



DIGGLE STARS

Sophie Shaw-Woodall - for lovely descriptive writing and careful presentation.

Martha Chamberlain - for excellent effort in English and working independently

Dylan Jackson - for always working hard and having a positive attitude in everything he does.

Molly Clarke - for the effort she put into her SPAG work and her creative sentences.

Toby Parker - for his discussion work on the poem in reading.

Daisy Lees - for showing resilience and asking for help when necessary

Ella Derbyshire - for demonstrating excellent reasoning skills in her maths assessment.

Patsy Gee - for being extremely resilient in English.

Shay Parrish - for making relationships with other children and following routines.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

This week has been parent's evening week and I know the staff have really enjoyed having the opportunity to spend some time with you to talk about your children. I hope that you have all found it useful too.

This week has also seen our first club letter since the pandemic. Don't forget to head over to Parent Pay to sign your child up for whichever club appeals to them.

We were very proud this week to host the second of the DLP sporting events that have been planned. Orienteering took place on our school field on Wednesday and the children showed great resilience.

We are busy putting the finishing touches to our Christmas activities letter. Some of these are still restricted slightly by our desire to stay as Covid safe as possible, but it is lovely to be planning at least more than we could last year. Keep an eye out for the email next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 19 Nov - FODS xmas jumper sale

Wed 23 Nov - Class R vision screening

Mon 13 Dec - Panto day

Tues 14 Dec - Effort Grades sent home

Wed 15 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 2.15-3.00

Thurs 16 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 9.15-10.00 and 11.00-11.45

Thurs 16 Dec - Y 3&4 Christmas Party

Fri 17 Dec - Class R Nativity am and pm performance times TBC

Mon 20 Dec - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

Mon 20 Dec - Y5&6 Christmas Party pm

Tues 21 Dec - Christmassy Non-Uniform and Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 21 Dec - Finish for Christmas.

Thurs 6 Jan 2022 - New Term starts



Class R

This week Class R have been very busy. In Literacy, we have been exploring the setting of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and discussing what Goldilocks might have seen, heard, smelt and touched. We then got a first hand experience in our own forest and created pictures using our ideas. In Maths, we have been exploring new numbers and investigating numicon, working out one more and one less. In Phonics, we have been learning new sounds, 'f, e, l and h'. We then practiced our blending using words related to remembrance day. Following this we discussed remembrance day. In PE, we pretended to be the emergency services and practiced different skills such as running, skipping and jumping. This term in RE our focus is friendship. We made a friendship jigsaw, each child drew a picture of them being a good friend to somebody else on a piece of jigsaw. Finally, we have started practicing our nativity songs, we are super excited!

Class 1

This week in English we have been writing facts about penguins. We enjoyed a penguin card trading game where we swapped penguin facts with each other and then wrote the key information into a spider diagram. We used this to help us change the key words into full sentences and worked towards completing a fact file on Penguins by the end of the week. In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. Some of us enjoyed going on a shape hunt outside wearing our shape goggles. We also sorted 2D shapes using our own criteria and made 2D shapes using plasticine and then elastic bands on pegboards. In Science we investigated our sense of smell using smelling pots. We easily identified the smell of orange and mint but found vanilla and vinegar trickier. In Theme we have been learning about countries in the Arctic circle. We looked at photos of these places and identified their positions on a world map.

Class 2

Class 2 have been investigating why we use certain materials for certain things. We looked at and handled objects made from metal, plastic and glass. We found out about how they are used and why those materials are the best for that purpose. In our maths work this week we have been learning about place value in 2 digit numbers. We have used the tens and ones apparatus and also counted amounts using 10p and 1p coins. We also did some speed challenges for subtraction to see whether we needed to use a number line or if we could now do some calculations mentally. In phonics we have recapped some of the trickier sounds we have been working on to see how we have improved - we did well! We continued to use our story called 'Ten Little Lights' to help us with descriptive writing. We learned how to use adjectives with a noun to add more interest to our writing. We also tried super hard with handwriting and punctuation.



This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.

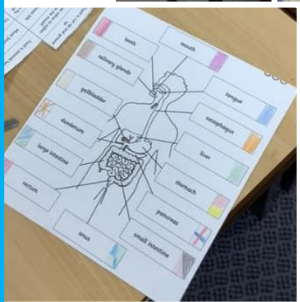
Class 3

This week Class 3 have completed their science unit on magnets, investigating which metals attract, and moved on to their new 'Rocks' unit. They grouped a set of rocks by choosing a criteria and the rest of the class had to work out what their criteria was. In maths, we have been learning the 'bus stop method' for division.

We have been learning 'Talk for writing' to tell the beginning of the 'Wizard of Oz' and used our inference skills to work out how characters were feeling in pictures, from their body language and actions. We became Storm Chasers when learning about tornadoes, watching a video from within a tornado before labelling the Interception Vehicle and matching the storm classification to the damage they might cause.

