



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



What a finale to the year; a very busy, but wonderful week.

As a staff we have been on a real rollercoaster of a journey this year and I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all the parents who have supported us as we have navigated our way through some difficult times.

I am so proud of my team here, children, staff, parents and governors all work together to make the school the wonderful nurturing environment that it is.

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6, you have been amazing, it was a joy to work with you on your production this year. What a talented bunch.

Keep reaching for those stars.

# What an AMAZING production year 5 & 6 put on this week

Well done to all of you. Thank-you to all the staff involved, to the parents for providing such fabulous costumes, and to everyone who came to watch.





**We all had lots of fun with FODS'**  
**MAKE THE RULES DAY !!!!**





*If you forgot to pay your child's contribution to the FODS Make the Rules Day fundraiser, you can still do so on Parent Pay.*





**Class 5 finished their Mayans topic with food!**



# Class R had a wonderful day with Curious Critters





## Choir at the Bridgewater Hall

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 Choir who took part in the GM Hub concert on Sunday 16th July. It was a long day with the children arriving at school at 10:30 am and the concert not finishing until 5pm in Manchester. The children behaved and performed beautifully and Mrs Newton, Mrs Hawes and Mrs McLoughlin were all very proud of them. What an honour to be asked to perform on one of the top 10 concert venues in the world and we sang, as part of a massed choir, to a full house.

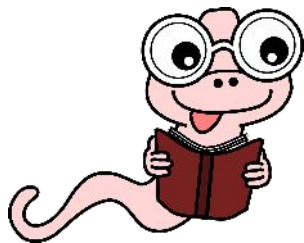


## Thank You and Goodbye

Today we will all be very sorry to say “Goodbye” to Mr Pitman. He stepped into the breach at a very difficult time for our school and threw himself into Diggle School life, becoming a fully fledged “Team Diggle” member very quickly.

Good luck for the future and thank you for all your hard work this year.



