



## DIGGLE STARS

**All Year 2** - for working so hard for Miss Hacking on her final placement - well done and thank you everyone!

**Jacob McGlashan** - for working really hard in maths this week

**Ollie Johnson, Lottie Calverley, Harrison Bowen and Phoebe Cumming** - for excellent focus and effort in Maths Whizz.

**Poppy Stevenson** - for trying her hardest in maths

**Kai Cohen** - for working more independently this week in all lessons with lots of concentrating

**Zara Scholes** - for using her Fred fingers all the time in Phonics and trying really hard.

**Sayim Shah** - for a fantastic attitude to learning and trying his best in all lessons.



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Having spent so long under COVID regulations this has become everyone's first thought whenever a child is ill. However, we need to remember that children can also be ill with other bugs and viruses.

If your child has been sick or had diarrhea at the moment they are still required to get a PCR test but they must also stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

PCR tests are thankfully returning very quickly at the moment, but a negative PCR does not mean that they can return to school before the 48 hour period has been completed. This is designed to try and help prevent the spread of any gastric bugs.

Also if your child is actually unwell, we do not expect them to complete home learning. If they are ill then they need time to rest and recuperate. If your child tests positive with COVID but is not unwell then home learning will be set for them while they have to isolate.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2022**

**Fri 18 Feb** - break for half term

**Mon 21-Fri 25 Feb** - Half term

**Mon 28 Feb** - return to school

**w/c 14th March** - Parents Evening week

**w/c 4th April** - effort grade cards issued

**Wed 6th & Thurs 7th April** - Year 3/4 production during afternoon session - times tbc

**Fri 8th April** - finish for Easter

**Mon 25th April** - return to school



## Class R

This week Class R have been matching lower case letters to capitals, we went on a letter hunt in the classroom with our friends! In Maths, we have been recapping our learning about heavy and light using jelly to make learning fun! We have also been using the water tray to fill jugs up to different levels, making sure we used the correct vocabulary. This week's word of the week was 'enormous'. We read the story 'The Enormous Turnip' and acted out the story holding onto each other to pull out the turnip! We then practiced writing a sentence with the word included. In Phonics, we have recapped sounds, 'ay' 'ee' 'igh' and 'ow' and learnt two new red words 'said' and 'you'. In RE, we discussed special people and what career we might want to do when we are older.

Finally, Class R celebrated Children's Mental Health Week! We dressed up in clothes which express who we are and completed acts of kindness in class. We decorated our own worry boxes and posted through our worries. We then told each other jokes which made us laugh a lot!

## Class 1

This week in English we have started to retell the story of Beegu. We created a story map to help sequence the events and then used picture prompts to begin retelling in small sections. We will complete this next week. In Maths we have been completing some assessments to see what we have remembered about topics already taught. In Theme we learnt about Alexander Graham Bell and the invention of the telephone. We made our own string telephones and enjoyed hearing how the sound travels down the line. We have also enjoyed spending time in the Computer suite as part of our Computing week. We have practised logging into our Google and Purple Mash accounts. We have learnt to use the program 2Go to

make up simple algorithms to control the path of a robot. We have become familiar with the direction keys and have used the languagelleft, right, forwards and backwards. We have also practised saving our work. We ended the week with a Spanish Celebration as it was Miss Bainbridges last day with us. We have loved having her as a teacher in Class 1 and we would like to say a big thank you and wish her lots of luck for the future.

## Class 2

This week Class 2 have continued our science learning investigating more about 'Animals including humans' by focusing on life cycles. We have explored the life cycle of a human, a frog and a butterfly. We learned lots of new words including chrysalis, cocoon and even metamorphosis! We also found out that most caterpillars enjoy eating oak leaves and that a caterpillar first eats its own egg after hatching before it starts to munch on as many leaves as possible. We have enjoyed finding out about life cycles and made books and leaflets to record what we had found out. Our phonics this week has focused on words which end with le. We have used these words in handwriting, wordsearches, word unscramble and interesting sentences. In maths work this week we have been learning about the values of different coins and amounts we can make with them. Our investigations into number patterns this week have looked at ways to make the number nine and all the different ways we can use those facts. We have played grid games and used our rekenreks too. We all had a fun day on Friday as we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Hacking who has now finished her final placement in school. We have really enjoyed having her in Class 2 and wish her lots of luck.

