



## DIGGLE STARS

**Joseph Armstrong** - for working hard and focussing in his maths assessments

**Timmy Drake** - for super story writing this week

**Freddy Pooley** - for working hard and showing a mature attitude to his learning

**Klara Boon** - for working well in her new phonics group and contributing to class discussions about traditions tales

**Lottie Hughes** - for working maturely and responsibly

**Frankie Stevenson** - for trying hard in phonics and writing this week!



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Welcome back it was lovely to see all the children again on Monday.

As you are all aware this has been a difficult week and start to the new year. I would just like to thank those parents that have sent messages to myself and staff. It has really helped to feel your support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023

**Mon 6th Feb** - Open Day 9-10.30 or 1.30-3

**Fri 10th Feb** - Finish for Half term

**Mon 20th Feb** - return to school

**w/c 27th Feb** - Parents Evening meetings

**28th & 29th Mar** - Class 3 & 4 performance 2pm

**14-16th June** - y6 to Kingswood

**18th July** - y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm



## Class R

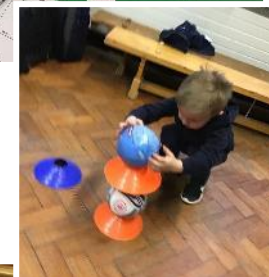
This week Class R have started our new topic 'Traditional Tales'. We started by looking at what the word 'tales' means and talked about how some stories can be written down, some can be just retold and some stories can be shared through music or drama. We then looked at a variety of traditional tales and the children created a tally of how many they knew or had read.

The children learnt some story word actions which will help them to retell stories. Why not ask you child to show you the action for 'Once upon a time'? The children also played with creating stories. They had to think who was in the story?, Where the story is set and of an object or event in the story.

There were some really creative ideas and children also created book covers and built stories with the small world resources.

In Maths, we were reminding ourselves of the numbers to 3 and looking at the number 4. The children played the bunny ears game to help them learn of numbers which go into making 4. They also looked at shapes with 4 sides, such as squares and rectangles and engaged in making collages inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian.

In PE, the children had a traditional tale influence and played games based on the story of the Ice Queen. They had to build snowmen using their gross motor control and balancing skills. They also practiced omnidirectional jumping and bouncing.



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

## Class 1

This week in maths we have been working hard on our end of unit assessments on place value, addition and subtraction and 2D and 3D shapes. In our independent maths activities we have made repeating patterns using beads and pegs. In our English this week we have finished off the story of Lost and Found and spent the week re telling the story in chunks using picture prompts to help us remember the order of events. In Science this week we have been learning about seasonal change. We have been looking at the changes in the weather, the trees, the clothes we wear and the length of the day from Autumn into Winter. In PE we worked on our hopping and balancing skills whilst completing a range of challenges and games. We also started our new Theme topic about Famous People. We learnt about the life and work of Mary Anning. We found out that she was a famous fossil hunter and although she made many amazing discoveries she was never credited at the time because she was a woman from a poor background. We have also enjoyed a very wet week of forest school. Although the forest school area has been inaccessible due to the mud we have spent time observing the changes in winter around the school grounds.

## Class 2

In writing this week we have been retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs. We wrote a new section every day to build our stamina for writing and to practise using different features such as noun phrases and joining words. In Maths we have been reinforcing number bonds by using whole part models to record them. We also looked at how addition and subtraction are linked. We played a bonds bus game where we raced our partner down the road to see how quickly we could recall bonds to 10. This week we began our science theme 'Everyday materials'. So far we have investigated wood, metal and plastic. We used magnifiers to see detail and a feely bag to build a properties wordlist. We enjoyed a plastic hunt around school to see what we could find. Some new words we learned were **durable**, **absorbent** and **rigid**. We also worked with Chiara from CITC for PE and progressed with musical skills, finding and keeping a steady beat, improvising simple rhythm patterns using long and short and singing melodies using high and low notes.



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### Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning about France in our new theme Europe. We looked at physical and human features, french breads and learnt about the french artist Claude Monet, working in a similar style to produce our impressions of waterlilies. We also learnt french greetings and how to ask and tell our names in our French lessons. In maths, we learnt about grouping and arrays in our new unit of multiplication and division. We worked on different spins in gymnastics; working individually and in pairs to produce a sequence.

### Class 4

New topics galore for Year 4 this week. In science we began our *States of Matter* unit by looking at solids, liquids and gases. We sorted different objects and discussed what particles are. In theme we started our *Europe* unit by studying France. We looked at the physical and human features and plotted them on a map, we tried different French breads and we made artwork in the style of Claude Monet. We have worked hard in numerous maths assessments and in English we started looked at adverbials and fronted adverbials.

