Head teacher's Comment

As announced by the government yesterday schools should be re-open to all children come September. The staff and governors are busy making plans for how this will happen following the latest guidance and before the end of term we are hoping to be able to give you an idea of how this will look at Diggle School. We are all very excited to be planning to welcome all children back, we have missed them terribly.

One measure we know will definitely be in place is staggered starts to the beginning and the end of the day to limit the amount of parents on the premises at any one time.

We are hopefully that BASC will be able to be up and running too.

Staff are also busy coming up with a few virtual surprises to say goodbye to our year 6 children in two weeks' time.



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Music Service - Woodwind

There are two more links here to lovely videos for those wishing to start either singing or Woodwind lessons, be sure to check them out.

The Diggle Star





Friday 3rd July 2020

What have we learnt?

Class R This week, Class R have being learning all about worms! We have had a new topic book 'Superworm!' by Julia Donaldson and the children have made wormeries, worms out of playdough and even bubble worms. The children have also looked at how other cultures eat insects and used cooked spaghetti to paint. We also spoke about recycling, linked to our work on habitats. In Maths, the children learnt about the number 18 and measured distance by completing a paper plane challenge. Keep up the good work Reception!

Class 1 This week in Class 1 we have been busy writing our own diary. In English we have been reading the Diary of a Wombat and our task for the week was to write a diary entry each day in the style of the Wombat. In Maths we have been learning about money. We have been recognising coins and notes and learning about their value. In Theme we have been learning about the physical features and the animals of Australia. We enjoyed making some Australian animal finger puppets.

Class 2 This week we have linked our English and our theme learning. We have been learning about the oceans and some of the creatures which live in them. The children learned the names of our oceans and some facts about them. They watched and listened to the author Nicola Davies read her story 'Big Blue Whale'. They then read a short non-fiction piece called 'Whale Words' to find out more about adjectives and similes. The children also investigated the amazing story of Jacques Cousteau, a famous diver and underwater explorer through using the fantastic book, 'Manfish'. They were able to use an extract from the book for reading comprehension work. For our Maths work we have focused on practising our times tables with some fun activities and a speed test challenge for those feeling confident! In our Science work this week, Year 2 discovered what microhabitats are and how to explore them safely. Some children explored their outdoor areas to see what they could spot and why the different plants and animals might be living there. To stay active some children have been using our Fun Fit activities from the Year 2 webpage. A lot of activities seem to involve socks!

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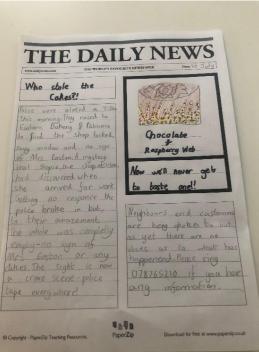
<u>Class 3</u> This week we have done a mix in Maths: practicing tables on TTRockstars, and on Maths Whizz and BBCBitesize learning about shapes. We enjoyed a change on Guardians of the Galaxy adventure and joined in with the Year 3 Friday Challenge. From our reading of The BFG we have got creative, designing a new vehicle to reach Giant Country and Creating new lands for the blank pages in the back of a World Atlas where Giant Land is! We have been learning more about plants in science, looking at how plants reproduce and seed dispersal as well as the different conditions plants prefer.

<u>Class 4</u> We have marched on with *The Witches* in English this week reading three important chapters. We have worked on our comprehension skills, looked at the pros and cons of a character's choice and also improved our summary skills. We had some more fun in Maths with our problem solving again. We worked on the tricky 'sealed envelopes' question and some of the children, by working systematically, were able to find a few different solutions. We also went on TT Rockstars and played *Guardians: Defenders of Mathematica*. For our weekly topic, we have revisited our unit *What Makes the Earth Angry?* and created 5 pieces of art to represent a variety of natural disasters. We have used sketching pencils, crayons, felt tips, paints, pastels, playdough and even Lego.

<u>Class 5</u> This week Class 5 have finished reading the class text ' The Boy with One Name'. In the penultimate chapter we finally learn the fate of the evil witch Mrs Easton and learn that the young group of Badlanders achieve their goal. The events that occurred in the garden on Easton's Bakery and Patisserie will change each of their lives for the better- but will it all have been worth it? The children created Newpaper reports about the mysterious disappearance of Mrs Easton and all of her cakes. In Maths the children have worked on a variety of areas; including the four main methods of calculation. As we have worked on these a lot in school a lot of the children have just been consolidating their learning. They have also continued on TTRockstars and completing mini-maths daily.

<u>Class 6</u> In Class 6 this week, children have continued to read and work from the book, 'The Girl of Ink and Stars'. As we are nearing the end of the book, they were asked to make predictions about what would happen to the two main characters as well as other characters. They have also been asked to summarise chapters as well as write a diary entry for Isabella, who is stuck in the tunnel of a labyrinth. After a rockfall, she has been separated from her friend, Lupe, and there seems like no escape. In Maths this week, Class 6 have been working on ratios. They have had to calculate ratios as well as working out word problems involving ratios. The have also continued their work on transition to secondary school and spent time thinking about what their journey to their new school will be like. This has included looking at how long the journey would take and checking bus timetables.





Year 5

The West Hampton Daily

Wednesday 1st July 2020

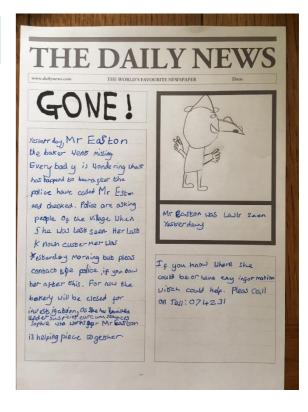
Where Are You Easton?

