

## Head teacher's Comment

Hopefully you will have all received your transition e mail from your child's new teacher this week. We are aware that life in lockdown can be very challenging but if you could find the time to sit down with your child and go through the information that has been sent it will really help them to start to visualise what school next year might look like. Also think of some questions that your child might like to ask their new teacher when they call them over the next few weeks. Please also take the time to watch the video link further down in the newsletter if you think your child might be interested in learning an instrument next year.

Finally, I would just like to inform you that school will be closed over the summer holidays. The holiday club that currently runs on our premises is hoping to be open so keep watching out for a communication regarding this in the next few weeks.

## Parent Pay

Please log into Parent Pay and ensure you have no outstanding debts in **dinner money, BASC fees and music fees**. **Year 6** parents in particular, please ensure any debts on these items are cleared ASAP.

Thank you to all of you who have made payments.

If you are in credit - this will stay on your account and be there to use when your child returns to school, unless your child is leaving, in which case refunds will be processed in due course.

Some refunds for Spring term clubs unfulfilled due to the Covid-19 closure have now been processed. For those still outstanding, these will be completed when Parent Pay have released additional funds to refund against. Thank you for your patience.

# The Diggle Star



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## KS1 What have we learnt?

Class R This week, Class R have continued to work on Minibeasts, with a link to our topic book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. The children had to create a wanted poster for the Very Hungry Caterpillar who ate all the food in the shop! They also had to write a review of their favourite minibeast story by Eric Carle. In Maths, the children have looked at number 17 and at halves and sharing. Finally, Class R had loads of fun making giant bubbles, setting up their own restaurants and learning about different habitats. Some of the children even designed their own habitat for a minibeast of their choice! Fantastic work again this week Class R.

Class 1 This week in English we have continued to read 'The Diary of a Wombat'. We have answered comprehension questions about the story, created a timeline of events and written thought bubbles for the characters. We have also worked on spelling the common exception words and completed a reading lesson BBC bitesize. In Maths we have been learning about numbers to 100. We have done some counting, worked with tens and ones and compared numbers and objects. In theme this week we were asked to complete a project to create something which represents Australia. We came up with some excellent ideas! You can see some of our work in the newsletter

Class 2 It was National Writing Day on Wednesday 24 June so Class 2 used activities from The National Literacy Trust for their reading and writing work this week. They chose activities they would really like to do. The activities helped with lots of different skills and were fun and interesting too! Some children chose to write a recipe for a magic potion or investigated poetry listening to poems about creepy crawlies, football and teachers before creating their own poems. There was also Puffin Storytime to tune into every day for 20 minutes of story magic! We continued our theme 'A Land Down Under' by investigating the weather in different parts of Australia and the UK. The children could also try presenting their own weather forecast. In Maths work this week we have focused on a daily challenge looking at problem solving and using the method of 'trial and improvement'. Some challenges looked easy but needed a bit of careful thinking and concentration to test out a solution!

## KS2 What have we learnt?

Class 3 This week Class 3 have been looking at plants: What is a plant? naming different sorts, labelling parts and looking at leaves in more detail as well as identifying trees by their names and collecting shades of green from plants and trying to colour match them. In maths, we have completed our fractions unit and have been learning about types of lines and angles. We have been creative this week with our learning from 'The BFG'. We have produced some 'Brilliant Bubbles' in art; thinking about words and phrases to describe them, we have planned a journey to London and designed a palace if we were to reign over a country. We have also looked at our personal dreams for the future and written what we would like our life to be like

Class 4 We have continued reading *The Witches* in Class 4 this week. We have read a number of chapters and have had fun making predictions, comprehending the meaning of Roald Dahl's writing and using a thesaurus to swap some words and extend our vocabulary. We worked out a missing number on a hundred square for our 'problem solving' element of maths, and we even created our own challenges by using clues. We have created superheroes in SMSC and discussed Bear Grylls in RE. For our science challenge this week, we have scientific advisors whose job was to create our very own nature reserve in Diggle. We had to think about what it would look like by drawing a map with a key. We also produced some 'risk assessments' by explaining the dangers to habitats (both natural and manmade). We also produced fact-files on various animals and designed some food chains too.

