



DIGGLE STARS

Lily Lees - for being helpful and responsible in the classroom

Oscar Asquith - for trying really hard with maths assessments this week.

Iestyn Morris - for trying hard every day and being kind to staff and his friends.

Arlo Gill - for working more independently in English this week.

Cara Hamilton - for always working hard and showing a fantastic attitude to learning.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



We made it to half term through what has been a challenging term COVID wise. Thank you for all the support parents have given school by following the guidelines and not only testing regularly but also taking children for PCR's when they have been unwell.

When we come back after half term the staff will be putting out parent's evening appointment slots for you to sign up to. The appointments will be online. This is a great opportunity for you to talk to your child's teacher about their progress please do be sure to sign up.

I hope you all have a relaxing week off and if you are managing to actually get away, have a wonderful time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Monday 28th February well rested and ready to tackle a new half term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 18 Feb - break for half term

Mon 21-Fri 25 Feb - Half term

Mon 28 Feb - return to school

Thurs 3rd March - World Book Day

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 worked hard in Literacy, learning all about Valentines day. We discovered that St.Valentine came from Italy and shared our findings with each other, it was very interesting. We then learnt about what happens when we add heat to chocolate, finding out that it melts. With this melted chocolate we made fruit and marshmallow skewers to celebrate Valentine's day. We read the story 'I love you Little Mouse' and made cards using the phrase 'I love you to the moon and back' which is used in the book. We have also had an introduction to rhyming words this week, spotting them in the story 'Stop Telling Fibs'. We then made silly soup only using words that rhyme. In Maths, we have been using paint to demonstrate our knowledge of capacity, using vocabulary such as 'full, empty, nearly empty and half full'. We have also been consolidating our knowledge of subitising up to 5 using dice, we are now super! In Phonics, we have recapped our previous set 2 sounds and red words. We have also been focusing on red word 'you' and introduced 'was'. In PE, we have practiced balancing on one leg ensuring that we can control our balance. Class R's word of the week is 'unhappy' we practiced showing an unhappy face, discussed when we might be unhappy and when the teachers might be unhappy. Some of us then wrote a sentence with the word included and drew a picture. Finally, we have practiced our listening skills by playing carpet games, we had to listen to the instructions carefully, listen to each other's voices and remember what has been said.

Class 1

This week in English we have completed our retelling of the Beegu story. We worked really hard to build our stamina for writing and tried hard to remember our sentence basics such as capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths we have been learning to add and subtract numbers to 20 without using additional apparatus. We concentrated on holding the biggest number in our head and then using our fingers to count on. We

moved on to using a number line to subtract a 2 digit number from a 2 digit number.

In Theme we learnt about Tim Berners-Lee and his invention of the World Wide Web. We talked about how the web helps the world to communicate better. We used the ipads to access the world wide web to find out three facts about our chosen topic of interest. In Science we learnt about animals in winter and how they adapted to survive. We learnt about animals which hibernate, animals which migrate and animals who adapt by changing their bodies or behaviour.

Class 2

This week Class 2 have finished our science work by finding out about the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (we all need water, food and air). We also made a start on designing homes for animals to live in making sure they had everything they needed. Our phonics has focused on words which end with el including towel, hazel, vowel and squirrel. We used these words in our handwriting practise and to ask and answer questions. In maths work this week we have been doing learning checks to find out what we are good at and what we still need to work on. This included how we add and subtract 2 digit numbers, use a tally chart, pictogram and block diagram and whether we can tell the time to o'clock, half-past, quarter past and quarter to. We all tried hard. We discovered that time is the area we still need to practise. Our investigations into number patterns this week have continued to focus on ways to make the number nine. This week we using the greater than and less than assigns and also played a true or false game. We had a busy afternoon on Thursday using the i-pads for research as we decided to make our own books. Some of the things we choose as topics were the rainforest, amazing animals, colour, football and even ice-cream!