This week in photos is on the next page ...



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## Class 3

Class 3 have spent time revisiting their times-tables this week, with a variety of colourful multiplication mosaics. In English we have used our imagination and expressive writing to describe some odd-looking characters. In science we examined why footballers sometimes cast shadows when they play at night, and in theme we explored the Celtic queen Boudicca and her rebellion against the Romans. Well done for all your hard work this week while Mrs Spencer has been off.

## Class 4

In theme this week, we learnt all about Boudicca's rebellion. We considered how this would have affected different people and role-played the scenario from a variety of perspectives. We then created a wanted poster! In maths we have worked out the area of shapes, firstly by counting squares and then by multiplying the length and the width. In SMSC we learnt how drugs can be harmful or helpful and talked about prescriptions. We started building sentences in English and learnt about 'fronted adverbials' which we will look at in more detail in the coming weeks and months. Finally, our science lesson looked at the water cycle.

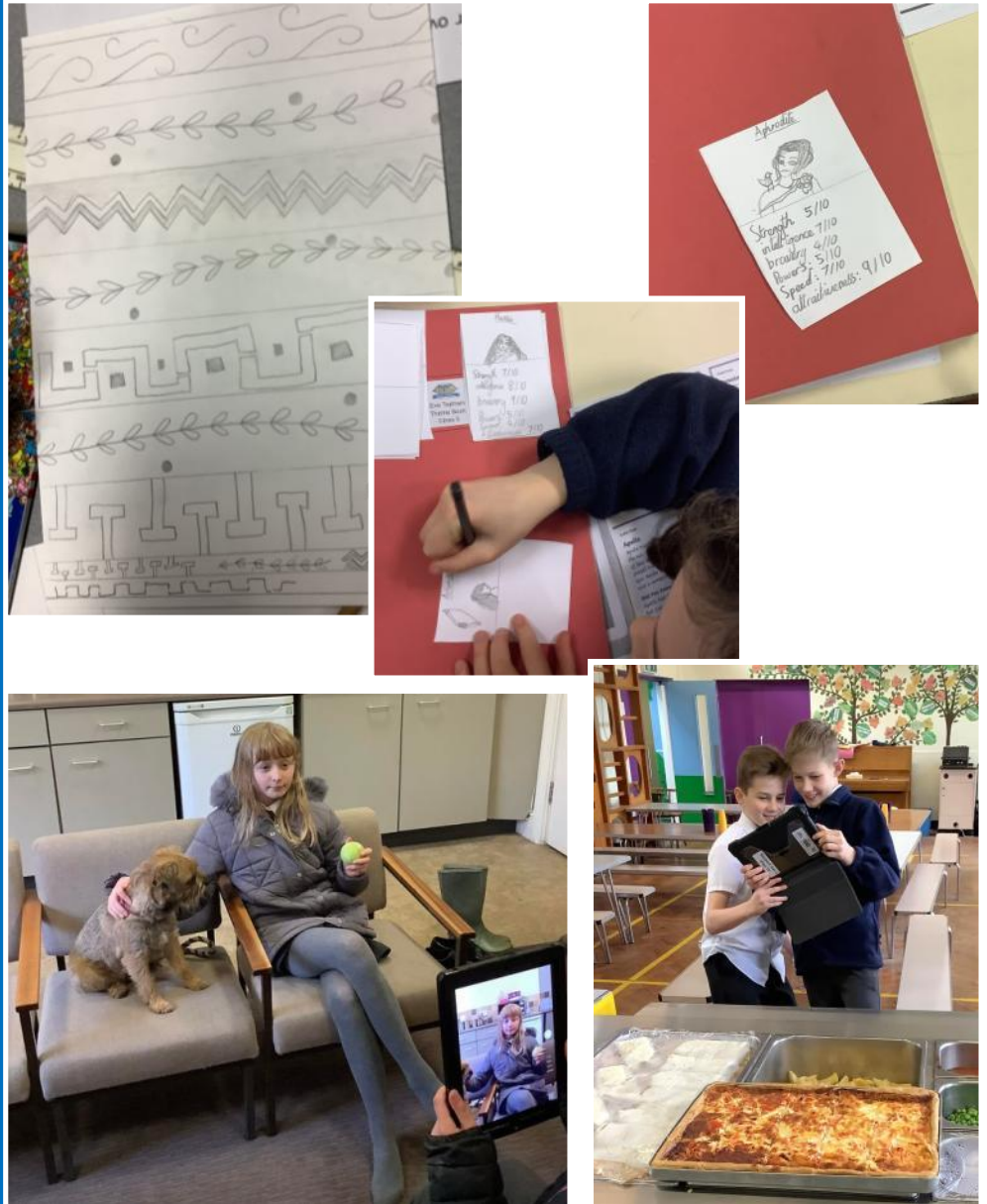
## Class 5

This week we have learnt about the events which took place during the Trojan War; we have sequenced events of the story in order and have created a newspaper report to explain the main events. In Maths we have been translating and reflecting shapes across one quadrant and then moving on to four quadrants; paying close attention to the coordinates which the shapes are on. In Science we have looked at irreversible reactions and looked at a few demonstrations for these. In Theme we have learnt more about Greek Gods and have created Top Trump cards for them, where we thought as a class about the different ratings we could give each God, depending on their abilities.

## Class 6

This week we have read the myth Theseus and the Minotaur, thinking carefully about how Theseus would feel throughout different events in the story. We have then written diary entries as Theseus for different events in the story, thinking carefully about how he might have felt because of the different events that have occurred. In Maths we have been using our reasoning skills to answer problems which involve converting different units of measure. In Science we have compared modern humans and early humans, looking specifically at the physical and skeletal similarities and differences.

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## Notices

### **Parent Pay**

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date. Please consider using the auto top-up function in Parent