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## Class 5

To begin the term Class 5 have started work on our new topic for the term. This is called Shackleton's Journey. We looked at his newspaper advertisement for crew members and have begun to write letters of application to join his expedition. Some of the information we used came from the real crew members biographies and we have applied as if we were the real crew members. In maths we have been working on fractions and brushing up on our calculation skills. In PE we have been working on team building and on our Athletics skills.

There were some great javelin throws despite the windy weather although one did land in a tree!

## Class 6

This week in Class 6 we have started to think about our new Theme for this half term - Shackleton's Journey. We have researched Ernest Shackleton to learn more about him and have thought about why many people would have chosen to apply for a job of his expedition to Antarctica even though they were warned about the dangers. We have also analysed a letter in response to his advert and will be writing our own as a crew member next week. In Science we will be learning about the Circulatory system and the importance of the heart so in one of our PE sessions this half term we are going to focus on fitness and what we can do to improve our own health and fitness.

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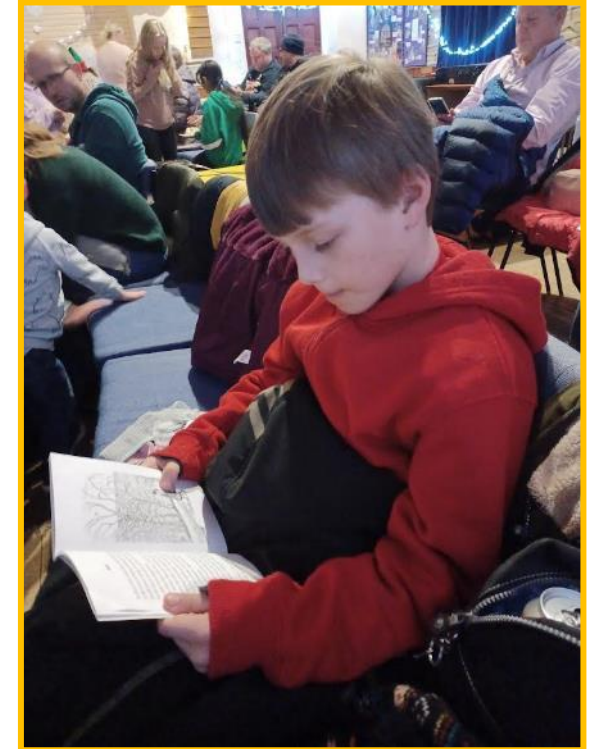
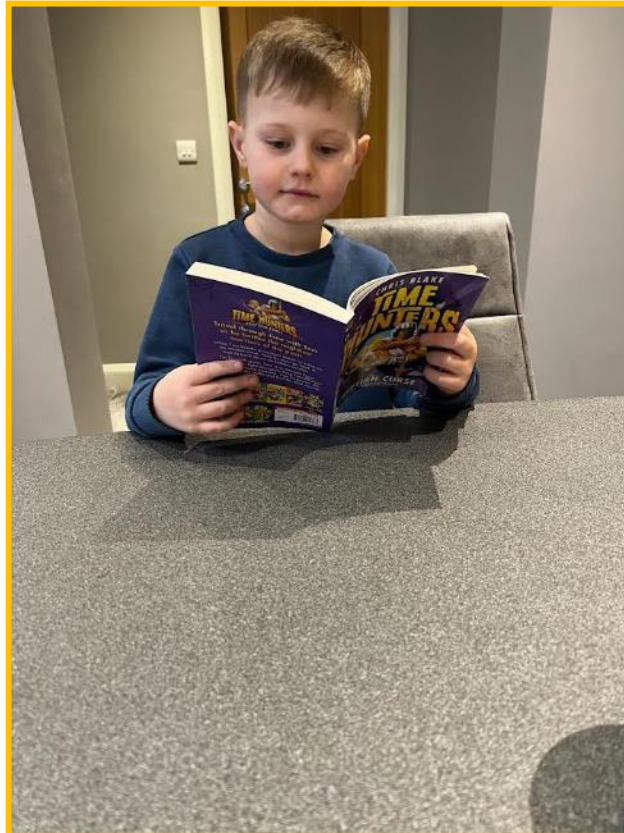
## Reading for Pleasure

Great to see children reading for pleasure. Here are just a few... Keep up the great reading!



Oliver got lots of books for Christmas and often took one in the car to read on his journey.

Cole's parents were surprised when Cole asked for a book on Egyptians which was his class theme. Here he is reading for pleasure!



Jack was so engrossed in his book that he even took it to the FODS Elf event!

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