



DIGGLE STARS

Esme Irwin - for great effort in maths using 2D and 3D shapes.

Millie Shaw - for working hard on her phonics, blending and writing this week.

Florence Howard - for some great contributions in English this week.

Etta Kouzelis and Eliza Wright - for their contributions to maths, working hard and responsibly.

Charlie Doran - for an improved attitude to learning this week!



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Another busy week at school has flown by. We spent a little time each day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday learning and practising the song "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman. All the children in school took part and really enjoyed learning the song together.

We then made a recording of the school singing along to a piano backing track. This recording is going to be shared with Miss Alker's family and used as part of the Funeral Service.

We did not mention the word funeral to the children but we did tell them that we had recorded one of Miss Alker's favourite songs being sung by her favourite people for her family. Listening to the children sing was always something she enjoyed, so we felt this was a fitting tribute.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 30th 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 in Class R we have continued learning about tales and on Monday we learnt the story of Chinese New Year - for which the celebrations started on Sunday. The children enjoyed making red lantern decorations for our classroom. They also practiced their story telling skills by using the small world figures to retell the zodiac race story. We also looked at China on the globe and had a go picking up pom poms with chopsticks and writing Chinese characters.

However our main story this week has been the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. We started retelling the story with our story actions and creating story maps. We also looked at different versions of Three Little Pigs' in story time and the children were able to spot what was the same and different to the original tale - showing excellent listening and comprehension.

Linked to the story, Class R got involved in some house building themselves. They each tried to build a house that could withstand the big bad wolf's huff using straw, sticks, bricks and some other materials and loose parts we had around the classroom. We talked about how to really build a house and what type of house they live in. The children then tried to build their houses with the den building equipment.

In Maths, the children have been deeping their knowledge of the numbers to 5. We sang songs that had number 5 in them and played subsisting splat! The children also looked at all the different ways numbers to 5 could look and did some 5 block printing. Later created maths stories after watching '5 friends Counting', using the story language 'Fist', 'Then' & 'Now'.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have continued reading our class text Beegu. We have written sentences to accompany a sequence of pictures from the story and explained what happened when Beegu tried to make some friends. We wrote thought and feeling bubbles for Beegu after the man in the street ignored her. We answered questions about why the man at the stray dogs home separated her from the puppies and sent her away. We wrote thought bubbles for the children in the playground when Beegu began to play alongside them. In Maths we have been developing our understanding of the higher teen numbers and the number 20. Looking at different representations of these numbers and finding out how many tens and ones are in them. We also looked at finding one more and one less than a number up to 20 and filling in missing numbers on a number line to 20. In

Theme we learnt about Florence Nightingale and how she changed nursing for the better by keeping hospitals clean, giving patients good food, medicines and and changing their bandages.

We sorted features of hospitals before and after Florence Nightingale arrived. In Science we learnt about seasonal change by finding out how animals behave in the winter. We learnt that some animals hibernate, some migrate and some adapt.

Class 2

Our English this this week focused on different types of sentences especially questions and exclamations. We had fun asking and writing each other questions. We also used the words '**what**' and '**how**' to work out which sentences were questions or exclamations such as '**How** cold it is today!' or '**How** many pencils do we need?' In Maths we continued to investigate shape, looking at the symmetry of 2D shape and exploring the properties of 3D shape. We sorted and matched shapes according to the 2D shapes which make up the faces on 3D shapes. For example a triangular prism has 5 faces, 2 are triangular and 3 are rectangular. We have looked more closely this week at what Information technology or IT is. We explored IT both in and out of school, including home and familiar places such as shops and cafes. We found how IT is used in these places and how much we use it in school and at home. In music we have been finding out that the speed of the beat can change, the tempo. We listened to 'Maple Leaf Rag' by Scott Joplin and tried to mark the beat by tapping or clapping. We also tried walking in time to the beat which caused a bit of a traffic jam!



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Class 3

This week Class 3 focussed on collecting further words and phrases the author used to describe the shop in our text. We also explored words, identifying root words, suffixes and prefixes. In maths we have been multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4; looking at arrays, grouping and sharing. As part of our Europe theme, we visited Italy, sketching after studying Michelangelo, writing recipes and making pizzas and looking at the geography of the country. We looked at inputs, processes and outputs of digital devices in ICT and recorded some of our sequences in gymnastics; considering mounts and dismounts on the benches as well as transitions. In science, we have started our new unit on Rocks and have been grouping by selecting our own criteria.

Class 4

Italy was the focus in theme this week for Class 4. We made art in the style of Michelangelo, we plotted physical and human features on a map, and we made delicious pizza slices using wraps, puree, cheese, peppers and pepperoni. In maths we learnt about factor pairs and in SMSC we studied what a healthy sleep routine looks like. We continued examining apostrophes and fronted adverbials in English while in science we looked at melting by experimenting with chocolate and boiling water.

Class 5

This week Class 5 have been working on descriptive writing. We looked at a description of a desert and noted how you can use senses and figurative language to bring your descriptions alive. We also explored the use of compound sentences with coordinating conjunctions. In mathematics we continued getting to grip with fractions and working on calculations. Our them work this week has centred on maps and coordinates looking at 4 and 6 figure grid references. In science we have looked at Forces and how they work in pairs.

Class 6

This week in English we have focused on writing a setting description. We have looked at a good example and found the different features that could be used and have worked in groups to develop our ideas on vocabulary and figurative language which could be used. We have then put all of these ideas together to write our own setting descriptions of a hot desert. In Maths we have looked at the additive and multiplicative relationship between different numbers and have been introduced to ratio, which we will continue with next week. In Science this week we have looked at the importance and function of blood vessels and the components that make up the blood.

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Reading for Pleasure - Where in the World?

Our **Where in the World board** is now up with our first travel write-ups for recommended places.

If you are visiting anywhere, whether it be another country or a day visit closer by (or if you visited anywhere over Christmas), please print off the template to fill out your review for people to read. ***Neatest writing please so it may be displayed on the board.***



Notices

Flu Vaccination Catchup

Intra Health have arranged one last flu vaccination clinic for Wednesday 1st February in Oldham town Centre at Positive Steps (next to Sainsburys). If your child hasn't had their flu immunisation and you want them to, please call 0333 358 3397 to make an appointment.

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.

Open Day

On Monday 6th February we are holding another of our open days for current parents to come in and spend some time in the classroom with their child(ren), as well as have the opportunity to look at the children's books. Sessions are 9-10.30am or 2-3.30pm. If you have more than one child in school you are welcome to split your time between multiple classrooms, and you are welcome to attend both sessions / have someone to both sessions. Parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome.

Now taking bookings for February Half Term!
Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023 inclusive
8.45am - 5pm £26 per day per child



Diggle Holiday Club

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Children can enjoy our vast outdoor areas and take part in seasonal crafts.
Morning and afternoon snacks/drinks are provided,
lunch to be provided by the parents.