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





DLP- Gymnastics taster session

On Wednesday 16th February some of our Year 4 children were chosen to represent school in a gymnastics taster session along with some of the other children in the DLP schools.

First they were shown and given chance to practise some basics gymnastics rolls and movements and then they worked together to put their ideas into a sequence which they performed in front of others at the end. The children did a fantastic job and all worked hard. Thank you for the support from parents who helped to get the children to and from the event.



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Class 3

In English this week we have read the book *Orion and the Dark* and had a go at a variety of comprehension activities. We have revisited multiplication in maths while in science we looked at reflective materials and thought about which jobs rely on these as part of their uniform. We wrote letters in theme, imagining we were a Roman soldier in Britain and in PE we had another great yoga session. Well done for all your hard work without Mrs Spencer again this week.

Class 4

Class 4 have rewritten *Escape from Pompeii* in English this week. We have included conjunctions, prepositions, direct speech and fronted adverbials when writing in first person. In maths we have got to grips with the bus-stop method of division and in science we made a booklet of everything we have learnt in our *States of Matter* unit. In SMSC we looked at forming good habits and in theme we learnt about Hadrian's wall.

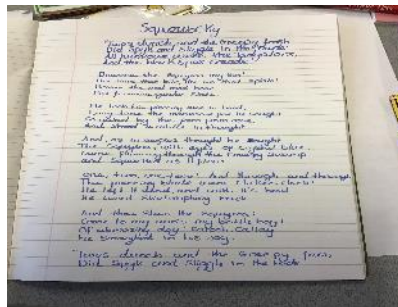
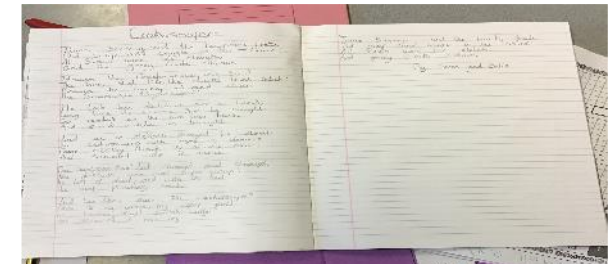
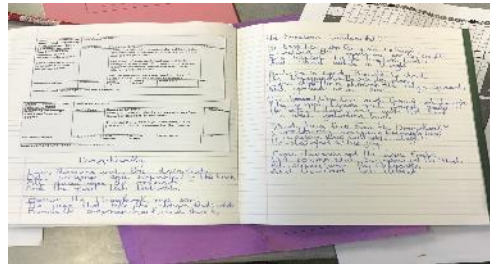
Class 5

This week in Class 5 in Maths we have been reflecting shapes across four quadrants and have been recapping the properties of different 2D shapes; looking at the numbers of sides and angles and if they have parallel lines etc. In English we have been writing our own version of the poem 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll and have performed them in front of each other. In Science we have been investigating how different mixtures can be separated using different techniques; magnetic attraction, sieving, evaporation and filtration

Class 6

In English we have been writing our own version of the poem 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll and have performed them in front of each other. In Science we have looked at advantages and disadvantages of adaptations during evolution, particularly thinking carefully about why some changes might not always benefit the species. In Maths we have been using coordinates; reading and writing them correctly across all four quadrants.

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Football Results

Year 6 Boys

St Barnabas 0 Diggle 3
Diggle 2 Elmwood 0
Hurstead 5 Diggle 0
Diggle 4 Lighoaks 1



Year 5 Boys

Chorlton 5 Diggle 0
Diggle 0 Greenfield 1
Hurstead 1 Diggle 0
Diggle 1 Whitehall 0



Girls Football

Button Lane 2 Diggle 1
St Matthews 5 Diggle 0
Moorside 5 Diggle 5
Diggle 2 Cheetham 0
Diggle 0 St Catherines 4

CITC- Football Tournament

On Friday 11th February we took two football teams to a competition held at the City Academy Stadium where the teams got chance to compete against other schools. The winning teams from each group would then go through to a finals day and the winner of that would represent City in a nationwide competition.