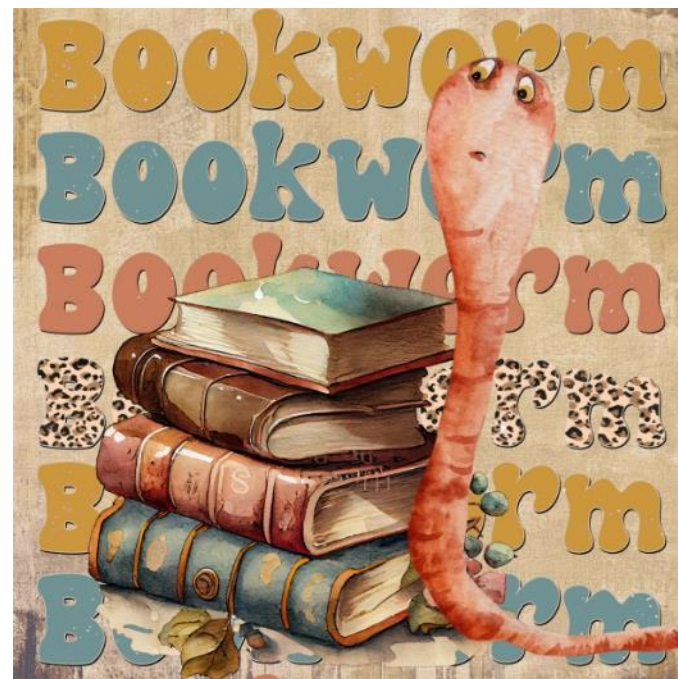


# 300 Home Reads to an Adult 2023

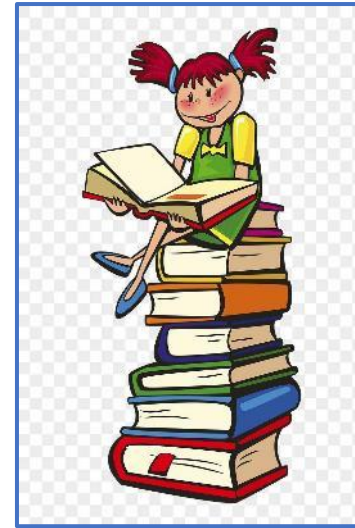
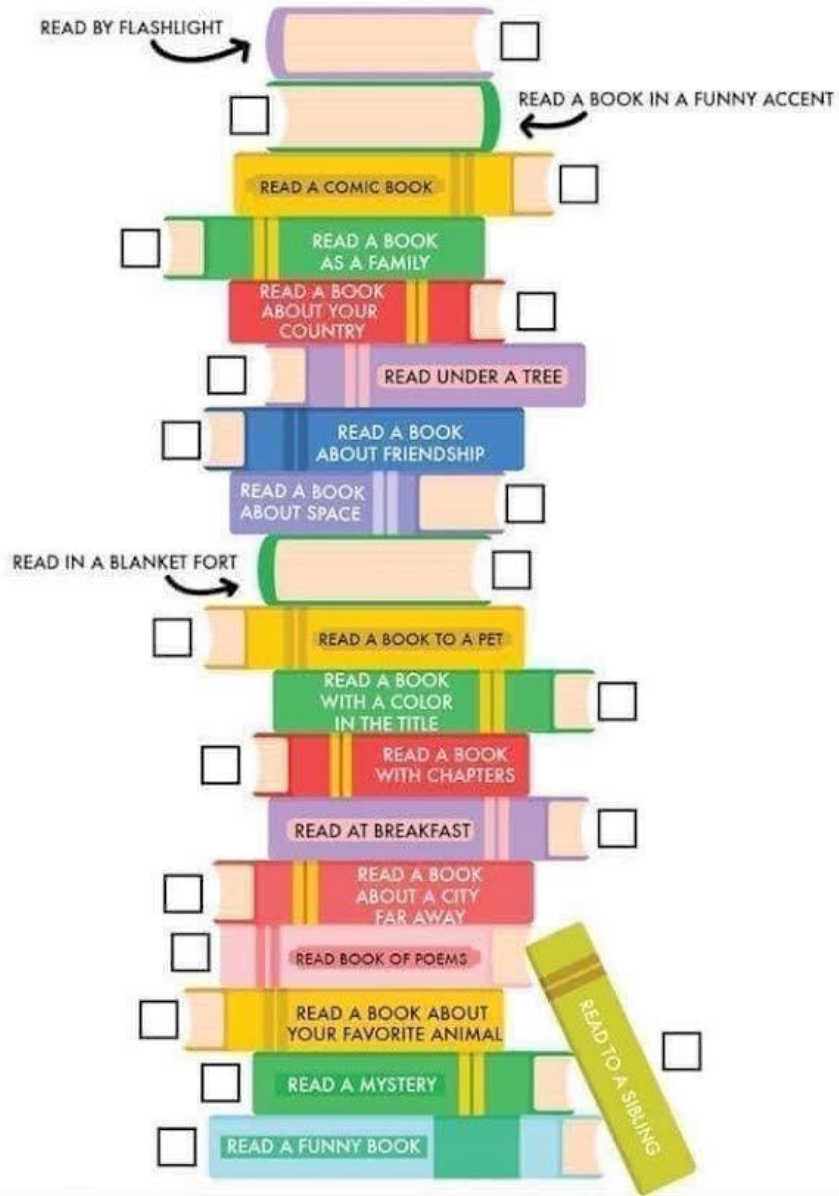


A massive well done to all the children that achieved their reading incentives this year and a special well done to those that reached 300. That is a huge commitment to reading and something to be proud of.

Enjoy your books!

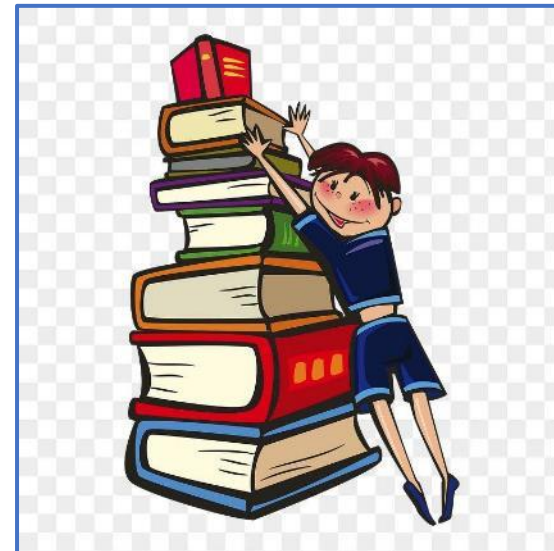


# Summer READING CHALLENGE



Keep up the amazing reading over the summer holidays with this great Summer Reading Challenge!

How many will you achieve?



# Goodbye Year 6

Class R said goodbye to their buddies



***Every year we present a variety of awards to pupils in Year 6 as part of the leavers assembly which celebrate both academic improvement and personal development.***



*Seb Ellis and Ellis Gill receive the Elizabeth Lawson "Good Egg" Award.*

Seb is a friend to all, joins in with everything and even laughs at my jokes sometimes. He always get on with his work, has become more confident when contributing in class and has a mature attitude towards his learning and sorting out problems in their friendship groups if they arise.

Ellis has blossomed this year - the difference in 12 months is amazing. He offers to help out on a daily basis, not for any extra credit, but just because that is who he is. He is a very good friend to so many children in the class and has made us all laugh on many occasions this year. He is thoughtful and kind, contributes well in class all of the time and his confidence has grown in so many areas so much so that he took on more of a leading role in the year 6 performance, which even 6 months ago I would have said would have been out of his comfort zone.