Mrs Easton has been kidnapped along with her pastries and cakes

by Sophie Miles

Yesterday Mrs Easton and all of her delicacies went missing. The chefs have not been seen either. Mrs Easton was a very nice person who had a lot of friends but no family. This has confused the police as there are very few people the kidnappers could demand a ransom from. Even so the police still expect it as otherwise it makes no real sense. A bottle with a dagger instead of a lid has been found in her back garden. There was also some recently used tinfoli. The closest conclusion they have come to so far is thanks to one of her workers. Her name is Sophie and she informed us that before she had left for her lunch break a new customer came in and asked for an eclair. "It was a female for certain but she looked like she was trying to make people think she was a man," she informed us. Unfortunately there is not much to describe but multiple children have screamed, "SHE IS A WITCH! DON'T LET IT LIVE!". This has confused many people as it all happened at the same time as a racket that was going on in her back garden became silent.





Parent Pay

Please log into Parent Pay and ensure you have no outstanding debts in **dinner money**, **BASC fees** and **music**

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 recently.

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.

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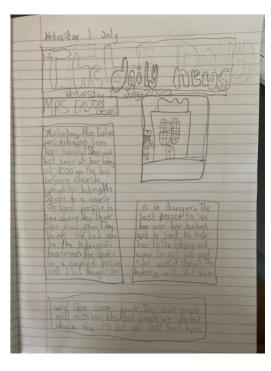
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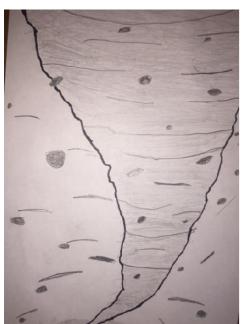








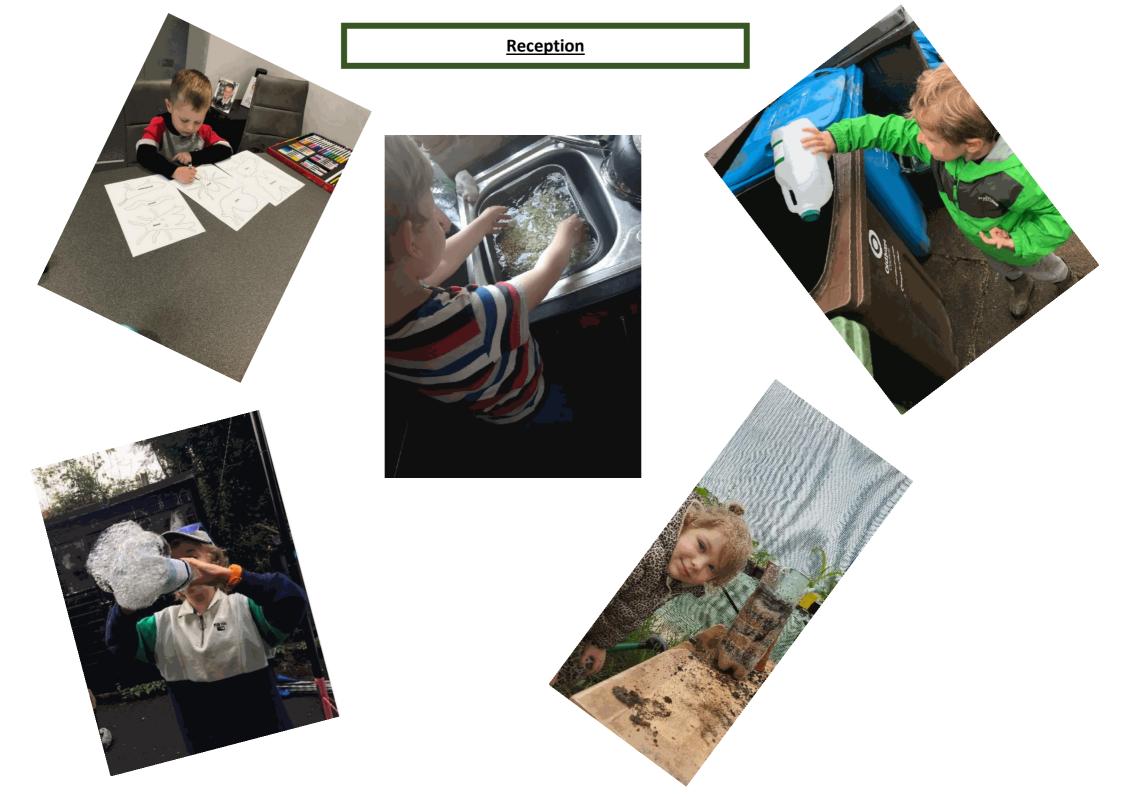






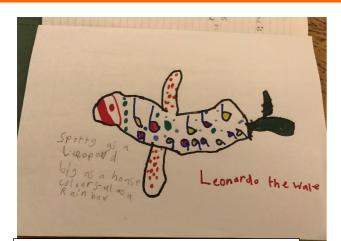






Year 2

Class 2 have done some lovely theme and Science work this week. They have been finding out about our oceans and what lives in them. They have also been out and about investigating microhabitats



Thomas and Grace have drawn pictures of their own whales and written some great similes and adjectives to describe them.





Jacob and Ella found some

and under a stone.

microhabitats microhabitats in a wall

Minnie investigating microhabitats and the creatures that live there, on a walk around Diggle

Sam is hard at work finding out about our oceans