



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

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*Matthew 5:16*



23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

### Our School

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. It is the final week of half term which has flown by and I know that the children and staff are ready for the week to be able to recharge their batteries. The children have been amazing over this half term and have relished the opportunity to be back at school. This has been evident in the work that they have been producing throughout English, Maths and the foundation subjects.

As a school we will keep on ensuring that the safety of the children is paramount without losing our autonomy and vision of enabling the children to shine.

I hope that you all have a wonderful time over half term and are able to make memories with your loved ones. Just a reminder that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is an INSET day at school and we will be open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Thought of the Week

You should ALWAYS believe in yourself and remember the words below as this will ensure you can do anything you set your heart on.



### Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we keep our faith and stay happy.





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Praise Book Children this week

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class:** Lottie Hilling for great listening during carpet time.

**Mrs Hayward's class:** Millie Fellows for fantastic reading and amazing sentence writing during phonics.

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Megan Chesters - for collecting interesting facts about Parliament and for presenting them in an interesting way.



**Mr Davies' class:** Rebecca Kay - asking pertinent questions and providing excellent answers during our live Parliament session.

**Miss Morris' class:** Rhiannon Morgan for imaginative and well-designed work in D.T.

**Mr Blenkinsop's class:** Violet Springett for always trying her best in everything she does and just being a general pleasure to have in the classroom.

**Mrs Bird's class:** Isobel Allinson for fantastic writing.

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From the class reports below you can see how much the children have been doing and learning this week.

**Amethyst class:** This week in Amethyst Class we have read, "A Piece of Cake," and "The Three Little Pigs." We have designed a birthday cake for Mr and Mrs Baker and retold the stories using props. In maths, we have been identifying representations of the numbers 1,2 and 3. We have been counting out larger sets of objects by touching them and recognising that the last number we say is the quantity of the set. We have also built our own houses out of Lego, lollipop sticks and straws and tested how strong they were by blowing on them with a hairdryer.

**Sapphire class:** This week in Sapphire class the children have been learning how to use ten frames to help with addition to ten. In English the children have been sequencing pictures from the story 'Look Up' and writing their own sentences about the story. In art the children have been creating land art in the style of Andrew Goldsworthy.

**Pearl class:** The children in Pearl Class have learned to accompany a song with untuned and tuned percussion instruments and to compose a piece of music about the Great Fire of London. The children were able to select, organise and combine sounds to perform and discuss the expressive impact. They then used symbols to represent and organise sound in new ways. One child acted as a conductor while the other children followed and performed the musical composition. They learned how to use a range of tools to paint a picture to create an image of the London skyline. The children planned and wrote diary entries using the story 'Look up' as a stimulus. In Maths, they practised counting on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s.

**Amber class:** This week, Amber Class have been continuing their work on addition and subtraction in maths. English has seen us documenting our investigations with our Lego project and we have completed a booklet detailing our investigation into the features of buildings that can withstand earthquakes! We have read a lot about the different animals that can be found under the waves and have been using our reading to complete different 'Reading Challenges'. We have developed our football skills in PE and have taken part in a Teams live meeting with people who work at Parliament who have explained what happens there and why it is so important.

**Emerald class:** This week Emerald class have been working on addition with exchanging and have even started working on subtraction in Maths! They have learnt and written about John Glenn who was the first American to orbit Earth in English. They have also written a fact file about the Apollo 11 moon landings. The children have made their own Victorian toys in D.T. and have designed an appropriate decoration for their Victorian toy - no anachronisms! In science they completed a sound survey of school and drew scientific diagrams to show sounds vibrating.

**Ruby class:** This week in Ruby Class, we have continued to work on column subtraction and applying our knowledge to increasingly difficult reasoning problems, including inverse operations, misconceptions and manipulating calculations to make them easier. In English, we have been looking at how modal verbs can be used to reflect possibility and how they can be used to persuade someone to think or feel a certain way. We then read an article about Female Heroes and identified many of the key features of writing we have been working on within it. We have also been reading about another female hero in Guided Reading - in this case, self-taught archaeologist Mary Anning, who discovered the ichthyosaur which changed the way people viewed the age of the Earth. We have been experimenting in art, both by using charcoal to recreate William Hutchings' sketches from the trenches of WW1, and by trying to draw them upside-down in order to focus on the true shapes of the pictures rather than relying on what we believe to be in front of us. Many of the children were shocked at how much more accurate it made their sketches when they flipped their artwork to face them!

**Diamond class:** This week in Year 6, we have been reading World War Two poems about the blackouts and have been learning more about the problems this caused for everyday people. We have then written our own 'blackout' poems and have also been making some lovely silhouette art of scenes from an air raid, to accompany them. We have been



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working hard on short and long multiplication, too, and have had our final rugby lesson this half-term. We are very much looking forward to football next half-term!

**Everyone!**

You are all amazing shining stars.



#### **Attendance**

EYFS/KS1 - Pearl class has the highest attendance this week; KS2 - Amber class has had full attendance this week. Well done to both classes.

**ABC** We will be learning about harvest this week in the lead up to half term. The children have shown interest in all the tractors out and about at the moment and we thought we would give them some more information about it. Half term is fast approaching. Book in for some Halloween fun. It's the perfect opportunity to see your friends and enjoy the season.

**Friends of Audlem School** Don't forget to send in your entry to the Spooky Pumpkin Contest (closing date 31 October) using the **Friends of Saint James** Facebook Page to upload your entries. For more details see the poster which was sent home on Parentmail this week. Friends of St James will be holding a virtual **AGM** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (for joining details see last week's Friends' Newsletter 2).

#### **Cold Weather**

There has been a real chill in the air over recent days and we have had to remind a number of children about the importance of wearing coats and jumpers to keep them warm outside. Please ensure your child/ren have jumpers and coats with them each day so they can enjoy outdoor break times whilst remaining warm.

#### **Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes**

Can I remind all families of our healthy eating policy in school. Please ensure any snacks from home are fruit only - no chocolate bars or crisps please. We also encourage all children to eat healthily at lunchtimes and we ask that parents support us with this when sending packed lunches into school.

#### **Safety at the Beginning and End of the School Day**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we must be considerate to our neighbours around school when dropping off and picking up as cars are still be parked in front of driveways. All children must be supervised once collected from school staff at the end of the school day and before being dropped off each morning. Children are NOT allowed onto the school field, trim trails or climbing frames before or after school. Thank you for your support in ensuring these safety guidelines are adhered to.

#### **Reminder for Reception and High Schools places for September 2021**

The application process for children who are due to start school for the first time and those who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2021, started this week. Please apply online at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) or alternatively you can request an application form by contacting the Local Authority on 0300 123 5012.

**Closing dates:- 31 October 2020 for Secondary admissions; 15 January 2021 for Primary admissions**

If you have friends who are interested in places at our school, could you please make sure they have our telephone number, to register their interest with us.

#### **Finally**

It is important that our newsletter and all other forms of communication we send out to parents and carers, give you a clear and detailed picture of our work in school, so that you are kept up to date with events in school and our community. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about the content of newsletters please get in touch with me.

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