



# Butter Cove Class

Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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. The weeks are certainly flying by, and we have been very busy learning all about incredible people and places from around the world.

### This week in Butter Cove...

As inquisitive historians, the children loved finding out about the Ancient Greek city states of Athens and Sparta. They compared the states similarities and differences and discovered that Athenian society, which was based on trade, valued art and culture and was ruled under a form of democracy. Spartan society, on the other hand, was a militant society whose economy was based on farming and conquering. We posed the question – does our geography determine our fate? Some extremely deep discussions arose which made us think about our own lives and how very lucky we are to live where we do!

As creative and aspiring artists, the children were keen to uncover the work of Paul Klee, an artist inspired by Picasso and Barque who, in 1908, began cubism – a revolutionary new approach to representing reality. In his own work Klee often strove to achieve a simplistic piece of work, often by using intense colours, line drawing and simple shapes. Over the coming weeks, we will study Klee's paintings, comparing his work to other artists we have discovered and begin to recreate his techniques and designs.

As writers, the children have been captivated by our English novel *The Zoo* by Anthony Browne. His clever, playful use of language and colourful illustrations have spurred the children on with their creative writing using effective sentences to entertain the reader. This week, they have learnt the literary devices of repetition, similes and dialogue to draw the reader in.

As mathematicians, Year 5 have been adding and subtracting decimals and problem solving. Year 4 have been learning the decimal equivalents to a quarter (0.25), a half (0.5) and three quarters (0.75).

As scientists, our new unit *Living Things* introduced us to the life cycle of a flowering plant. The children learnt that the stages of the flower life cycle are the seed, germination, growth, reproduction, pollination, and seed spreading stages. We sketched the cycle to show how pollen is carried by insects or blown by the wind from one flower to another – pollination. Pollen reaches the new flower and travels to the ovary where it fertilises egg cells (ovules) to make seeds – fertilisation. Next week, we will be dissecting a variety of flowers to further examine and identify their different parts.

To top off an amazing week, we enjoyed another fun packed, sunny session of PE session with Miss Worden. The children are amazing athletes and can't wait to show off the skills that they have working so hard to perfect on Sports Day!

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

Enjoy the weekend!  
Mrs Hatch

## Star of the Week!



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Eddie

This young man always has a smile on face and puts 100% into everything he does. Eddie loves to ask questions and is keen to share his thoughtful ideas in all areas of the curriculum. He has especially impressed me with his beautiful handwriting which I know he has been working incredible hard on.

Eddie is a joy to teach and a pleasure to have in Butter Cove. I am very proud of your many achievements so far this year – what a SUPERSTAR!



### **Attendance**

*Our attendance target is 98%*

*Last Week's Attendance was 93.98%*

*Let's try and improve next week!*

### **Dates for your Diary**

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Cream Tea*

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half Term*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Additional Bank Holiday*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day*

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June (6 weeks recurring) – Year 5 Swimming Lessons*

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day & family Picnic Lunch*

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of the Year*