### *Edward Russell receives The Stephen Ward Prize for Reading*

This is a new award this year in memory of Stephen Ward, a past pupil and past member of the Diggle Community who often shared fond memories of Diggle School and village with his family. His love of reading is reflected in this award and we are very pleased his daughter Hazel was able to join us today to present the award for the first time. We are very grateful to Stephen's family for their generous donation to school in his memory.

Although this is a new award this year Edward sprung to mind straight away. Edward constantly has to be told to put his book away once lessons have started. He gets his book out at any opportunity when he has finished work just to read a few more pages. Never before have we finished a SATs paper and had someone ask what book one of the texts came from because they want to buy the book and finish reading it. So if this doesn't show how much Edward enjoys reading, I'm not sure what does!

### *Matilda Morris receives The Mathematics Award*

Matilda doesn't always find maths easy, but the resilience she has shown this year has been remarkable. In October she didn't want to even engage in a maths lesson but she knuckled down and worked on her resilience and with this came a little bit of self belief that we were able to work with and build on. Slowly but surely, she started to believe in herself a little bit more and could see she could do it. This led to her working more independently and also asking for help when needed rather than just letting the lesson pass her by. Matilda, you should be so proud of yourself.



### *Ollie Blair receives The Shipp Award for Contribution to Sport*

We have many children within this class who enjoy playing sports, some have even represented school teams this year when they haven't wanted to in the past and they all have a competitive streak so this year my decision should have been made all the more difficult. However, this year I do believe there's one sporting person who stands out from the rest.

Ollie's skill level for his age is something I haven't seen before, he picks up new skills with ease and can adapt them to different situations. He LOVES all sports, is really competitive, but also has the correct attitude towards the opposition and uses good sportsmanship. He always remains enthusiastic and always wants to improve and be better. I cannot wait to see what his future holds and I am sure he will go far with whatever sport he chooses to progress with.





### *Minnie Grange receives The David H. Wood Memorial Prize for Music*

For Minnie, music has made a huge difference to her confidence. When she first started playing and singing, she found performing, even in a small group, very difficult to do. However, over the last few years, she has grown in confidence so much so that she performed a beautiful solo at the Easter concert. Well done Minnie.

### *Evelyn Tamworth receives the The Milton Prize for Creative Writing*

Evelyn is always conscientious, always tries her best to listen to how new punctuation is used. She has tried so hard to include all of the aspects and features we have discussed, but also has a natural flair for writing that can't be taught. She maintains high expectations of herself and always tries to improve her writing from the feedback which is given. The vocabulary she uses, range of language devices and punctuation makes her writing exciting to read and I know this team relied a lot on her to produce their part of their book for World Book Day.



### *Lily Hazlehurst and Saiym Shah receive the Lachlan Ashworth Award for Kindness*

This is a special award, one because it was named after a former pupil here at Diggle, but also because I know how much this award meant to Miss Alker.

Saiym offers to help all of the time and I know he does this with other adults around school too. He is kind with friends and doesn't like it when problems arise within friendship groups. In January he regularly checked in with how I was doing and if I was ok and I'm not sure what we would have done without his help at lunchtime this year.

Lily goes out of her way to help others. She has given up her seat in the classroom for someone else and has quietly helped her peers when needed, without prompting. She is friends with everyone in the class and always makes sure that others are happy, even to the detriment of her own.



# Good Bye Year 6

Each year, all the pupils of the school form a tunnel, starting with the reception children, through which the year 6 students pass through as they leave school for the very last time.







# Warburtons/Morrisons Summer Holiday food offer - #AskForEllen 17 July to 13 August 2023

“Ask for Ellen” at [Morrisons](#) cafés and receive **two FREE** Warburtons Crumpets with butter and jam, available to everyone, no questions asked, all day, every day until 13th August. Just [#AskForEllen](#)

T&C's apply

From 17/07/23 to 13/08/23, ask for ‘Ellen’ at the till point at any UK Morrisons Café to receive two free Warburtons Crumpets with butter and jam, while stocks last and subject to availability. Limit of 1 meal per customer per day. Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

## Holiday Activities

As the ongoing cost of living crisis continues to put pressure on families across our borough, Oldham Council has invested in activities that can be accessed by all children and young people over the school summer holidays. You can find the program of events here

[Activities for All – What's On Oldham](#)  
([whatsonoldham.org](http://whatsonoldham.org))

## Debt

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** can any parents owing dinner money, BASC fees or music fees log onto Parent Pay and clear the debts ASAP, especially if your child is leaving us this term.

**Mrs Whitehead does not want to spend her summer break chasing parents for money!**

Any children leaving school where debts are not cleared or credit balances remain will be transferred to siblings in the first instance, or where credit remains and there is no sibling account, this will be refunded back to the Parent Pay account.