# DIGGLE STAR - 30.04.2021





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#### **DIGGLE STARS**



**Zeydhaan Shah** - for the continued effort he is making in all activities in class, well done!

**Ava Warren** - for super progress in reading! **Cara Hamilton** - for a responsible and hardworking attitude in all lessons.

**Annabel Mansfield** - for fantastic work produced in English this week.

Vinnie Lord - for a more responsible attitude and being so helpful especially at lunchtimes.

**Sophie Miles** - for fantastic research on America's natural wonders.

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**Lucy Cox** - for always being so kind and polite and following the 6Rs.

**Harrison Mulholland** - for being more responsible and respectful at playtime.

**Ella Derbyshire** - for great maths work and a responsible attitude to learning.

**Phoebe Cumming** - for enthusiasm in Phonics and reading and showing lots of progress.



# P-HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



As you know from diary dates parents evening will take place the week beginning the 17th May. These will once again be held via Zoom. The staff will be putting up their slots for you to book from 4pm on Tuesday 4th May on their Google Classroom platform.

Please make sure you log in and book yourself a slot. They are ten-minute slots. It really helps if you make sure you are prompt and ready to start at your allotted time on the day, so be sure to make a note of the time and date when booking. If you log on for your appointment and are not admitted straight away, please be patient the teacher will let you in, it may be the previous meeting has run over slightly.

The staff are really looking forward to having the chance to talk to you about your child's progress, so we hope everyone books themselves a slot.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Remember Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday!!

Parent's evening: week beginning 17th May via Zoom.

17th May - School photographs

Thurs 27th May - FODS Break the RULES day - School closes for May half term

28th June - Welcome evening 6-6.30 or 6.30-7 \*\*

5-6th July - transition days \*\*

Effort grade cards will be sent before May half term

\*\* subject to covid restrictions being lifted -more info will be issued nearer time.

## Class R

This week in Class R, we continued thinking about the Circus and we read the book 'You See a Circus" by Mike Downs. The children enjoyed talking about what certain performers may need to be good at. For example, a strong man would need to be fit and healthy to be a good strong man. We followed this theme into PE, where we looked at improving our balance and core in order to be good performers ourselves. In Maths, we focused on learning our number bonds to 10 and introduced the number 11. Why not ask your child how they know what is 11? Finally, in Phonics we have started Set 3 sounds. These new sounds have been added to our phonics keyrings and this week are; 'ea', 'ai', 'oi' & 'oa'.

Also, well done to Martha Chamberlain for achieving her 200 home reads badge! Super effort!

## Class 1

This week in English we have finished reading our Great Fire of London story Sammy the street dog and have completed a story map. We then changed the story map making changes to the main character and the place they got trapped. We have written the opening of our own version of the story. In Maths we started to learn about multiplication and division. We looked at simple one step problems and worked them out by drawing arrays and sharing out cubes. In Theme we have learnt more about the Great Fire. We looked at a map of London and shaded it to show where the fire spread to on each day. In Science we went outside to find out which was the most common wild plant in our grounds.

## Class 2

This week we have continued our work around our theme 'The Great Fire of London.' We learned what caused the fire to spread so quickly and about important Londoners such as Samuel Pepys and his diary. We wrote the first part of a news report about how the fire started. We have also learned two songs about the fire and made up our own dance which we are practising with our partners. In Maths we have recapped work on time, revisiting quarter past and quarter to the hour and continued o work on problem solving using addition and subtraction. We have been learning about the difference between fiction and nonfiction books and how to use a contents page in our reading comprehension work. (Please read the article below to find out about our work with 'Relax Kids' this

week)



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#### Class 3

This week in science, Class 3 have enjoyed making a model of the arm to show how the muscles work in pairs to lift the forearm. They also used their prior learning to design a pre and post race meal for Usain Bolt! In English, they have used lots of writing skills to write about the feelings of the main character in out book 'Journey'. The children also had the opportunity to be creative when they wrote about where their magic door would lead them as the character drew her own. In maths, we have been consolidating formal multiplication and division whilst others have been using to apply these skills. We enjoyed our Orienteering session with scavenger hunts, map work and a team building task to make a path connecting 2 trees using only natural materials found in the playground.

