



Butter Cove Class

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 10th June 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.

This week, the children have maths revision to practise which has been set on Google Classroom. Please let me know if you are unable to access.

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,

Welcome back to Summer Term 2! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break with your friends and families. The children have, once again, grown taller and I can't quite believe that this is the last term that I will be with this wonderful class – they really have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year. Now it's full steam ahead with lots of exciting things to look forward to!

This week in Butter Cove...

As writers, the children were eager to complete their carefully thought-out planning and plot points, to begin drafting their stories based on the book *The Zoo* by Anthony Browne. They consolidated the skills which they have been learning over the past weeks, combining these to create outstanding pieces of narrative writing. I can't wait to showcase their finished masterpieces at the end of term!

As mathematicians, the children completed their pre block assessment for our new unit of geometry. This term, the children will be learning about the Properties of Shape including using acute, obtuse, and reflex angles and drawing and measuring angles in degrees. They will translate and reflect shapes and will investigate regular and irregular polygons.

As historians the children created wonderful family trees to represent the Greek gods and goddesses which helped to show us the relationships among the Olympian Gods and some of their close relatives. We learnt that the two Titans Cronus and Rhea birthed the six original Greek gods. These gods were Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hera, Hestia, and Demeter. Most of the other gods and goddesses were children of Zeus.

As artists, we continued with our study of the work of the artist Paul Klee. We discovered that the title of one of his paintings *Ad Parnassum* was influenced by his trip to Egypt from 1928 to 1929. Klee built a colour field from individually stamped dots, surrounded by likewise stamped lines, which results in a pyramid. Above the roof of the "Parnassus" there is a sun. The title identifies the picture as Apollon's and the Muses' place.

Finally, a huge **Congratulations** from us all to Mrs Hogarty for her wonderful news that she is expecting a baby in November! We are all delighted for you!



What a fabulous start to the term!

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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Libby

This young lady always impresses me every week with her super writing. Libby has made a huge effort with her spellings and handwriting so that everything is presented beautifully and she is always super proud to show off her fabulous work! Well done Libby, you're a SUPERSTAR!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last Week's Attendance was 92.94%

Let's try and improve next week!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th June (6 weeks recurring) - Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Thursday 7th July - Sports Day & family Picnic Lunch

Friday 22nd July - End of the Year