



DIGGLE STARS

Amelia Gowans - for her hard work and **resilience** - particularly in maths

Eloise Powell - for beautiful handwriting and trying hard with self assessment

Ava Warren - for trying hard with her story writing.

Emily Banks - for always being kind, considerate of others and trying hard all the time.

James Wild - for a positive attitude and showing an improvement in Maths

Dylan Hurren - for putting 100% effort into everything he does.

Charlie Delaney - for fantastic effort and **resilience** in his maths work this week.

Saoirse Keane - for trying hard throughout the school day and being polite to her friends and staff.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



I am pleased to be able to report that yesterday our last class was able to come out of a bubble and we are now able to return to some sort of normality in school. I would like to thank you all for your support over what has been a difficult few weeks. In particular those parents who make use of club and have had to work around the different timings.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff. When a class goes into a bubble it means that staff give up their breaks, lunchtimes and in some cases time before the start of school to help keep the bubble intact. This period has also been challenging for my office staff who have ensured that parents get the latest guidance to manage a positive case. My staff have gone over and above in this last few weeks to support children, parents and each other and I feel very privileged to lead this wonderful team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

Fri 18 Feb - break for half term

Mon 21-Fri 25 Feb - Half term

Mon 28 Feb - return to school

w/c 14th March - Parents Evening week

w/c 4th April - effort grade cards issued

Wed 6th & Thurs 7th April - Year 3/4 production during afternoon session - times tbc

Fri 8th April - finish for Easter

Mon 25th April - return to school



Class R

This week Class R have been exploring the book 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'. We identified the start, middle and end of the story and discussed each part. We explored different materials which represent each scene, mud, water, green paint for the grass and glitter and cotton wool for the snow storm. We acted out the story with actions and then used these to go on a bear hunt in our forest. We then made our own teddy bear shaped maps making sure it was in the correct order. Using these maps we practiced using positional language to describe where the bear might be hiding, we then wrote sentences using this language.

In Maths, we have been looking at 'heavy' and 'light', we pretended to be human scales tilting our body when a heavy object was placed on our hand, we then used real scales.

In RE, we discussed why Moses is special and coloured in a picture making sure we used accurate colours. In Phonics, we have recapped all of set 2 sounds and introduced a new red word, 'my'. Class R had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New Year, making lanterns, painting chinese numbers and pretending to be a dragon.

Finally, Class R have been brushing their teeth everyday this week as part of our oral health week. We earned all our stickers and learnt a new song which makes brushing our teeth an enjoyable activity. Class R have enjoyed our new role play area, 'The Dentist' wearing masks, booking appointments and lying down on our examination chair'.

Class 1

This week in English we completed some work linked to our History topic. We wrote letters to an older relative telling them about what we have learnt and asking them a question about what types of communication they had when they were young. In our work about Beegu we wrote sentences to explain how Beegu's parents might have found her. We learnt about the prefix 'un' and used these words in our writing to describe the grown ups in the story. We also wrote about how the grown ups in the story treated Beegu differently to the children in the story. In Maths we have been learning about money. We have worked hard on learning the value of the coins and using coins to make up a specific amount of money.

Some of us even began making amounts using the £5, £10 and £20 notes. In Science we have finished making our rain gauges from plastic bottles and are looking forward to collecting some rainfall data next week.

In Theme this week we have been learning about the history of the post office. We learnt that King Charles 11 established the post office in 1660. Back then the receiver of the letter had to pay for it. We learnt how this changed in 1837 when Rowland Hill introduced the pre paid stamp. We then watched a video to find out more about the modern post office. Later this week we walked to the Diggle post office to post our letters and completed a comparison of the post office then and now.

Class 2

This week Class 2 have had some super science sessions! We have started our new science topic 'Animals including humans' by focusing on health and exercise. We researched what a healthy meal would be made up of and used a checklist to plan our own meal. We had to include all five food groups - fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, protein, dairy and fats. We learned what '5 a day' means and how fruit and vegetables can help us stay healthy. We found out what good hygiene is and why it is important to do things such as clean our teeth, have a bath or wash our hands regularly. Finally we investigated the effect of exercise on our bodies, check out our facebook post for video and pictures. Our phonics this week has focussed on words with the gi and gy and ge spelling patterns which make the 'j' sound. We found some new vocabulary such as imagine and apology. In maths work this week we have been working on mixed addition and subtraction still using our empty number lines. We also investigated pattern in number and used our 'Mastering number' sessions to learn more about greater than and less than.

In PE this week we have continued our yoga work trying out animal poses such as Butterfly pose and Lion pose and making up our own animal poses too.

Classes R, 1 & 2 this week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.



Class 3

This week, Class 3 have finished our class book and reflected on the real story behind it, looking at photos of Pompeii today. We put ourselves into Tranio's shoes in our Hotseating session to think what it must have been like to be caught up in the eruption of Mt Vesuvius, before writing a story using the first person. In maths, we have been finding fractions of amounts and learning about equivalent fractions. In theme, we have been using the 8 point compass to give directions of countries from Italy and learnt a rhyme to help identify the shape of Italy on a map: Big boot Italy, kicking little Sicily. We enjoyed our OAA work in PE when we played the game

Class 4

We have been looking at coordinates in maths this week. After learning the golden rule, '*Along the corridor, up the stairs*' we identified and plotted points on a grid. We played a coordinates dice game with partners to score points, and also really enjoyed playing 'battleships'. On Friday we created our own islands, and plotted features using coordinates. In English we have continued with *Escape From Pompeii*. We looked at all of the warning signs that the volcano was about to erupt, and collected precise nouns that the author uses. We then expanded the nouns, and added adverbials. In science we observed how matter changes state and learnt about evaporation and condensation, and in SMSC we focussed on how to stop the spread of germs.



