DIGGLE STAR - 13.11.2020



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- ★ Jen Garside for a huge improvement to her handwriting.
- ★ Aurora-Rose Broadhurst for being kind to everybody in the class and trying hard in literacy and phonics this week.
- ★ Dylan Warren for taking everything in his stride and showing more independence in his learning.
- ★ Lucy Heptonstall for great independent learning in maths.
- ★ Abi Bird for making a more conscious effort in her learning.
- ★ Scarlett Hall for a fantastic effort in writing this week.
- ★ Ava Warren for improved resilience and effort in learning.
- ★ Dylan Jackson for an amazing imagination and enthusiasm when planning his story.



It has been another busy week in school. Thank you to all those parents who took the time to make a parent's evening appointment, I hope that you all felt that our Zoom parent's meetings were a success - this has been a new way of working for us. If you have any comments or observations positive or negative on this new approach, please take the time to pop it in an email either to your child's teacher or myself.

Last week the term dates for 2021/2022 were sent out and put on the website. However, this week the planned long Bank Holiday weekend in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been announced. We do not as yet know how or if this will have an impact on our holiday dates. Please bear this in mind when planning holidays and as soon as we have anymore information, we will share it with you.

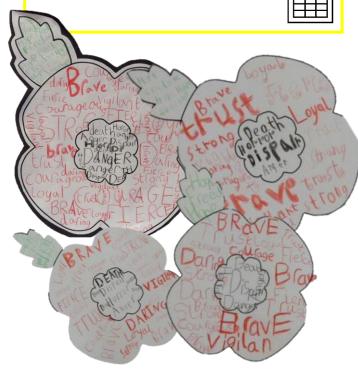
# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 26th Nov – FODS Bag Collection AM - see letter attached

Fri 18th Dec – finish for Christmas

Mon 4th Jan – staff inset day

Tues 5th Jan – Spring term star<u>ts</u>



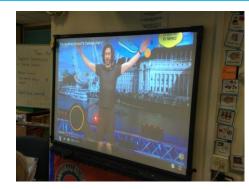
### <u>Class R</u>

This week, Class R have been learning about owls and retelling the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We have made paper feathers, built nests and talked about how owls and other animals are nocturnal. Why not ask your child what nocturnal means? Thinking about autumn and winter night being longer, we also did some light and dark experiments with torches. The children really enjoyed making shadows and drawing different sources of light. The children also looked at the Hindu festival of Diwali and made rangoli patterns. In Maths, we were investigating height and in Phonics we have learnt the sounds; th, w, z & y; red words; no & so.

### Class 1

This week in phonics we have learnt the sounds ea, oi, a-e, i-e and o-e. In English we have worked hard on a Big Write to retell the story of the Bog Baby using sentences of our own. We have tried to include time adverbials to show the order of events. We have even had a go at using our green pens to make improvements to our writing. In Maths we have been learning to use the signs + - and = to record number sentences for addition and subtraction. We have used cubes and number lines to help with our working out. In Theme this week we have learnt about the Arctic circle and the countries that lie within it. We have used a key to shade these countries on a world map. We also enjoyed joining Joe Wicks in his 24hour PE challenge for Children in Need as part of our PE warm up.







Class 2 have had fun building interactive football robots with City In The Community. We worked together to read the instructions, find the parts and build. In a few weeks we will be able to start programming them.

More information, videos and pictures have a look at our Facebook page.

## <u>Class 2</u>

This week we have continued our habitats learning. We investigated what all living things need to stay alive and found out how a hedgehog lives in its woodland habitat. We have also continued our story 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and have used it to do some longer descriptive writing about story settings. In Maths we have been learning about halves and quarters of quantities and shapes and also worked on addition and subtraction problems. We had a great time working with CITC starting to build interactive football robots.



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### <u>Class 3</u>

This week we have been using adjectives to write poems about fireworks and thinking of words to describe the soldiers and the war as part for our learning for Remembrance day. We also made paper poppies in different colours; white for hope and purple for the animals lost at war as well as the traditional red ones., and painted pebbles with pictures of poppies. In maths we have been reading and writing numbers to 1000 in words and numerals and ordering them. We have played a number of different games to support our learning. In ICT we enjoyed our first lesson of robot building with Matt from City in the Community and finished off the week with a keep fit session with Joe Wicks for Children in Need and football with Matthew from City in the Community.

## Class 4

The roles have been reversed in class 4 this week, with the other half of the class enjoying forest school in the afternoons. Those who have been inside have started naming parts of the digestive system in science. In theme we have learnt about the discovery of Tutankhamun by Howard Carter and in music we started our new rap song Stop! In maths this week we have worked out the perimeter of shapes, while in English we have been busy planning our own version of the Cinderella story. They're going to be great!

## <u>Class 5</u>

This week in English we have been exploring the book 'The Arrival' in more detail; the children have started to write detailed sentences packed full of description for one particular picture. We have then thought about the conversation that might occur between the two characters. Next week we will put all of our ideas together to form a detailed paragraph. In Maths we have been converting thousandths into decimals and fractions and also finding one thousandth of a number. In Science we have discussed how we get day and night and explained what happens as part of this process.

