



DIGGLE STARS

Jacob Downing and Charlotte Tann - for fantastic creative writing in poetry.

Eve Hall - for super place value maths work!

Etta Kouzelis - for always being ready to learn and working hard in all English lessons this week.

Dylan Johnson - for producing a wonderful fact file on volcanoes

Imogen Moffat - for increased confidence in class; sharing her ideas and contributing more in class discussions.

Bella Calverley - for always trying her best in everything she does.

Annabel Mansfield - for trying super hard with her spellings and getting amazing results.

Annabelle Blackman - for being polite and resilient in Phonics.

James Troisi - for working hard and contributing more in class.

James Duffy - for being resilient in PE and persevering throughout the lesson to complete a forward roll.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



To say that this week has been a bit of a roller coaster would be the understatement of the year.

Having managed for so long to keep COVID numbers in school fairly low we have been hit by our first outbreak. I want to say thank you to the children, parents and staff in Year 6 who have tackled this weeks issues with resilience and calm.

This week we were forced to put a halt to all extra curricular clubs before they had even really started. This was hugely disappointing to both children and staff. Following on from a number of discussions with Public Health England it has been agreed that these clubs can start up again next Monday. However, at this current time Year 6 children will not be able to attend until we can be sure the outbreak has been controlled.

This is all of course subject to change should our numbers in other year groups suddenly start to rise too, so please keep an eye on your Parent Pay communications from school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

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 started a new story, 'The Three Little Pigs.' In Literacy we have been comparing the similarities between The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears, discussing the different materials and their uses and we even made our own dream homes. We have built our role play area with the Three Little Pigs houses. In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 5 and practicing our counting to 10. We have played the game, What time is it Mr Wolf? We then played this inside using pig and wolf figures, making sure we counted the steps correctly. In Phonics, we have consolidated our learning with previous sounds and started to learn a new digraph 'sh'. In RE, we have been acting out friendship, focusing on bible stories. In PE, we have been practicing our spacial awareness, pretending to be cars and avoiding each other and cones. Finally, we celebrated Children in Need! We had a colour run and had our own Strictly Come Dancing competition.

Class 1

This week in English we have read more of our lost and found story. We completed our Penguin fact files and wrote about how we might travel to the South Pole. We thought about what we might pack in our suitcases and we have written about what story we would tell the penguin on the long journey. We have also written about how the little boy and the penguin might have felt on the journey. In Maths we have been practising our counting in 5s and 2s. We were able to find five more and two more than any number and could count in both 5s and 2s to 100. In Science we have been investigating our sense of taste. We tasted lemon, dolly mixtures, salted crisps and dark chocolate to decide which one tasted sweet, sour, salty or bitter. In PE we continued with our Gymnastics from last week. We practised a log roll, egg roll and a forward roll.

Class 2

In our science lessons Class 2 have been finding out all about Charles Macintosh who invented a waterproof raincoat - we have been grateful for them this week!

In our maths work we have continued learning about place value in 2 digit numbers. We have partitioned numbers, made our own numbers from single digits and learned how to order numbers using greater and less than signs. We have also continued to use the tens and ones apparatus and work with money.

We continued our story called 'Ten Little Lights'. We learned how to ask and write questions using question words to start our sentences and a question mark at the end.

In RE we have learned about the mosque as a place of worship and the items we may find in a mosque.

In PE we have continued to work on ball skills, throwing and receiving correctly.



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



Class 3

This week we have been learning about volcanoes in theme; naming parts, learning how they are formed and locating volcanoes in an atlas before plotting them on a map. Children created Fact Files and wrote a story poem about a volcano using poetry features we had studied in English. In maths, we have recapped formal multiplication and division and some of us have moved on to solving word problems involving these. In art we investigated colour mixing with watercolour paints to produce lava colours for our volcano sheet.