Year 6 got off to a great start and played some confident attacking football which then gave them the confidence in their next matches to encourage each other and continue playing as a team. Diggle Year 6 boys came second overall in their group. Year 5 faced a difficult challenge for their first game and lost against the team which would eventually come top of their group. They boys didn't let this dampen their spirits though and continued to work hard in their next games. Diggle Year 5 boys came 3rd overall in their group.

Today we also sent a mixed Year 5 and 6 Girls team to the Girls Tournament. The girls did an amazing job to say we haven't been able to practise as much as we would have liked. All the girls listened to the instructions given and followed them well, we could not have asked for more from them. They tackled well and gained confidence on the ball as the games progressed.

All teams represented school extremely well and I could not be more proud of them all. Thank you to all the children for taking part and for parents for their support in these events.



Diggle Football Teams



Year 5 in Action



Year 6 in Action



Girls in Action



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 also now be paid.

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 please can everyone can update their contacts and start using it in advance of the current number being turned off.

01457 601970

New school email address

We are also changing our email system. The teachers have been on the new system for a while, however the remaining staff will be moving onto the diggleschool.co.uk domain in the coming weeks.

From after half term, if you are contacting the office to with regard to your child's attendance or absence - ie leaving early for appointments, late arrival, change in going home arrangements, confirmation of negative covid test, absence request forms, illness, etc please use

attendance@diggleschool.co.uk

Goodbye and Good Luck Dawn!

Today we said farewell to a member of staff who is moving on to pastures new. Dawn Fox has worked at Diggle School for ten years both in the school kitchen and as a member of the BASC team. We will miss her but wish her lots of luck in her new job.

As a leaving gift she made every child in school a fairy cake.



World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day.

We would like all the children to bring in their favourite book on this day and to have identified their **favourite word** within that book.

Your child can also come to school dressed as a character **from that book if they wish, but this is by no means compulsory**. I am aware that in the current financial climate, spending money on a World Book Day costume will not be a priority for many families, and we encourage those who do want to dress as a character from their book to use existing items already at home. Please remember that your child will be playing out in whatever they are wearing, and to be mindful of the weather on the day.

All the children will join in the Book day activities in school regardless of whether they are in costume. If they do not wish to dress as a character from the book they bring, they can just come to school in their normal school uniform.

Please note, this day is **not** a general non uniform day. It is either a book character costume or school uniform.

We look forward to sharing and hearing about all the books the children bring in, and discussing their chosen word as part of the Word Aware programme in school.

Maths Whiz Intervention

If your child has been attending the early morning intervention session please read the information below;

Due to Covid Bubbles the children have not experienced a full half term of Maths intervention therefore all the interventions for all classes will continue next half term and be reviewed just before Easter.



SADDLEWORTH



ROUNDTABLE

Food Bank Collection - Greenfield

This Saturday 10am - 3pm

At the dog training ground on Chew Valley Road, opposite The Kingfisher Pub / Tesco

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS (UPDATED FEBRUARY 2022)

UHT MILK (1 LITRE), BAKED BEANS, COOKING SAUCE, TINNED FISH/ MEAT, RICE PUDDING, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED FRUIT, SUGAR, BISCUITS, JAM

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF
TINNED BEANS, PASTA, CEREAL



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The Early Years Statutory Framework

Diggle Dandelions is a community Pre-school and playgroup providing high quality care and education for children age two to five years. We offer a safe, supportive, vibrant and stimulating environment in which your child can play and learn. With a choice of session times throughout the week during term-time. We offer small group sizes with qualified, experienced and dedicated staff. Located in the grounds of Diggle Primary school.



Diggle Dandelions

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Free early education places for 2 year olds*

30 hours free childcare

for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds



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

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