

Diggle Stars

Seren Shaw – for showing excellent resilience throughout our maths unit of Roman numerals

Scarlett Hall – for settling well back into school, particularly during morning drop off. She is also a maths whiz!

Archie Moran – for using his own ideas to make his writing more interesting.

Sophie Miles- for a remarkable improvement in her attitude to learning.

Minnie Cadogan - for excellent effort in maths work telling the time to quarter past and quarter to.

Oliver Ashton for superb effort across all subjects.



Head teacher's Comment

You will see that there a number of new dates in the “dates for your diary” section. These are all related to class assemblies. If you have a child in Key Stage 2 you will notice that your assembly start time is 8:30 not 9am. This is because we are going to be holding a 30 minute E-safety session for parents before the assembly starts. In this fast paced world of modern technology it is very easy to lose track of what apps and sites children are being exposed to. This session will help you stay up to date and ensure that you are well prepared to help your child stay safe whilst in the on-line world.

The Diggle Star



Friday 17th January

Dates for your diary

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ONLY LOOK AT THE TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE - DIGGLEPRIMARY.CO.UK

New dates in RED

Wednesday 5th February Class 4 assembly 8:30
Monday 10th February – Open day (9:15-10) (2:15-3).
Wednesday 12th February Class 3 assembly 8:30
Friday 14th February – School closes for half term

Monday 24th February – Return to school
Thursday 27th February Class 1 assembly 9am
Tuesday 3rd March – Parents evening
Wednesday 4th March – Parents evening
Thursday 5th March – World book day
Tuesday 10th March – Spring concert 5:30pm @ Civic Hall
Wednesday 11th March Class 2 assembly 9am
Thursday 12th March Class R assembly 9am
Saturday 21st March – Car wash
Wednesday 25th March Class 5/6 assembly 8:30
Tuesday 31st March – Y3/4 performance 2pm and 6pm
Friday 3rd April – Finish for Easter

Notices

Extra-curricular clubs

The Spring term activities letter will be sent out on Monday, and the items will be available to sign-up to on Monday afternoon. Clubs will start back w/c 27th Jan and run to the end of term. Both Choirs will also start back on the 27th Jan.

What have we learnt?

Class R In Reception, this week we have continued with our Literacy book 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman. We wrote our own alien stories and there were a lot of very imaginative stories. Why not ask your child about their alien story and what their alien stole? In Maths, we were looking at positional language and programmed Bee-bots to help us explore space. We have started Commando Joes and dance in PE. The children demonstrated creativity and great problem solving in both of these activities. Finally, in Phonics, we moved onto Set 2 sounds. This week we learnt; ay, ee, igh and red word; her.

Class 1 In Class 1 this week we have continued to read the Beegu story and have worked on writing a letter to her telling her about ourselves and describing how we could be a good friend to her. In Maths we have been learning about mass/weight. We have estimated and weighed using balance scales and used the vocabulary heavier and lighter. We have also weighed objects in grams and even weighed ourselves in kg. In Theme we have been learning about messenger pigeons and how they were used particularly in WW1. We have done some observational drawings of our own pigeons and written a help message to be taken by a pigeon.

Class 2 In Class 2 this week we have been learning more about how Messenger pigeons were used. We have written messages which can be attached to a pigeon, watched videos to show how they were used in the war and drawn sketches of pigeons. Even our homework is about pigeons! In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to. We also learned about the Queen and what she does ready for our first Commando Joe mission.

Class 3 This week Class 3 have continued our book 'Escape from Pompeii', following the character Tranio. We learnt to play the game Knucklebones (Jacks) from the Roman times and wrote instructions for them. We then researched Roman theatres to produce a non-fiction piece of writing. In maths we have been learning about fractions; finding, shading and ordering them in relation to shapes. We followed this up in ICT with a number of activities. We enjoyed our Forest School session; working in groups to produce an animal from sticks and stones.

Class 4 We have started our new class book Escape from Pompeii in English this week. We have analysed the main character Tranio, taken notes about Roman life, and written instructions on how to play the game jacks, or knucklebones. In maths we have been comparing equivalent fractions. In science we explored gasses, and learned about the great scientist Joseph Priestley.

Class 5 This week in Class 5, in English we have looked at the story of King Midas; we have retold the myth in a storyboard and have written our own alternative endings; thinking carefully about features which we need to include and also what else the King could have wished for. In Maths we have looked at rounding and using the rules across a range from the nearest 1 decimal place to the nearest 100,000. In Theme we looked at the Greek democracy system and how the Ancient Greeks made decisions.

Class 6 This week in English, we have looked at the myth of King Midas. We have created our own comic strip version of the myth. We also created a character profile of King Midas and thought about ways in which he could be a more considerate man. We re-wrote the end of the myth changing the wish he made. In maths, we have spent time consolidating our knowledge from previous weeks as well as some assessment work. In theme, we have looked at how democracy began and compared Ancient Greek democracy with democracy in the UK today. In science, we have begun to look at the Linnaean system of classification.

Commando Joes

KS1 and Early Years started their Commando Joes sessions this week. Year 2 worked on preparing for their first mission, which has a royal theme. They have been researching the queen and her guards; particularly, who the queen is, what she does and what the guards roles are in protecting her.

In Reception, the first mission was linked to their topic; Space. The children had to work as a team to create a star shape, using just their bodies. All the children showed great teamwork, listening and creative thinking skills.



A HUGE thanks to FODS for funding this AMAZING programme!



Pigeon Club

On Wednesday pigeon club had visitors from a production company called Venom Productions who are interested in filming our work with the pigeons. We showed them the pigeon loft and then bathed some pigeons ready for the RPRA show at Blackpool this weekend.



Football Tournament at the City Academy Stadium

On Monday 13th January, 8 children went to represent our school and took part in a football tournament against other schools who are part of the Primary Stars Programme. The winning team of the tournament will be invited to Watford FC to take part in the Final.

The team played extremely well across all matches and show signs that they are beginning to develop as a team; passing the ball more and looking for spaces. The team supported each other throughout and showed good sportsmanship towards the other teams. We played against some tough opposition on the day, but performed well defensively, making it difficult for the opposing teams to score many goals against us, however, we did struggle in attacking areas, some children made some great individual runs up the pitch but we were unable to play the final ball and convert our chances into goal scoring opportunities. This is something we can try to work on in training each week and hopefully we will see an improvement in this in the up-coming matches.

It was a great opportunity for us to compete against other school within Manchester- thanks to our newly formed relationship with City in the Community.

A huge thanks to FODS who are helping to fund this project.



Matches

St Marys Levenshulme 3 vs Diggle 1 (GS- Austin)

Diggle 2 vs Webster 1 (GS- Toby and Emilia)

Diggle 0 vs Beaver Road 2

Whitehill 2 vs Diggle 0

St Matthews 2 Diggle 0

