



## DIGGLE STARS

**Raeya Heron** - for great reasoning and predictions in science.

**Scarlett Fielding** - for going above-and-beyond in her writing.

**Leo Javaheri** - for excellent work in phonics and reading!

**Evie Winskill** - for working hard and showing an increased motivation in her attitude to learning.

**Amelia Gowans** - for extreme hard work all week.

**Brooke Sloan** - for working hard and being kind and mature.

**Eliza Wright** - for her contributions in class, especially in maths.

**Millie Shaw** - for following instructions and showing good listening, as well as working hard during phonics and reading,



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



The snowy weather this week was enjoyed by the children on Tuesday. Just a quick reminder in case we are lucky/ unlucky enough to get more snow over the next few weeks.

On a snowy day we always try to get the children outside so that they can enjoy building snowmen etc. Please can you send your child with either waterproof trousers to play out in or a pair of tracksuit or jogging bottoms that they can change into on before going out. This will ensure that they have a dry bottom half for the rest of the day. It is a long afternoon if you have a soggy, wet bottom!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** – school closes at 1.45. Please see emailed letter for details

**Fri 3rd Jan** - Class R storytelling day.

**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

**2nd Mar** - Class 1 to Jack & the Beanstalk

**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 been learning the traditional tale 'Goldilocks & the Three Bears'. The children have learnt story actions to retell the story and had a go drawing their own story maps. We also made some three bears porridge by following a recipe. Once it was cooked, the children had 4 toppings to choose from; jam, berries, banana & honey. All the children tried some porridge and then if they liked porridge they added toppings. As they chose, we looked at healthy eating and talked about how oats have the superpower to give us energy all day. The children then wrote about making the porridge and decided if their topping was the healthiest from the choices. They all agreed bears would really like honey on their porridge! The children also enjoyed role playing in our Once upon a time estate agents and made sure all the houses they sold had locks! Mrs Bradbury asked the children whether Goldilocks was a good character. This question split the class and we had some really interesting points, but when we looked at our 6Rs the children all believed that Goldilocks didn't make good choices.

In Maths, we have been looking at the number 5 and all the different ways we could make 5. We tried to share 5 pieces of birthday cake our between the 3 bears from the story and found we couldn't share it equally. We also had a look at ordinal numbers and comparing sizes of objects from the story e.g. tall, medium and small chairs.

Finally, in PE we were looking at games that help us move and stop. The children were practicing moving and stopping different parts of their bodies.



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

## Class 1

This week in English we started our new class text “Beegu”.

We started with an interesting discovery on the school playground when we found debris from what looked like a spaceship crash! We shared lots of ideas about what might have happened and then looked at the similarities with the first page of the the book. We wrote predictions about what Beegu might do next. We discussed what Beegu thought that nobody could understand her and made a list of the sounds she could hear coming from the city. We completed a prediction track using of our ideas based on what had happened so far. In Maths this week we have been working on place value within 20. We have practised counting forwards and backwards from any starting point within 20. We have looked at the structure of the teen numbers, checking how many tens and ones are in each teen number. In Science we looked for signs of winter. We didn't have to look very far- we spotted ice, snow, bare trees and berries. In Theme we have been learning about Louis Braille and the writing system he invented to help visually impaired people like himself. We had a go at using the Braille code of dots to write some words.

## Class 2

In writing this week we have been doing lots of different things in our writing rotation. We learned how to use apostrophes for possession such as Mrs Rawson's cup, Miss Spivey's coat and practised with different items belonging to each other. We solved 'picture sums' to identify and spell compound words and practised our key spellings. Finally we wrote our news. In Maths we have been exploring shape. We recapped the names of 2D shapes by counting their sides to help us remember. We learned what vertex and vertices are and counted vertices on some unusual shapes. We practised drawing different 2D shapes using reasoning to follow clues. We continued our science theme 'Everyday materials' looking at brick, stone and paper. We investigated their properties and what they are used for. We designed our own brick pattern for a strong wall and tested the strength of different shaped paper columns. We discovered the cylindrical paper column was the strongest and held 80 reading books! We then made 3D paper sculptures by folding, weaving, bending, twisting, weaving, curling.....We found so many ways to change the shape of a paper strip.



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### Class 3

This week we were excited to start our new book 'The StrangeWorlds Travel Agency'. We looked at vocabulary and descriptions by the author. In theme, we learnt about Spain; plotting features in Geography, learning about the artist Antoni Gaudi and research paella before designing our own. In maths we have been learning about arrays, sharing and grouping in our multiplication and division unit. We have recapped our french learning from the past few weeks, putting our learning into a short conversation.

