children worked as a team to create a 3D sculpture - 'The Tree of Life'.



Year

2

Year 2 have had a very busy half-term.

In English, the children have produced great narratives based on The Lonely Beast story. They have also been learning how to measure length, mass, capacity and temperature. In science we have been carry on working on our healthy habits, observing how exercise produces different changes in our body.

Year 2 have also learnt so many interesting facts about the Great Fire of London, participating in drama sessions to embed all of this knowledge.

As part of our Art project, Year 2 have designed and created Tudor houses out of clay. What a fun and enjoyable project!





Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3

Year 3 have had some really fun lessons this half term. In English, we learned how to do magic tricks so that we could write an instruction text. Our teachers dressed up as Abdul Kazam from Leon and the Place Between and we wrote character descriptions. In Science, we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow. We used food colouring to show us that water is transported from the stem to the leaves and the flower. We also carried out an experiment to see if a plant could survive without light. In maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions.



Year 4

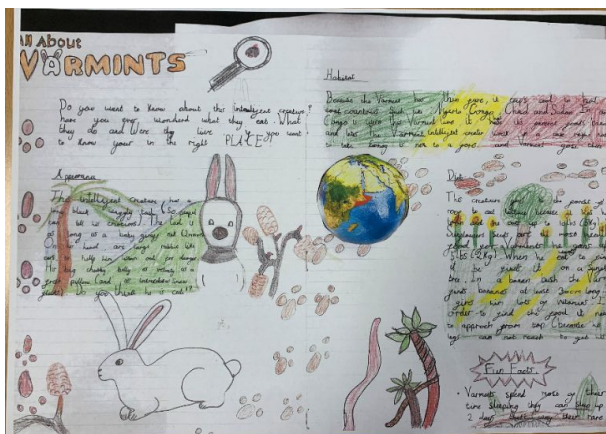
Year 4 have been engaged in fabulous learning across various subjects. In English, they have delved into the fascinating world of crocodiles, crafting non-chronological reports that showcased their impressive research skills. Additionally, they used their descriptive writing abilities to create vivid setting descriptions. In History, we have journeyed back in time to explore the Olympics in Ancient Greece and in Science, we have been learning about sound and how it is made, travels and how we hear it. Also 4CV visited the powerhouse library. This trip provided our students with valuable exposure to the world of literature, fostering a love for reading and learning.



Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

Year 5 have had a very enjoyable Spring 2! In English, the children have written fantastic recounts of 'Queen of the Falls,' a thrilling story about the daredevil Annie Taylor. Building on their knowledge of Brazil, they have also written persuasive letters to convince travelers to visit Rio de Janeiro. In maths, the children have become experts at fractions, decimals and percentages, and have recently begun learning about shape. In History, the children have enjoyed several drama sessions focussing on Anglo-Saxons, which has supported their learning about the Vikings this half-term. They've even had the chance to design their own beautiful Viking longships!



Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard this half term. We enjoyed our English work - based on 'The Varmint' by Helen Ward. We first explored the contrast between settings in artwork and then used these to write our own suspense narratives. We then, created information texts about the creature from the story. In maths we looked at percentages, angles and algebra. But the children really enjoyed their science work - making circuits from wires, bulbs and batteries. They also performed their musical compositions.





Reading

This half term we have celebrated World Book day in school. The children in key stage 2 visited classrooms and read to the younger children and all the children visited our book swap events. There were lots of amazing costumes that day too.

Our Year 5 Reader Leaders have been very busy reading every week with children in year 2 and 3.

Remember to bring
your book bag to
school every day.



Safeguarding

Minecraft is a popular gaming app. Children create a world and use resources in the game to make this world into a thriving community. The game features fictitious characters such as monsters, however they are presented as lego-looking characters so most young player will not be distressed by this.

Players have a choice to either **chat with strangers** or **limit chat to people they know**. Children should set up a private server, and parents should be vigilant in checking if their child has allowed strangers to join.



At Claremont Primary School we are committed to promoting equality of opportunity, eliminating discrimination and harassment, valuing diversity, and promoting positive relationships. We believe that diversity is a strength which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach, and visit us. We provide a neutral and inclusive education which enables all pupils to develop their full potential.





Big Plastic Count

Thank you for everyone that took part in the big Plastic Count Week. We have collated the school results, they are below. We will be working with the children on this next term.

PLASTIC FOOTPRINT OF CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

IN ONE WEEK, CLAREMONT PRIMARY
SCHOOL THREW AWAY:

4,266

PIECES OF PLASTIC

OVER A YEAR THAT'S
EQUIVALENT TO:

221,832

PIECES OF PLASTIC

WHAT WAS CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL'S PLASTIC PACKAGING WASTE USED FOR?



77%

FOOD & DRINK



18%

TOILETRIES & CLEANING



5%

EVERYTHING ELSE

WHAT HAPPENS TO CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL'S PLASTIC PACKAGING WASTE?



22%

RECYCLED IN THE UK

Plastic waste that is sorted and processed in the UK
then turned into new materials.



19%

EXPORTED

Plastic waste that is shipped overseas for processing,
but much of it also ends up being dumped or burned.



49%

LANDFILLED

Plastic waste that is disposed of by burying it in the
ground.



10%

INCINERATED

Plastic waste that is disposed of by burning it. This
releases carbon, toxins and pollutants.

Please remember - this is not about individual responsibility.

Too much single-use plastic is produced without reusable alternatives that suit everyone's
needs.

