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Stay Connected at Audlem St James CE Primary School

This week again I felt more like a Headteacher as we welcomed Year 6 back. We have seen over 80 children back this week which has been fantastic and lovely to feel more children in school. The warmth from the children and parents has been amazing and it has been reciprocated from staff. A letter has gone out that over the next few weeks we will be hoping that Yr2/3 and Yr4/5 weather permitting will be having a social distancing picnic in the school grounds. This will mean that we will have seen all children by the end of the school term.

I know I have said it a lot but **'I'm the proudest headteacher in the country seeing the children wearing their school uniform and waiting to come through those doors.'** This week has gone smoothly with lots of happy faces and children just wanting to speak to their friends. Yr6 have started to work on transition to high school and Yr1/ Rec have been working on this term's topic work.

Mrs Maughan, Mrs Burgess and Miss Clarke are working on videos to send to the new starters to discuss what they will be doing in class as well as introducing themselves. Can I just remind New Starters that a Pop up shop for uniform will be taking place on Thursday 23rd July at school. This will hopefully be an opportunity to meet class teachers as well as seeing some of the school as well. We look forward to seeing you.



Thought of the Week

I thought this quote was a wonderful reminder:

**"Even in a black sky there is light and you have been the light.
Stars can't shine without darkness."**



This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Burgess' Class

Oliver Scott - for being a super star and completing the learning activities at home
Jazzmin Davies - for being a super star and completing the learning activities at home

Mrs Read's Class

Megan Chesters - for her accurate tally chart and bar graph which was coloured very neatly.
Oliver Meadows - for his excellent attitude to learning and focus in all lessons.
Bella Condrey - for always working hard and trying her best in all subjects.





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Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class

Poppy Rudd-Farnell - for excellent effort and wonderful art work
Tallulah Woods - for a fabulous, informative video about Vincent Van Gogh

Mr Davies' Class

Curtis Rayne - super effort in all his home learning
Freya Barnett - completing her 10,000 steps a day challenge for a worthy cause
Milo Hetherington-Doyle - great measuring & capacity work in maths



Miss Morris's Class

Ava Jones - fantastic erupting volcano
Florence Hockenhull-Campbell - amazing attitude to her learning
Ollie Binns - impressive 1-point perspective drawing

Mr Blenkiron's Class

Heidi Woods - enthusiasm & effort put in to the Virtual Town Sports competition
Archie Saunders - as above
Bradley Charlesworth - excellent times tables progress

Mrs Bird's Class

Ruby Felton - for trying really hard in maths.
Lillyrose Shaw-Adams - for showing how brave she can be.

You are all amazing and Shining Stars to everyone at school.

Prayer to Share this week - We pray for all the Families in our local community.



School - Stay at Home Heroes

Amethyst Class

This week in Amethyst class we listened to the story 'How to Catch a Star.' We set the task of playing the dice game, completing the 'I Spy' activity, learning some nursery rhymes, finishing the missing pictures in the patterns and decorating your own star. We enjoyed seeing what you have been up to including, playing on the Topmarks Shape Patterns Train, having a picnic on the Moon, making rockets out of wooden blocks and labelling the planets. Look out on the website on our "Amethyst" class page next week for ideas for "week 13" at home.



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Sapphire Class

This week Sapphire class have been learning to tell the time in maths. We have made clocks to practice o'clock and half past and used our bodies to be the hands of clocks. In English, we have been reciting and performing poetry about our senses and the lifecycle of a nut tree. We also used the nut tree poem to draw the lifecycle of a tree in science. For topic, we have been learning all about Monet's gardens and human and physical features.

Pearl Class

Pearl class read the story "Camille and the Sunflowers" and used it as a stimulus to learn about the art work of Vincent Van Gogh. They created excellent pieces of art; exploring gardens and flowers. They visited the art gallery which holds Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and they followed this by investigating the life-cycle of a sunflower.

Amber Class

Amber class have been very busy this week with English, Maths, Science and History work. We have been writing non-chronological reports in our writing sessions and our maths work has been working with shape, space & measure. We have been continuing to deepen our understanding of light in physics lessons and our history work has focussed on the importance of the River Nile to the people alive during the Ancient Egyptian times. We have also enjoyed the CW1 Zoom fitness session on Thursday morning and have been working towards our transition to being in Emerald class.

Emerald Class

In English this week, Emerald class have followed lessons created by Oak National academy and have worked with a narrative involving a videogame themed story. They have analysed the key features of a diary and worked on using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions in their writing. The children also finished their class book and wrote a book review. On Friday, they wrote their own diary entry! In Maths, they got the chance to revise some work on statistics and refined their knowledge of line graphs. For Geography they studied an atlas and completed a country finding activity. They also studied life in the Kumaon and how different it is to life in the UK. In RE they learned about Puja worship in Hinduism and they completed a CW1 zoom session for PE. The children discovered one-point perspective in Art and made a simple one-point perspective drawing, they will refine these skills in next week's Art project.

Ruby Class

This week in maths, Ruby Class have begun to focus on using a protractor to measure, draw and calculate different angles - as well as learning to translate and reflect shapes, and convert within different metric units of measurement. In English, they have completed a unit on writing a balanced argument. Within this unit, they have considered whether schools ought to install CCTV equipment; whether graffiti should be made legal; and whether school uniforms should be banned. They have also learned to identify the key features of a balanced argument and have constructed their own from scratch. To improve their grammatical knowledge, some children have made their way through a virtual spooky castle by answering many GPS related questions.

In order to combine our work on Rivers and South America (and inspired by Jaguar Cars), the children have designed a product named after a fascinating animal found in the Amazon River Basin that shares similar characteristics - such as the golden lion tamarin, the toucan, or the three-toed sloth. They have also identified and researched the longest rivers of the world, and have analysed the song 'Liquid Spirit' by popular Jazz artist, Gregory Porter.

In order to keep their bodies and minds healthy, many children have joined in with the CW1 fitness Zoom session, and have created Worry Jars in which to store their concerns and watch them visibly disappear as they begin to conquer their fears.

Diamond Class

Year 6 have been learning about ratio in maths and have been looking at Zentangle art- otherwise known as 'doodle' art. They have also been thinking about transition - looking at growth and mixed mindsets, and being brave and awesome.



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Mr Perry's Challenge of week

This week the astronauts on the international space station completed a space walk.



Finally - take care and look after each other and ensure that we keep on talking and communicating to people that might not be able to get out. It's good to talk.

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