Class 4

In maths this week, Class 4 have studied perimeter,, and learnt that this is the outside length of shape. We also had two assessments on geometry and multiplication. In science we had great fun looking at the types and functions of human teeth. After labelling a diagram we then made a model using clay. In SMSC we focussed on feelings and emotions and in PE we continued our teamwork and communication skills by creating obstacle courses that we had to complete. We also had a really fun “volcano day” on Wednesday where we labelled diagrams, produced some lovely artwork and creating some detailed fact files.



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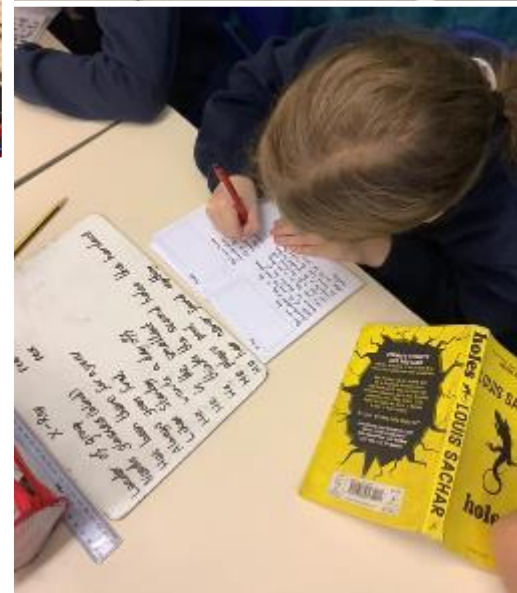
Class 5

This week in Maths we have carried on looking at factors and have also learnt about prime numbers and prime factor trees; some of us have struggled with this but have shown great resilience to continue working on it. In English we have written letters where we have tried to write in a similar style to Stanley and exaggerate the positive things about being at Camp Green Lake so that his mum doesn't worry. In Theme we have created some pencil sketches of different African animals; thinking carefully about the shading which we use.

Class 6

This week in science we have dissected hearts to help us understand more about the circulatory system; we managed to find blood vessels, the ventricles, the atriums, the aorta and some valves. We also made a start on creating our own game based on the circulatory system. In maths this week we have worked on fractions. We have been converting and ordering them as well as finding fractions of amounts. In English we have read more of our class novel 'Holes'. From this we wrote letters as Stanley back home. We have started painting some African landscapes in theme.

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Class 5's Fabulous Animal Sketches

Class 5 worked extremely hard this week working on these animal sketches. They thought carefully about the shape and outline first before using different sketching pencils to add their shading. They all worked really hard and should be proud of how they have turned out.



Word Aware

We are starting an exciting new initiative in school this term called **Word Aware**. This is a great way to extend and develop the vocabulary that the children use and understand.

As a way to get started we would like the children choose their favourite word and find out what it means. They will need to write down this word (for younger children parents can write it down for them and help them understand what the word means) and bring it into school by **Wednesday 24th November**.

In school, the children will then write their word on a leaf which they will decorate.

These leaves will be displayed on trees painted on the walls of the school hall. This will be known as our "word wood."

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.

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.


amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.



Notices

FODS Design your own Christmas Cards

Please return all Christmas card orders by **Monday 22nd November** so they can be processed and the final products back in time for Christmas. If you want to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to Friends of Diggle School.

Do you get text messages from school twice?

Where a child has more than one adult with a Parent Pay account, in some circumstances both contacts have the same mobile number stored in Parent Pay. It costs school to send text messages therefore please can we ask that everyone checks their contact details are correct in Parent Pay. When you log into Parent Pay, go to Profile where you can verify your contact details.

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.

**IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF**



Young Lungs at Work

No Idling Please

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


Please can we remind parents not to sit in their cars with the engine running when parked on the roadside at school.



FODS

FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

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.



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



All donations delivered to classrooms before 26th NOVEMBER

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 11th December

12:30pm - 3:30pm (Santa from 2:30pm)

Uppermill Conservative Club

Price includes a packed lunch, games and a gift from Santa

£7.95 per ticket (discount for siblings)

Tickets available from Uppermill Conservative Club or contact Vickie Lambert on 07901 997 079



All proceeds will go towards Saddleworth Rangers U15's Tour May 2022