Dear Parents/Carers,
The children have settled back in from the festive break and have been working hard starting their new units of learning. You can find out what the topics of work are on one of the following pages.

## Times Tables Rockstars

Some of you may be aware that I have altered some of the settings in Times Tables Rockstars. In the garage games, I have set most of the children (unless teachers have set specific times tables or parents have requested times tables) to automatic. They need to complete the initial assessment in the garage game first for them then to be given the most appropriate starting point for them; for some this may be the 2 and 5 times tables, for others it may be the full range.

I am hoping that by doing this, it will encourage more children to use it at home, as they will find that they are more successful with it, as the tables will be suitable for them.

Please do encourage them to complete this first garage gig. You can also choose which tables you wish for them to practise in the 'studio' game-as far as I am aware, they can earn points for the class battles no matter what game they play.

A reminder that it is part of your child's weekly home learning to play on this for at least 15 minutes per week. Please do support us in this.

## ST-ART week

Last week, the children started their topics with a focus on art and DT (some have still to complete this for one reason or another). They worked hard on developing a range of skills and took part in the following:

Year 1: DT-designing and making rooms for a house; a focus on hinges and joining materials.

Year 2-Art-focus on the artists Paul Klee; recreating a Florence Nightingale portrait in his style

Year 3-Art-Neolithic era cave paintings; focus on use of charcoal and pencil types

Year 4-DT-making bread (Walliams class will do this when Mr Dymott returns)

Year 5-Began to look at tapestry and will be designing and creating their own using textiles

Year 6-Art-Tudor portraits after studying the portrait artists Hans Holbein.

There are fantastic examples of the work up on display around the school.

[^0]| Important dates |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 26/1 | Year 1 parents/carers reading/phonics workshop 9a.m. details |
| 2/2 | Year 2 parents/carers reading workshop 9a.m. details to follow |
| 7/2 | Children's mental health week |
| 8/2 | Safer Internet dayonline safety parents workshop 9a.m.-details to follow |
| 11/2 | End of term 3 |
| 21/2 | Start of term 4 |
| 24/2 | Year 4 \& 5 residential zoom information session 4.15p.m. |
| 3/3 | World Book Daydressing up details to follow |
| 20/3 | Last week of clubs |
| 30/3 | Year 1 parents evening early times |
| 31/3 | Parents evening |
|  | Year 1 parents evening (late times) |
| 1/4 | End of term 4 |
| 19/4 | Start of term 5 |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 24 / 4- \\ 27 / 4 \end{array}$ | Years 4 \& 5 residential |
| 27/5 | End of term 5 |



The children have had a busy four days; baking Gingerbread men, making mini bird feeders up at the meadow, storytelling and much more.

The Literacy focus has been learning to retell the Gingerbread Man story.
In Numeracy, the focus remains the composition and representation of the number 5. Additionally, weighing and sharing ingredients for baking has of course promoted lots of rich number talk too.

We hope the gingerbread men were tasty!


| Date | Activity idea |
| :---: | :---: |
| THIS WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | To celebrate Winnie the Pooh day, draw a Winnie the Pooh character <br> How To Draw Winnie The Pooh Step By Step प [Winnie The Pooh Drawing Easy - YouTube <br> Winnie the pooh. Easy character drawings $\mid$ Winnie, Tigger, Iyor, Piglet <br> - YouTube |
| LAST WEEK'S ART CHALLENGE | Drawing a Bluebird...well done to the following: |

What have the Craylearners been learning about this week?

Ask your child to show you their learning from this week at home.

| Year group | Maths | Spag |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elmer / Funnybones | Addition <br> Spring1.2.5 - Find and make number bonds on Vimeo | Nouns and adjectives <br> What are adjectives? - BBC Bitesize |
| Gruffalo/ <br> Stickman | Multiplication <br> Spr2.1.4 - Multiplication using the $\times$ symbol on Vimeo | gn/kn spelling words <br> Year 2 Spelling: gn and kn - YouTube |
| Dahl/Wilson | Multiplication \& division <br> Spr3.1.3 - Related calculations on Vimeo | Subordinate clauses <br> Exploring subordinate clauses - Year 3-P4 English - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize BBC Bitesize |
| Walliams/Simon | Assessments | Adverbs <br> What is an adverb? - BBC Bitesize |
| Horowitz/Fine | Multiplication <br> Spr5.2.1 - Multiply 2-digits by 2-digits on Vimeo <br> Spr5.2.2 - Multiply 3-digits by 2-digits on Vimeo | Adverbial clauses <br> Using adverbs and adverbial phrases - Year 4-P5 - English - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize |
| Morpurgo | Decimals <br> Spr6.1.4 - Multiply by 10100 and 1000 on Vimeo <br> Spr6.1.5 - Divide by 10100 and 1000 on Vimeo | Prepositions <br> Using prepositions - Year 4-P5 - English Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize |

What vocabulary will we be learning?

