#### **Head teacher's Comment**

I think I said last week's newsletter was a bumper issue but at 8 pages this week, I think this may be our longest yet!

The staff really enjoying getting the e mail correspondence that you are sending so keep up the good work. For those of you able to take a break next week in what should have been half term I hope you have a lovely week. There is no pressure to do school work next week so maybe carry on the kindness theme from this week.

Along with this newsletter you have received an important letter regarding the wider opening of school after half term. Please make sure you take the time to read this.

## The Diggle Star



### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

#### What have we learnt?

#### KS1

Class R This week in Class R, we have continued with our animals topic and the focus has been all about pets! The children have read the topic book; The Great Pet Sale by Mick Inkpen and enjoyed making their own pet shops at home. They have also done some fab pet portraits and written about which animals they think wouldn't be good pets and why. In Maths, the children have been looking at unlucky 13 and showing different ways to make 13. The children have also been writing secret messages with dandelions...I wonder what those messages were. Mrs Bradbury and Miss Leach were happy again to see all the fabulous work on Purple Mash and through the lovely emails we get sent. Keep up the great work Reception!

<u>Class 1</u> This week Class 1 have been working on our 'There and Back' topic. We have been finding out about the history of cars and how air travel has changed over time. In Maths we have completed some work on comparing, measuring and solving problems involving length, height and weight. In English we have continued to read the Naughty Bus and make predictions about what might happen next. We have also chosen suitable verbs to describe how the bus moves and how he feels and put these into sentences. In SMSC we have been thinking about Mental Health Awareness week and the importance of being kind.

<u>Class 2</u> This week Class 2 have had a mini Space theme week. We began our week by reading a book called 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We used it to help us with lots of different writing features including apostrophes, instructions, labelling and descriptive writing. As part of our work using 'Man on the Moon' we used the NASA website to explore a bit more and also made alien shape shadows! Some of us needed a bit of help for extra arms, legs, antennae or other strange alien things. We also drew, painted or made a model of our very own alien to help with our descriptive writing. Check out our photographs below. For other reading activities this week we have had a change and used the Book Trust website. We read 'The Dragon Machine' and 'Owl Babies'. There were also had lots of other fun games and activities to try out. For our Maths learning we have been using BBC Bitesize maths. We have investigated times tables, working on our 2 and 5 times tables and how to use repeated addition and arrays to help us. There were some tricky challenges but we were resilient!

#### What have we learnt?

#### KS2

Class 3 This week Class 3 have produced posters for Sophie and the BFG to market Frobscottle in England. They did a great job making the heading big, bold and bright to catch the customers eyes and used ways such as special offers and descriptions of taste to tempt and persuade the to buy their product. We have also looked at different prefix spellings on SpellingFrame.com and recapped contracted words and apostrophes. In maths we have focused on multiplication and division, recapping the formal methods as well as other ways to break down larger calculations on BBCBitesize. In science, we have moved on to a new area, looking at food and food groups; considering how important it is to have a 'healthy balanced diet'. We have looked at foods needed before and after exercise, which came in useful when some of us joined in the Joy of Moving Festival on Wednesday afternoon. It was a hot day, so we needed to stay hydrated with plenty of water!