# Class 6

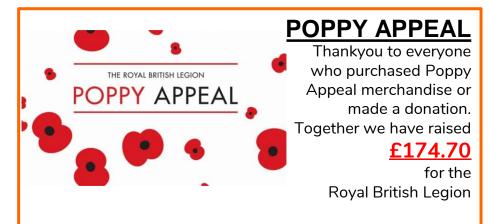
This week in English, we have continued our work on The Arrival. We created a bank of expanded noun phrases and used these to create our own poems. We have also focused on one image from the book, zooming in on areas to create a list of words. From this, we then created simple sentences and improved these to create complex sentences. In maths, we have learned the BODMAS rule which tells us the order of operations when there is more than one in a calculation. We have also tackled multi-step real-life calculations. In science, we have been looking at international time-zones and how these affect the position of the sun at various times. We made our own sundials to tell the time using the sun. In theme, we have used the Internet to research different weapons that were used during WWII and created fact files.

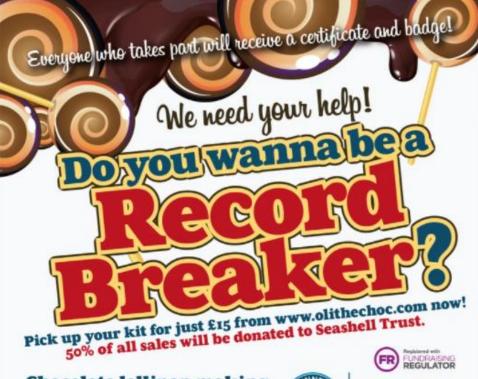
# **Christmas Cards**

This year we are going to have to do Christmas cards a bit differently ... Should children want to bring in Christmas Cards for their friends, they can only bring cards for others in their own class. Please do not bring cards for anyone outside of their class.

Children should bring cards in on either a **Monday** or a **Thursday**. On a Monday, the class teacher will ask the child to put their cards into a designated bag where they will stay in quarantine until Thursday, when they will be given out by the teacher. On a Thursday, any cards brought in will be put in a designated bag and given out the following Monday. This will help minimise any risk of passing on the COVID-19 virus from household to household.







#### Chocolate lollipop making on 5th December 2020 starting at 4pm

Seashell Trust has joined forces with Master Chocolatier Oli Dunn to set a world record and we need your help!

Seashell Trust is attempting to set the world record for the number of people making chocolate lollipops together.

#### We need 500 people!

To take part in the world record attempt and to receive your certificate and badge, please register as soon as possible at https://chocworldrecord.eventbrite.co.uk Once you have registered you will receive event updates and exclusive access to the official World Record attempt.

Enquiries to jo.barber@seashelltrust.org.uk



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This year we marked Remembrance Day in our classrooms. As well as completing activities and talking about why we mark remembrance day, at 11 O'clock, we all sat quietly and listened to the Oldham Music Centre recording of the Last Post, while reflecting on those who lost their lives in all the conflict around the world.







#### FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

If you have any ideas for fundraising, comments or feedback we would love to hear from you ! Please get in touch friendsofdiggleschool@gmail.com



to help out with FODS please join our volunteers WhatsApp group.

Text Tracy on 07595729159

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FODS are delighted to announce that we've been accepted into the Amazon Smile programme. This gives us a donation direct to FODS of 0.5% on any eligible purchases, which is great news with Amazon Prime day just a week away. To register FODS as your chosen charity you will need to follow the following steps.

Visit smile.amazon.co.uk via a web browser
After logging in using your usual Amazon password choose Friends of Diggle School as your chosen charity.
If you usually access Amazon through an app, you'll need to delete and reinstall the app - it will remember you when you download it again.
Visit "settings" and "Amazon Smile" and then follow the steps to activate.
If you usually shop on Amazon through the web, then start using smile.amazon instead of Amazon.

FODS hope that this will be a great way for us to raise money, at no extra cost to you. We'll provide quarterly updates on how much we are raising..happy shopping!!

# Wow!!!

What an amazing start to the new school year. In total since September we have raised £6278.58. This is from 4 events: Break The Rules £489.09 Halloween Bags £277.02 Run for Fun £123.90 Spooky Trail £5388.57 We could not do this without all your support so a very big THANKYOU!

We will let you know what we are funding for this year in our next issue.



### Please see separate letter about our bag2school collection

COMING SOON! Fods will be collecting items again soon for our very popular Christmas hampers. If you have any unwanted gifts or spare items, please keep them aside for us !

# **DOSH Winners**

Date	Winner	Number	Amount
September	S.Hurren	27	£ 22.50
draw	V.Irwin	44	£ 15.75
	R.Blair	40	£ 6.75
October	A.Rogers	26	£ 23.00
draw	M.White	4	£ 16.10
	C.Hunter	11	£ 6.90

Winnings will be paid via cheque at the end of term.