Pay for dinner money - this enables you to set an automatic payment of an amount you set to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, meaning you don't get in debt. Music fees for Autumn and Spring should now be paid up, leaving just the Summer term owing at most - you are welcome to make payments early.

### **New School Telephone Number**

From April we will have a new phone number at school. Until the end of March, the existing phone number will continue to work, however the new number is also in operation now, (diverting to the current number for now).

Therefore we are going to start sharing the new number so everyone can update their contacts and start using it in advance of the current number being turned off.

**01457 601970**

### **Parking and Waiting reminder**

Please do not pull up, stop to let a child out, or park on the zig zags between 8am and 5pm.

Even when the weather is cold, please do not sit with the engine idling when waiting in your car when parked on Sam Road as the children and other parents walking past are inhaling the fumes.

Thankyou

## Diggle Road Closure

**PLEASE REMEMBER FROM MONDAY**

**Huddersfield Road will again be closed in BOTH DIRECTIONS from the entrance to Diggle from Standege Road to the Chippy.**

The diversion into Diggle is up the A62 towards Marsden and back down Huddersfield Road, the same as before, and the reverse to leave Diggle. The planned date for this work is **06.00 Monday 14th Feb - 23.59 Sunday 20th Feb**

However it does state the work is weather and temperature dependent, so could change at the last minute.

PLEASE NOTE that when the road was completely closed last time, traffic marshalls were stationed on Spurn Lane to ensure it is used for resident access only. We recommend that if you need to arrive or leave Diggle by car, you leave plenty of time and use the requested diversion rather than trying to use the back lanes, from which you may be turned away.

We appreciate this is an inconvenience however the new school is due to open after half term and we can therefore put these road closures behind us for good!





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Diggle Dandelions

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**Diggle Holiday Club**  
**Now taking bookings for**  
**Half - Term:**

**Monday 21st - 25th February 2022**

Children will take part in lots of activities, themed arts and crafts and outdoor activities.

A morning and afternoon snack will be provided and fresh water and juice will be available.

To book, please email:  
[landaholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:landaholidayclub@gmail.com)

Price; Mini day: 8.45am – 4pm £23 per child per day  
(PAYMENT due to secure your booking within a week of your confirmation email)