|  | LITERACY | NUMERACY | STAR | SCIENCE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YEAR 1 | The magic porridge pot | Addition and subtraction within 20 <br> Add <br> Subtract <br> Altogether <br> Total <br> difference | Has where we live always been like this? <br> house <br> television <br> Internet <br> King <br> Queen <br> stereo <br> gramophone <br> fire place <br> old/antique new/modern | Everyday materials <br> Types of materials: wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock, brick, fabric, sand, paper, flour, butter, milk, soil <br> Properties of materials: hard/soft, stretchy/not stretchy, shiny/dull, rough/smooth, bendy/not bendy, transparent/not transparent, sticky/not sticky |
| YEAR 2 | The papaya that spoke | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share | How did the Victorians change nursing? <br> Florence Nightingale Crimean War <br> Nurse <br> Soldier <br> Lamp <br> Turkey <br> Scutari <br> Wounded diseases germs | Animals including humans <br> Classification - Birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates |
| YEAR 3 | Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share Arrays <br> Money | What was life like in the Stone Age? <br> Stone age flint <br> Pre-history carbon dating hunter <br> Homo-Sapians fossil archaeologist palaeontologist anthropologist Neanderthal | Rocks <br> Names of rocks - Chalk, limestone, granite, basalt, sandstone, flint, slate, shale, marble <br> Types of rock - Sedimentary, metamorphic, igneous |
| YEAR 4 | Thieves of Ostia by Caroline Lawrence | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share Arrays <br> Area | Why did the Romans invade Britain? <br> What was the legacy of the Roman invasion on Britain? <br> Romulus <br> Remus <br> Aeneas <br> Latin <br> Romans <br> Republic <br> Emperor <br> democracy <br> tribune | Electricity <br> Appliances: fridge, freezer, TV, computer, iron, kettle, etc Series circuit <br> Components: battery, bulb (lamp), bulb (lamp) holder, buzzer, crocodile clip, leads, wires, <br> Switches - open, close |
| YEAR 5 | Beowolf by Michael Morpurgo | Multiplication and division groups of lots of share Arrays | What happened after the Romans left Britain? <br> Vikings <br> Anglo Saxons long boat <br> Bayeaux Tapestry runes <br> Offa's Dyke thatched house Alfred the Great | Forces <br> Gravity <br> Friction air resistance Upthrust |
| YEAR 6 | Holes by Louis Sachar | Decimals <br> Tenths <br> Hundredth <br> Thousandths <br> Percentages | During which Queen's reign was the most progress made Elizabeth 1 or Victoria? <br> Sir Francis Drake colonisation steam engine Industrial revolution monarchy Great Exhibition inventors Tudors Victorians trade | Electricity <br> Electricity <br> Volts <br> Series circuit <br> Components: battery, bulb (lamp), bulb (lamp) holder, buzzer, crocodile clip, leads, wires, switch <br> Conductor, <br> Insulator |



To be a Craylearner, you need to be in school every day! $100 \%$ is what I really want to see!
Less than $96 \%$ means you will struggle to be a Craylearner!

| Class | Attendance this week | Number of children off this week |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elmer | 91.6\% | 4 |
| Funnybones | 95.8\% | 3 |
| Gruffalo | 95.0\% | 3 |
| Stickman | 87.5\% | 6 |
| Dahl | 99.1\% | 1 |
| Wilson | 88.3\% | 5 |
| Simon | 95.8\% | 3 |
| Walliams | 95.8\% | 2 |
| Fine | 90.0\% | 5 |
| Horowitz | 91.2\% | 4 |
| Morpurgo | 88.7\% | 4 |
| WELL DONE TO........Dahl Class for having the highes $\dagger$ attendance this week! |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: |
|  | This week's battles |
| Elmer ws Funnybones $3869 \quad 494$ <br> ELMER WINS! <br> Stickman Ns Gruffalo $4106 \quad 7173$ <br> GRUFFALO WINS! <br> Dahl ws Wilson $15,100 \quad 2976$ <br> DAHL WINS! <br> Simon vs Walliams $4727 \quad 5650$ <br> WALLIAMS WINS! <br> Fine ws Horowitr $25,477 \quad 2992$ <br> FINE WINS! <br> Morpurgo ns Dahl $1322 \quad 15,100$ <br> DAHL WINS! | Year 6 Ns Year 4 <br> Year 1 NS Year 2 <br> Year 5 Ns Year 3 <br> please try to play the garage GAME FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES THIS WEEK! |

## TOP 3 PLAYERS IN EACH YEAR

| Elmer | Funnybones | Stickman | Gruffalo | Dahl | Wilson |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arlind | Finley | Alexander | Evie | Zain | Helena |
| Aaliyah | Nate | Evelyn | Olivia | Chidera | Harmony |
| Hunter | Aryan | Freddy | Angela | Fawaz | Towobola |
| Simon | Walliams | Fine | Horowitz | Morpurgo |  |
| Roman | Eleanor | Habib | Ben | Maximillien |  |
| Amelie | Emilie | Vihaan | Poppy | Ernie |  |
| Endri | Tilly | Selina | Thomas | Daniel |  |

Each week, this newsletter will celebrate all those at The Craylands School who received a Craylearner certificate, R.O.A.R. certificate, HERO bear and the winning team.

Our pupils really are champions at Craylands!


The R.O.A.R. certificates were issued to.........

| Hungry C |  | Dahl | Tristan |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rainbow Fish |  | Wilson | Harmony |
| Elmer | Hunter | Walliams | Whole class |
| Funnybones | Finley | Simon | Daniel |
| Gruffalo | Frankie | Fine | Ella |
| Stickman | Enzo | Horowitz | Aaliyah |
|  |  | Morpurgo | Ellie |



Morpurgo Ellie

This week's HERO (Here Every day Ready On time) Attendance Bear is awarded to ...

Dahl Class

## Achievements outside of school...


[^0]:    Clubs
    These start from Monday 17th January; there are NO teacher led clubs on MONDAY 24th JANUARY DUE TO STAFF TRAINING.