### Class 4

We have continued our *States of Matter* unit by studying Joseph Priestley. We looked at gases, discovered that they have weight, and learnt that the bubbles in fizzy drinks are carbon dioxide. In theme our focus this week was Spain. We plotted points on a map, looked at the work of Antoni Gaudi, and made paella recipes. Apostrophes were on the menu in English. We learnt about contractions, and then went on to look at how they are used to show possession. The swimming was great fun again on Thursday, and we made progress in SMSC where we learnt about what activities affected our minds, bodies, and hearts in both a positive and negative way.

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## Class 5

This week we have continued our work on Shackleton's Journey. We finished and edited our letters of application writing them and signing them as members of the crew. We did have to invent some details though. As part of our comprehension we looked at the layout of William Grill's book on Shackleton. We have also researched the physical geography of the Antarctic and located different features on a map. In mathematics we have continued our work on fractions and are really gaining confidence here. We also really enjoyed our P.E. trip to Saddleworth School!

## Class 6

This week in English we have written our letters as crew men to join the Endurance Expedition, thinking carefully about the skills and experience our particular crew member would have that they could bring to this once in a lifetime opportunity. We have started our new Science topic; focusing on the circulatory system, looking specifically at the heart. In Maths we have been focusing on converting metric units of measure trying to think about the units for conversion for length, mass and capacity. In PE we have carried on with. In PE we have continued to focus on improving our fitness and set up different stations to measure how many we could do in 1 minute. We also started to use the boxercise equipment to improve our fitness which we will build on and develop over the next few weeks. The children also enjoyed taking part in a PE session run by some sports leaders at Saddleworth School earlier this week, where they took part in either a football, dodgeball or dance session.

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## CITC- City vs Girona

Before Christmas we were lucky enough to receive a set of family tickets for the friendly game of City vs Girona at the Academy Stadium. Joseph attended the match with his family and had a great day. We would like to thank CITC for making this possible and hope we can get more tickets for our families in the future.



## School Council

This week the school council discussed the school lunch menu. They spoke to their classes about which menu items they like and don't like and took suggestions for items they would like to see added to the menu. They shared their feedback with Mr Tillett who considered whether any of the suggestions would be a possibility. He confirmed that suggestions such as lasagne, fish and chips, tacos, kfc style wrap and chicken burger could be added to the new menu soon.



## DLP-Athletics

On Tuesday 17th January some of our year 6 children took part in a DLP Athletics competition. There were 4 activities the first event was throwing a shuttlecock as far as you could. Next was the side jump. After that was the running long jump. The final event was the chest pass with a basketball. In the end Diggle School came third overall.

Thank you to both staff, parents and children for attending and taking part in the event.

By Edward Russell.



## Notices

### Uniform

Please can we request that uniform has child names written in, especially coats, hats, jumpers and cardigans.

### Car Parking and Waiting

Please can we remind you to park safely and in line with the High Way Code. Please do not double park, or park on the double yellow lines (unless you hold a disabled parking permit). Please do not use Heather Way to park or turn around. There is plenty of space to park on Sam Road, Huddersfield Road and the Canal Car Park.

Please turn your car engines off if you arrive early and sit waiting to prevent exhaust emissions build-up.

### FODS Used Uniform Sale

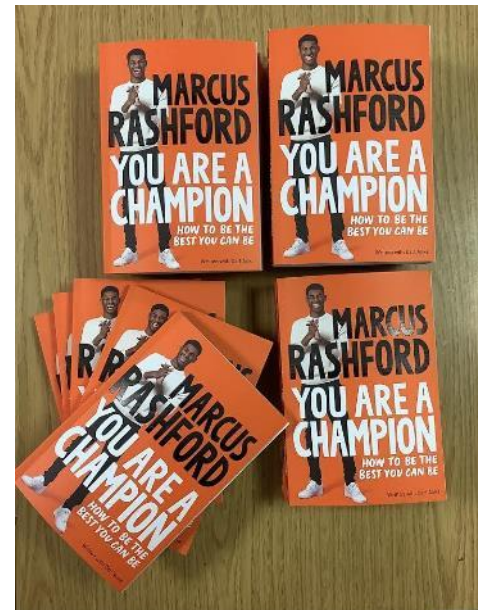
FODS are planning to do a used uniform sale at the end of next week. Please put any donations of clean, unwanted uniform in the red grit bin at the main entrance to school and keep an eye on the class whatsapp groups for further details from FODS.

## Reading for Pleasure

*City in the Community* have kindly donated these books to school.

If your child would like to read one, they should ask their teacher and they will be loaned out as part of our 'Reading for Pleasure' promotion.

A few children have already recommended it after reading it at home, so hopefully we will get some requests next week...



Happy reading