



Butter Cove Class

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 29th April 2022



Home Learning

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At Thurlstone we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Children are expected to read at least four times a week. Please also encourage the children to bring their reading records to school. It is wonderful to see which books they are reading and to share their favourite characters and stories with them.

Times Tables

The class of Butter Cove have logins and passwords to enable them to practise Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots at home. Please encourage this as much as possible. Memorising times tables makes it far quicker and easier for children to work out maths problems in their heads. Moving beyond using their fingers to work out answers, they'll gradually be able to use their knowledge to quickly solve any multiplication questions.

Every week, I will set spellings. The children will have a sheet of look, cover, write and check spellings to complete ready for an assessment the following week.

Dear all,

I hope you are well and enjoyed the Easter break with your families. The children have returned to school rested, energised and very much taller!

This week in Butter Cove...

As mathematicians, the children consolidated their learning from last term with a fractions post block assessment. I am very impressed with their fluency and understanding of fractions which will now continue to support them with our new unit for this term – decimals. Year 4 began their week by learning how to make a whole using tenths and hundredths and writing decimals by making a number represented on a place value chart. Then, they completed sentence stems to describe each number. Year 5 added decimals within 1 using number lines to support them to work out the additions. Then, they subtracted decimals within 1 using the same method.

This term sees the beginning of our new unit in RE – 'What would Jesus do? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21st Century?' The children studied Jesus' Mission Statement and compared that to our Schools'. After a lengthy discussion, we concluded that there are many similarities, including respect for the individual, democracy, individual liberty, respect, tolerance and inclusiveness. The children also created some beautiful artwork to enhance our display!

As historians, the children are very excited to be learning all about The Ancient Greeks. This week, we began by putting into order some of the key events from Ancient Greece. We looked at the Ancient Greek time periods and then colour-coded them by highlighting and placing these in chronological order. They made a key on their timeline to show which time period each highlighted colour represented. We learnt that democracy was introduced in Athens during the Classical Period and Athens became the centre piece for advanced art and philosophy during this time period. For their home learning this week, I would like the children to choose one of the periods from their timeline and research it in more detail. This website is a good place to start:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zxytpv4>

Some very lucky children attended their first dinghy sailing session on Wednesday. It was a rather chilly afternoon, but the sun shone and they had a fabulous time – they can't wait to have another go next week!



The children had a wonderful time at Forest School with Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Callard and Becky on Thursday morning and enjoyed a sunny PE session with Miss Worden on Friday afternoon (in preparation for Sports Day) practising running activities, exploring sprint techniques and different ways of jumping for height and distance. WOW! What a busy week they've had!

Please come and see me if you have any questions, I am on the playground at the end of each day.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

Mrs Hatch

Star of the Week!



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George

Thank you for your consistent and positive attitude to learning in all aspects of the curriculum in Butter Cove. Your work is always beautifully, thoughtfully and carefully presented and your inquisitive, humorous nature always adds an extra dimension to our class discussions! Well done George, you're a super SUPERSTAR!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

The last week of term's attendance was 94%

Let's try and improve next week!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 25th May – Queens Jubilee Community Cream Tea

Monday 30th May – Friday 4th June – Half Term

Monday 6th June – Additional Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th June – INSET Day

Thursday 30th June – Sports Day & family Picnic Lunch

Friday 22nd July – End of the Year