Class 5 This week class 5 have continued to read the text 'The Boy with One Name' The Badlanders have finally tracked down Mrs Easton after a close encounter with a grey-fisted Ent in the graveyard but they now have possession of Mrs Easton's Dark Bottle- but will they be able to find and defeat the dangerous witch? The children have produced their own delicious treats that can be sold in Mrs Easton's bakery and patisserie and have created posters of videos to advertise this. In Maths the children have continued to work on Maths Whizz, TTRockstars and complete mini maths daily. The have also completed a SMSC task for Miss Buckley.

Class 6 It has been lovely to welcome some of Class 6 back to school this week. Although they were a little anxious to begin with, they were soon chatting and laughing with each other which has been so nice to see. They have completed work both in school and at home. In English, they continued work from the book, 'The Girl of Ink and Stars'. They were asked to write a playscript using some of the text after analysing playscripts earlier in the week. They have completed work on area and volume in maths. They have also begun their transition work whilst in school. Because of the lovely weather we have had this week, the children have been able to enjoy time outdoors catching up with each other.

**Year 2 are working hard again! Here is a selection of the things some children have been busy with ...**



Thomas is busy solving one of our daily maths challenges – he is really concentrating well!



Bea has been working hard this week. This is her fantastic picture of a Space Mermaid.

Lucy made a habitat for the wild rabbits in her garden as part of our science learning this week



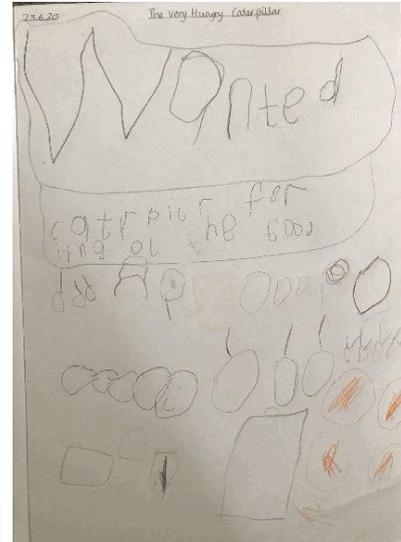
Eva is hard at work solving a tricky money problem. What a good idea to use a muffin tin to help sort out the coins!

Alfie used his research skills to create a wombat fact file for children in Year 1 to use as part of their shared theme work with Year 2



Jacob investigated how to make different sized triangles for one of our daily maths challenges this week

As always our **Reception** children have been very busy.



## Notices

Oldham Music Service staff have done an amazing job of moving music tuition to the online environment, and in doing so have been able to continue to teach music during lockdown. Going forward, this means they are able to continue provision both in and out of lockdown - whatever the future holds.



The Music Service have asked us to share this video about the in-school music/instruments lessons for the next academic year. Please have a look at it with your child, and talk to them about the amazing benefits of learning a musical instrument. The video will be very useful to enable you and your child to have a discussion about music lessons for next school year.

<https://youtu.be/zSIGQVqIWRM>

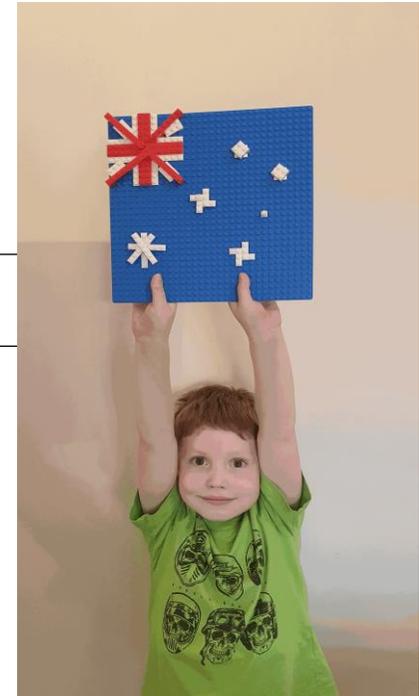
Children in **Year 1** have been very creative this week.



Eloise made a Lego snake



Emily did a dot painting of a duck billed platypus



Isaac made a Lego Australian flag



Molly has made an aboriginal shield and spear



Natalia created a map of Australia



Jacob has created a didgeridoo