Class 4

Class 4 have been using the column method of multiplication this week to solve difficult problems. In English we have continued with *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* and learnt how apostrophes are used to show possession. In science we learnt the functions of the different parts of the digestive system and in theme we studied tornadoes. We continued to develop our teamwork skills in an excellent PE session on Thursday and in SMSC we listed things we are proud of.



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Class 5

In Maths this week we have been exploring factors and multiples of a variety of numbers and have also been introduced to prime numbers, which we will look at more closely next week. In English we have written diary entries written by Stanley to describe what has happened since arriving at Camp Green Lake., carefully describing what it felt like to dig his first hole. We have also learnt about modal verbs and how they indicate the degree of possibility and have written our own examples including the modal verbs we have learnt. In ICT this week we have started to create our own maze game; thinking carefully about the layout and also where to place the treasure etc.

Class 6

In ICT, we continued our work on spreadsheets and created different types of graphs and charts. In English, we used the book Holes to plan a diary as the character Stanley then spent some time writing our diaries. We also created our own inventions as Stanley's dad is an inventor. We will use these to write our own persuasive leaflet. In maths, we tackled word problems using the inverse operation to check our answers. We also worked on simplifying fractions. In RE we were learning about religious views and non-religious views. In theme this week, we located the 7 major rivers in Africa and made our own Top Trumps card to present our information about these rivers.

Handball with CITC

Class 5 have enjoyed their second session in PE with Chiara from CITC this week. The children have been learning the different skills to learn how to play Handball, which is a new sport for most of the children. They have learnt a number of different ways to pass the ball and also how they are able to travel around when in possession of the ball.



Amazon Smile

As we approach Christmas, if you make any purchases on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and setting your chosen charity to Friends of Diggle School.

You can set this on the Amazon App by clicking the 3 horizontal lines to access the menu, then selecting "settings" from the list and then Amazon Smile. You need to renew this action every 6 months or it reverts back to non-smile Amazon.

To shop online via a browser make sure you go to Smile.Amazon.co.uk rather than just normal Amazon, and the charity you are supporting should appear under the search bar - make sure it says Friends of Diggle School.

Every bit of money FODS raises comes back into school, and Amazon Smile is a great way to help just by doing your normal shopping.

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Notices

Lunch menu

The catering staff regularly talk to the children to gain feedback about the food being served, and following this feedback, the BBQ Chicken Pizza on a Friday Wk1 & 3 will now be a Cheese and Tomato Pizza with immediate effect.

Parent Pay

Please make sure all fees paid (music and BASC) and dinner money in credit.

Please also take a moment to check your personal details are up to date to ensure you receive the communications in a timely manner.

BASC telephone number

Before and After School club has a new telephone number -
01457 601972

Please update your records with this number for BASC contact with immediate effect.

Children in Need

While we are not actively fundraising for the Children In Need event this year during the school day, should children wish to wear any Children In Need merchandise with their uniform on 19th November they are welcome to do so. There are lots of opportunities to get involved with Children In Need's national campaign should you wish to - see

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> for more info.

IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF

No Idling Please



Young Lungs at Work

Now the weather is turning cold, please can we remind parents not to sit in their cars with the engine running when parked on the roadside.

Idling creates a hot-spot of concentrated emissions which the passing children are then breathing in.

The Highway Code states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."



Remembrance Day



On Thursday the whole school gathered on the playground to mark Remembrance with a two-minute silence. All the children observed it beautifully and showed great respect. We were very proud of them all.



Thankyou to everyone who purchased Poppy merchandise or made a general donation via Parent Pay. Together we have raised **£212** for the Royal British Legion. Should you still wish to make a donation to this worthy cause, please look up the Royal British Legion online and donate directly.



PE with City in the Community

Class 2 have worked on developing throwing and catching techniques this week. They learned the correct way to receive a throw by making their hands into a bowl shape with little fingers together and also how to aim correctly to throw.



DLP Orienteering

Diggle School hosted the DLP Orienteering Challenge this week. Despite the inclement weather, all the children did amazingly well, with challenging tasks being tackled with great resilience by all.

These DLP sports tournaments are a great opportunity for inter-school competition and area also a great way for the children across the DLP to get to know eachother better.



FODS

FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



Did you know that every year 1 in 4 Christmas Jumpers end up thrown away or never worn again?

This year FODS would like to introduce the

BIG Christmas jumper swap!

- **Drop your old Christmas jumpers in the FODS BOX under the canopy by the main entrance by Tuesday 16th Nov**
- **Our Christmas jumper sale will be on the car park after school on Friday 19th Nov. Each item will cost £1**
- **Items should be clean and in good condition. We will also accept Christmas dresses/ T.shirts etc and adult jumpers.**

Get your jumpers in time for Christmas jumper day at school!



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Fods would like to create our fabulous Festive hampers again this christmas. Raffle tickets to enter the draw to win a hamper will be sent home in book bags. Please return ticket stubs with money in a sealed envelope to school.



All donations
delivered to
classrooms before
26th NOVEMBER

Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday the 26th November so the FODS Christmas elves can work their magic.

Last years hampers were filled with chocolates, toiletries, alcohol, christmas treats and lots more!

Thankyou for your continue support,
Team FODS