



Butter Cove Class

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 24th 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.

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.

We didn't have the opportunity to have our spelling assessment on Friday so it has been rescheduled for Monday 27th June instead.

Dear all,

I hope you are well. Our feet haven't touched the ground (literally) here in Butter Cove – what an incredibly active and exciting week!

This week in Butter Cove...

As mathematicians we continued our unit – Properties of Shape. This week, we learnt how to measure accurately using a protractor. We learnt that angles are measured in *degrees* and the full circle is 360° (360 degrees), half circle or a straight angle is 180° and a quarter circle or a right angle is 90°. The children placed the midpoint of the protractor on the vertex of the angle and lined up one side of the angle with the zero line of the protractor (where you see the number 0). Then they read the degrees where the other side crosses the number scale and labelled each angle as acute or obtuse. Finally, the children loved using ice-lolly sticks to create different sized angles and measure them.

We immersed ourselves in Emperor Penguin knowledge during our English lesson this week and studied a documentary, by David Attenborough, about their lives and habitats. Then, the children looked at a non – chronological report about the Arctic Fox and began to plan their own report based on the Emperor Penguin using plot points and the template with the features they found.

As explorers, the children created a travel brochure, using research from atlases and the internet to discover why Greece is such a popular tourist destination. We look forward to sharing their findings next week...

As scientists, we wanted to learn more about comparing the characteristics of vertebrates and invertebrates including whether they have a backbone, scales, feathers, hairy skin; body temperature; whether they lay eggs; and whether they feed young on milk. The children have an amazing bank of facts and could articulate their ideas and opinions beautifully during our class discussions. They then used detailed, annotated drawings to capture their findings in their science books.

Bantham and Butter Cove are really enjoying their swimming practise every Monday afternoon. It is lovely to see them progressing so quickly, developing their techniques and confidence, especially enjoying the games and activities with their friends at the end of each session. The instructors have been so impressed with how well the children listen and encourage each other during the lessons too – well done! On Thursday afternoon, children from Year 4 & 5 played a friendly football match against West Charleton. The children had an amazing match and showed true sportsmanship throughout the game – a big THANK YOU to MR Fitzgerald and Mrs Norton for making this happen for the children.

Finally, another HUGE THANK YOU to the parents who came along to Adrenalin Quarry – a day that will remain with us for some time! Great fun had by all. A real treat and what a wonderful way to complete what has been such an incredibly happy year in Butter Cove... ❤️

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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Jim

For inspiring us all with his knowledge of penguins! He is the oracle when it comes to our flightless friends! Thank you for making us all laugh every day and for your infinite wisdom and "Did you know?" facts! Well done Jim, you really are a SUPERSTAR!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last Week's Attendance was 93.85%

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

Wednesday 13th July – Shuffle Up Morning

Friday 22nd July – End of the Year

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September – INSET Days

Monday 5th September – Start of new year