## Class 4

In maths this week, we have been dividing decimal numbers by 10 and 100 by shifting the numbers to the left. We then went on to compare numbers written as decimals and fractions. In English we have continued with 'Journey' by building rich sentences using thesauruses to expand our vocabulary. We also recapped when and how to use apostrophes for possession. We then rewrote a passage of text using pronouns to avoid repetition. In science we focussed on appliances and compared the difference between mains and battery electricity. In theme we look at lines of latitude and longitude, while in PE we finished our unit on orienteering by hiding secret codes for our friends to find.

## Class 5

This week in Class 5, we have continued to read 'The Nowhere Emporium 'in English, we have been introduced to some mysterious characters and have started to piece together bits of information that is suggested in the flashback chapters. We have focused on writing a letter back to St Catherines, informing them that Daniel Holmes will not be returning to the children's home and writing a diary entry to show how Daniel feels about events that have happened to him over the past few days. In Maths, we have looked at 2D shapes; recapping the names and properties of the different shapes. In Science, we have started to plan a dissolving investigation which we will carry out next week.

## Class 6

This week in English we have been reading the book 'Wonder'. We have been introduced to new characters Julian, Jack Will and Charlotte. In Maths we have been working on ratios and proportion. We have been using our reasoning skills to answer questions on these. In science we have been doing electricity and circuits. We put together circuits and tested what happens when we change the voltage. In Theme we have been looking at ancient wonders in America and new Wonders in America. We then grouped up and picked a Natural Wonder in America and researched about the wonder we chose. In PE this week we have been playing rounders, we grouped up in girl VS boys and went against each other. After we played a couple rounds of, we then practiced our catching skills.

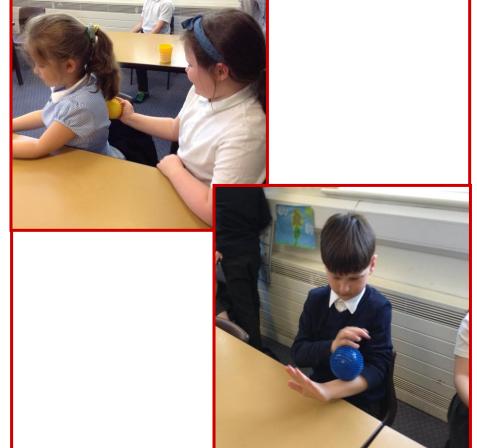
By Mia and Bella

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## **Relax with Class 2!**

Class 2 are working with Relax Kids this half term, having fun and learning different ways to feel calm and relaxed. This week we had some spiky massage balls to try out and learned a breathing exercise called star breathing. We had fun with the spiky balls, but they proved a bit tickly for some of us, especially on our feet! We all enjoyed the star breathing.



## Finding number 11 with Class R



#### **BASC Parents**

Please can we remind BASC parents they must not bring their cars onto the staff car park when collecting their children. There is plenty of room on the road, and coming into the carpark is not necessary.

The car park is for staff only, and as it is private land, should you have any form of accident or damage occur you are likely not be insured as you are on private land without permission.

## **Road Closure**

The road closure and diversion communicated during the holidays has now been put in place. The one-way loop will take you onto the A62 and will return you into Diggle from the Marsden end.

The details and map were emailed to you via Parent Pay during the Easter holidays however full details can also be found here:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/news/article/2034/new saddl eworth school roadworks to begin soon

Please avoid using the little lanes which cut through to the village - these are narrow, will clog up very quickly, and are meant to be having new restrictions for access to residents of those roads only.

Please leave extra time to travel to school.

#### **Notices**

#### **School Photographs**

Photograph day is Wednesday 17th May. We will offer individual and class photographs, but will not be doing any sibling / family portraits this year.

#### **Parents Evening Appointments**

The teachers will contact you via email to make your appointments for Parents Evening via your child's google classroom account.

#### Paid for school dinners

Reminder - as per previous newsletter notification, prices of school dinners has now increased to £2.55 per meal. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to cover your child's meal requirements each week.

#### Music lessons

Fees are now due for the Summer Term's music tuition. Your fees should be fully paid up before May half term for the full year.

Children will have the opportunity to hear the music teachers demonstrate their area of expertise over the next week or so in preparation for children expressing an interest in learning to play an instrument from September.

We also have information on the school website about music lessons - see For Parents / Clubs and Activities.

# Break the Rules day! thursday 27th May



- 1. You must not wear silly clothes or pyjamas
  - 2. You must not wear a crazy hairstyle
- 3. You must bring a healthy snack to school
  - 4. You must drink water at school
- 5. You must not wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
  - 6. You must not paint your nails
  - 7. You must not stand up in class and tell a joke
    - 8. You must not wear silly accessories