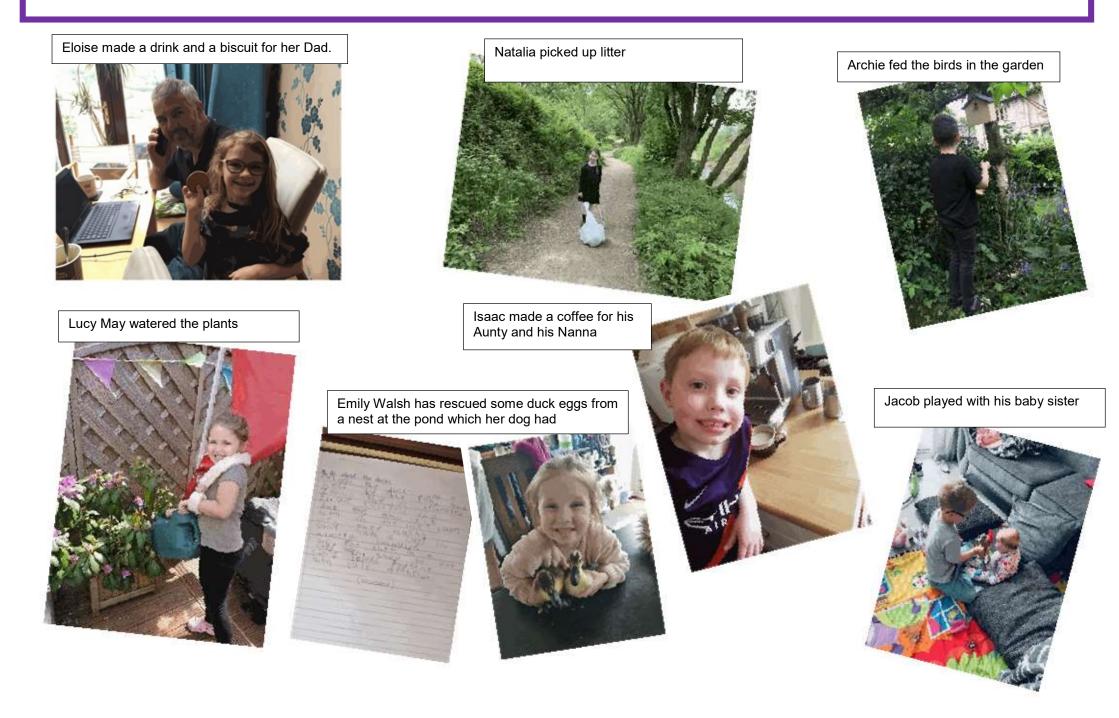
<u>Class 4</u> We have continued with MathsWhizz and TT Rockstars in maths this week and also had time to work on a tricky problem called *Prison Cells*. The children had to use their problem solving and resilience skills to find a solution. In English we have made some predictions, wrote instructions and also produced some fabulous posters of a fictional seaside resort. I have included some of these in the newsletter below. In science we began a new topic on electricity by looking at household appliances and the dangers of electricity. We finished the week by recapping the French words for different colours, examining forgiveness in RE and discussing healthy eating in SMSC. Have a lovely half term holiday!

<u>Class 5</u> Class 5 have been reading more of their book, 'The boy with one name'. They were then asked to come up with their own objects that the Badlanders could use to defeat the creatures that they come across. They were asked to research a pentacle and create a factfile about this. They were also asked to draw an image of the Wretch using the description in the book. In maths, they have been asked to complete work on adding and subtracting mixed numbers. They have also spent time on Maths Whizz and TTRockstars

<u>Class 6</u> Class 6 have continued to read their book, 'The girl of ink and stars. From this they have been asked to answer questions and write a summary about what they have read. They were also asked to write a news report to announce the death of Governor Adori who died in battle to save his lands. In maths, they have spent some time on Maths Whizz and TTRockstars. They have also been working on converting decimals to fractions and multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.



This week was Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year was the importance of kindness. **Class 1** were asked to show an act of kindness at home as part of our SMSC learning. It was lovely to see the acts of kindness they chose in the photos they sent in.



**Dylan** is very excited to tell you that he completed the 14 miles in 7 days challenge with Uppermill FC last night.

He completed 4 runs and 2 walks, with a rest day for mum and dad!

He totaled 26.8miles, the equivalent of a marathon and has decided he wants to do a proper one when he's old enough.

So far the club have raised over £3000 for local NHS charities.

We are very proud of his achievements.



WELL DONE
DYLAN - THAT'S
AMAZING

# Class 3 FROBSCOTTLE advertisements. Excellent selling points, but I think I might still give it a miss!