This week in photos. More on our Facebook page.

Class 5

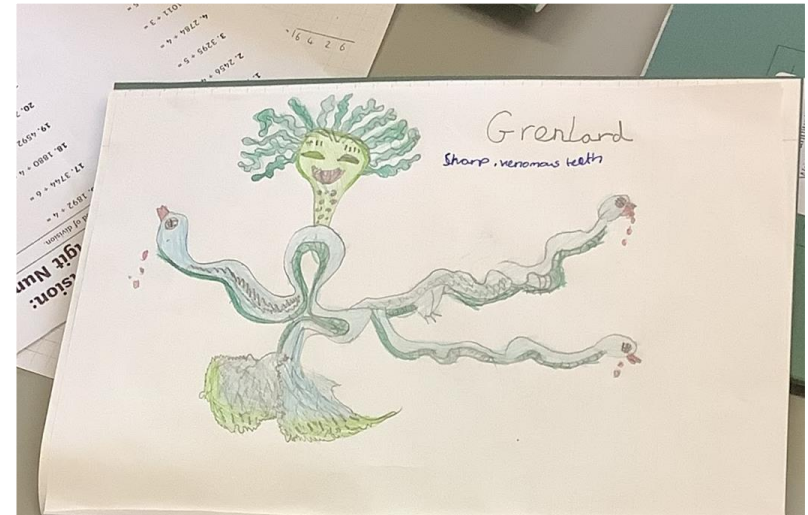
This week in Class 5 we have planned and written our own Greek Myths. The children have thought carefully about the quest their character would have been sent on, the mythical creature they encounter and how this has been overcome. The children have worked really hard on these this week to include all of the features we have discussed. In Maths we have recapped finding the Area of shapes as this has been something some of us have struggled with previously. In Theme we have looked at the differences between being raised in Athens and Sparta during the Ancient Greek period and what that meant for the children raised in the different city states.

Class 6

This week we have been converting measurements and time in math, in English we have planned and written our own version of Medusa, changing the problem in the story.

Each day we edited and improved our drafts to create a perfect the story. In Maths we converted different units of measurements (like 100g which is equal to 0.1 kg). This week in Science we learnt how fossils were created and compared them to modern day life plants and animal and how they evolved over millions of years. We learnt in Theme, how the Ancient Greek Invented the Olympic Games and designed a fact file to present what we learnt.. During SMSC that enough exercise will decrease your sleep and if you don't get enough sleep it can affect your health and mental health more than you think. Leon from CITC taught us to relieve stress and anxiety and how to get a clear mind. Ways to clear your mind are to meditate and to take deep breaths in a and out.

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Notices

Parent Pay

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date. Please consider using the auto top-up function in Parent

Pay for dinner money - this enables you to set an automatic payment of an amount you set to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, meaning you don't get in debt. Music fees for Autumn and Spring should now be paid up, leaving just the Summer term owing at most - you are welcome to make payments early.

New School Telephone Number

From April we will have a new phone number at school. Until the end of March, the existing phone number will continue to work, however the new number is also in operation now, (diverting to the current number for now).

Therefore we are going to start sharing the new number so everyone can update their contacts and start using it in advance of the current number being turned off.

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Diggle Road Closure

A parent and Diggle resident has kindly shared with us a letter received by some residents regarding forthcoming road closure which will affect parents who drive in and out of Diggle.

Huddersfield Road will again be closed in BOTH DIRECTIONS from the entrance to Diggle from Standege Road to the Chippy. The diversion into Diggle is up the A62 towards Marsden and back down Huddersfield Road, the same as before, and the reverse to leave Diggle. The planned date for this work is **06.00 Monday 14th Feb - 23.59 Sunday 20th Feb**

However it does state the work is weather and temperature dependent, so could change at the last minute.

The letter also states these are the final works required relating to the school development.

PLEASE NOTE that when the road was completely closed last time, traffic marshalls were stationed on Spurn Lane to ensure it is used for resident access only. We recommend that if you need to arrive or leave Diggle by car, you leave plenty of time and use the requested diversion rather than trying to use the back lanes, from which you may be turned away.

We appreciate this is an inconvenience however the new school is due to open after half term and we can therefore put these road closures behind us for good!.



Diggle Holiday Club
Now taking bookings for
Half - Term:

Monday 21st - 25th February 2022

Children will take part in lots of activities, themed arts and crafts and outdoor activities.

A morning and afternoon snack will be provided and fresh water and juice will be available.

To book, please email:
landaholidayclub@gmail.com

Price; Mini day: 8.45am – 4pm £23 per child per day
(PAYMENT due to secure your booking within a week of your confirmation email)

Friends of Diggle School
Present The

DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL

9TH - 24TH APRIL 2022

If you would like to make and display a scarecrow of your own, it is FREE to enter! Please collect registration forms from Diggle Post Office or email digglescarecrowtrail@outlook.com. Scarecrows MUST be registered by Friday 19th March at the latest.

Trail Sheets will be available from lots of different outlets in Diggle Village from the 5th April.

This years theme is
FILMS

Easter treats for all entrants!
All correct entries entered into a prize draw!
Prizes for the best scarecrows!

All profits to directly benefit the children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075

