

Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 27.10.23

Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term break whatever you were up to. It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to school.

This term, each of the classes will be starting their new units from our new RISE curriculum. Willow Class will be exploring 'Senses' and Maple Class will be finding out all about Nutrition and Movement in Science. Oak Class will be completing their unit on Space before moving onto learning all about 'The Americas'.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Topic Showcase this week. I hope you all enjoyed coming into school and spending time in each of the classes.



Please take the opportunity to check out our Facebook page, lots more pictures of what is going on in school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Thank you for your continued support.



Mr P. Rock
Head of School



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Curriculum update: Our Behaviour Curriculum

This week as part of our new Behaviour for Learning curriculum we focussed on 'SHAPE' your answers.

Why do we use S.H.A.P.E. ?



To help us to speak clearly.



To help us to feel confident when speaking.

*S: We answer in full **s**entences*

*H: We keep our **h**ands down*

*A: We **a**rticulate*

*P: We **p**roject*

*E: We give **e**ye contact*

SHAPE



SENTENCES



HANDS DOWN



ARTICULATE



PROJECT



EYE CONTACT

I am really pleased to see all of the children following all of the other recent Behaviour for Learning expectations when I have been visiting classes. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

FIRST TIME



FIRST TIME



EVERY TIME



EVERYWHERE



EVERYONE

BE A STAR



SIT UP



TRACK THE SPEAKER



ANSWER QUESTIONS



RESPECT OTHERS

Well done to those who received certificates this week:

Excellent Work



*Joe, Esme,
Lillie and William*



Values

*Grace, Bodhi,
Parker & Marley*



Hot Chocolate: Flo, Freddie, Frank & Chester



Next (School) Week's Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Day	Event
Mon 30/10	Y2 Class forest school session Archery club (after school)
Tue 31/10	
Wed 01/1	
Thu 02/11	Open the Book Sports Hall Athletics competition. (Invitation only) Dodgeball club (after school) PTA Spooky Discos
Fri 03/11	Celebration Assembly

Each week we will be focussing on a particular class to find out more about their learning.



This week; Oak Class



We have finished Forest School! The children have enjoyed their time in the Spinney and finished the term off with smores!

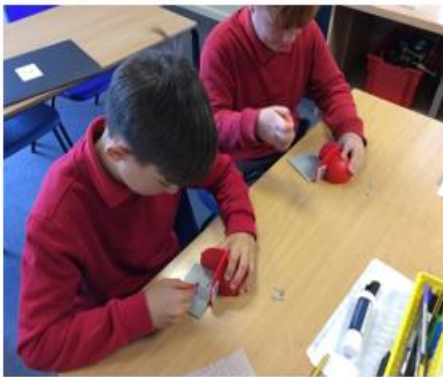


In Maths, we have covered written multiplication and are currently working on short and long division. The children have worked hard this week on this topic and have been very successful as a result.

We have started Gymnastics in PE. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at using hand and low apparatus, as well as rhythmic and bench sequences. In Science we have started a new topic - Earth and Space. The children have understood that the planets are spherical, that Pluto is a dwarf planet and can explain the properties of space (gravity).

Islamic Art and Architecture unit.

We have finished our Islamic Art and Architecture unit in Art. The children used lino printing to create their geometric patterns. This topic took around 2 weeks to complete, with the children participating in lessons around the features of Islamic art and architecture. The topic linked with our RE topic of 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' The children are able to explain the 5 Pillars of Islam and what they represent. The class have then debated which of the 5 Pillars they think is the most important.



This week we have started a new topic in writing, poems that create images, focusing on War poems. The children have then started to create their own ideas for a poem, based on someone they want to remember. Our previous unit of 'Discursive Writing' allowed the children to debate various topics that they care about, including: "Should we ban school uniforms?", "Should school have more electronics?", "Should we get a school pet?"

We have also taken part in a whole school 'Live Assembly', for Black History Month. Some of the class took part in the small schools' football tournament. The children showed teamwork, resilience and hard work all throughout the evening. They came away with winning the plate of the tournament!

Year 6 also helped out at the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Claybrooke Village Hall.



Claybrooke School Calendar 2023- 24



Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event
Thur 02/11	PTA Spooky Discos
17/11	Children in Need
Thurs 23/11	PTA Christmas Craft (In school)
Fri 01/12	Maple & Oak Theatre trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'.
Fri 08/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Mon 18/12	Willow Class theatre trip. Jack & The Beanstalk
Tue 19/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 1:30pm (TBC)
Wed 20/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 6:00 pm(TBC)
Fri 22/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

E Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. This week's topic is: **What Parents and Carers Need to Know about EA Sports FC' & 'Five Nights at Freddy's'**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that every year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.



ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Dreadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

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