



Butter Cove Class

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 6th May 2022



Home Learning

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At Thurlestone 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 have enjoyed the glorious sunshine over the last few days.

This week in Butter Cove...

As mathematicians, the children are continuing to learn all about decimals. They are now able to confidently discuss decimals and know that a decimal number is a number that is not whole. They know that the digits to the right of the decimal point show the parts of a whole. Year 5 have been adding and subtracting decimals including a mix of whole numbers and decimals, decimals with different numbers of decimal places, and complements of 1 (e.g. $0.83 + 0.17 = 1$). While the Year 4's have been busily rounding decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number using number lines as a scaffold.

As explorers in geography this week, the children learnt that the capital city of Greece is Athens; The currency in Greece is the Euro, the famous philosopher Socrates was from Greece and that Greece is the southernmost country in Europe. They studied a map of Greece to locate the seas which surround it, including the Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea. They completed their fact files by drawing a map of Greece – amazing work Butter Cove.

Once again, the children have been eagerly practising their skills in PE in readiness for sports day. This week's focus was to throw a soft Javelin. The children recapped on their technique for a standing throw: remembering that the palm of the hand should be facing up and that the point of the javelin should be facing the throwing direction! They remembered to keep their javelin arm straight, up with point near face and that their opposite foot to throwing arm, must be straight when throwing. We used cones to mark the pupils throwing distance. The children gave each other feedback and suggested improvements for their techniques.

The children headed off down to the beach after our wonderful church assembly with Father Daniel on Thursday. Becky reported back that they had been impeccably behaved and had thoroughly enjoyed their morning – they had even cooked seaweed on an open fire and tasted their cookery skills – DELICIOUS! A huge thank you to Nicola for lugging all of the children's bags back up to school and Als for accompanying the children to the beach. **THANK YOU!**

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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Tommy

This young man has been working his socks off during our English lessons. He loves our new writing approach and enjoys nothing more than searching for synonyms and Grand Master vocabulary! Well done Tommy, I am very proud of you and your marvellous writing! keep it up. What a Super Star!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

The last week of term's attendance was 91%
Let's try and improve next week!

Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th June – Year 4 residential
Thursday 7th July – Sports morning & family Picnic Lunch
Friday 22nd July – End of the Year