



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Returning to School after Half Term

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. I hope that everyone was able to have a half term break with their loved ones. On Monday we had an INSET day and all teachers took part in curriculum and safeguarding training.

We have been working really hard on ensuring that our Curriculum is inspiring the children in every class. This has been evident in the work that they have been producing throughout the week. My normal day as a Headteacher is being able to have the opportunity to see the work and the improvement that all children are showing by their dedication and enthusiasm to learn. All I can say that this makes me so proud to be the Headteacher of Audlem St James CE Primary

Thought of the Week

You should always look after your loved ones and ensure you take care of yourself.

*one small
positive
thought
in the morning can
change
your
whole day.*

Prayer of the Week

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





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Praise Book Children last week and this week:

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Lily Moulton and Amelia-Rose Fisher

Mrs Hayward's class: Theo Jones and Akira Lee

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Joe Bennion and Alexander Hodson

Mr Davies' class: Ellie Greaves and Zac Hassall

Miss Morris' class: Amelie Furber and Alyssa Welch-Harding

Mr Blenkinsop's class: Bobby Hough and Esmée Fellows

Mrs Bird's class: Tilly Baxter & Willow Adams and Millie Cronshey



5Rs last week and this week:

As a school we are concentrating on the 5 'R's – **resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn**. These are the children who have shown such qualities this week:

Resilience: Brodie Cowden, Charley Hough, Harriet Walley and Isaac Purnell

Responsibility: Phoebe Shrimpton, Finlay Lambie, George Aspinwall & Max Bunseedhun

Readiness to Learn: Archie McComb, Riley Critchley, Rishee Brown, Heidi Boyle, Jake Quigley, Archer Cornes and Joshua Hassall.

School

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst class, we have read 'Winnie the Witch' by Valerie Thomas. We have been making spells and potions, creating playdough skeletons, designing pumpkin faces and practising our 'Fred Talk' to sound out the letters in new words. In maths, we have been comparing quantities, counting sweets in the 'Trick or Treat sweet shop' and completing counting activities on the iPads. We also enjoyed making our own Winnie the Witch chalk pictures.

Sapphire class: This week we have been very busy exploring our focus book Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have created stunning penguin artwork and learned lots of penguin facts. We have enjoyed some penguin-based yoga and explored maps in our geography sessions. In science we have looked at classification and food chains. In maths we have been exploring part/whole models and composition of numbers. What a busy week!

Pearl class: The children have had a wonderful first week back. We have written our own versions of Troll Swap, thinking carefully about the characters we created. We have carried out an investigation to test which paper towel is the most absorbent. We made predictions and worked scientifically in small groups using equipment such as pipettes and beakers. We have started to learn about the bible story 'The Lost Sheep' and we have been looking for hidden messages within the story.

Amber class: This week, Amber have hit the ground running after their half term break. We have been looking at addition in maths and have been refining the use of our mathematical vocabulary when answering reasoning questions. In English reading & writing we have been looking at predictions about our new class books and discussing the term 'plausible'. We have written instructions about how to make Stonehenge in History and enjoyed a P4C session about how to welcome a new baby.





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Emerald class: This week Emerald Class have practised doing column addition with multiple exchanges. In English, they have revised contractions and begun work on our new book 'Leon and The Place Between' where our classroom became a circus and they wrote expanded noun phrases to describe their experiences at the circus. The children completed their DT project building model suspension bridges inspired by the Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. In RE, the children learnt about The Holy Trinity and in music the children practised their singfest songs.

Ruby class: This week in Maths, Ruby Class have been focusing on using addition and subtraction methods in order to answer multi-step worded problems. In English we have begun to look at our new stimulus texts 'Hansel & Gretel' and 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We have practised the correct punctuation for direct speech and will be beginning to write stories with folk-tale themes. In History, we have looked at the part animals (such as horses, dogs, pigeons, cats and even pigs, elephants, mice, foxes and monkeys) played in World War 1. In RE, we have discussed the Beatitudes that Jesus listed in his Sermon on the Mount - we identified real life examples of these blessed people and thought about how the sculptures of Timothy Schmalz also reflect some of these ideas. In science, we will be looking at the solar system - making sure we know the order of the planets as well as their general sizes and distances from one another. On Friday, we will be looking at positive body image in RSHE - encouraging the children to embrace who they are and to be supportive of others in the ways they choose to present themselves.

Diamond class: Year 6 have got straight back into the swing of the new half-term and have been learning about Hinduism in RE by discussing the importance of 'Ahimsa' - do no harm, and why many people are vegetarian. They have then written letters to try and save a world-famous cow's life. The children have also taken part in a virtual author talk about history through Black music and have been learning how to stay safe on Bonfire Night.

New Team Captains

Alder – Isla Rowe; Lime – Bess Simon; Oak – Barney Goldrick.

Everyone!
You are all amazing shining stars.



Pumpkin Sale for Alder Hey Children's Hospital

We are delighted to report that Harriet Hollins' pumpkin sale has raised a splendid £364. Harriet's mother has asked us to thank everyone who contributed to this total.

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





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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.

Nantwich Food Bank – response to your generous harvest donations



Thank you for supporting our Harvest Appeal!
We just wanted to say a huge 'thank you' for your kind donation to our Appeal.

Your support this autumn means that we are able to continue to provide vital food and supplies to people in crisis in our local community over the coming months.

Your contribution of an amazing 259 kg of food and toiletries will help replenish the store room. The "targeted appeal" of the items we are

short of has been a huge success.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Kind regards
Mrs Caroline Brown
Community Liaison

Friends of Audlem School

Spooky Disco - The spooky disco proved to be a huge success on the last Friday before half term. The children enjoyed lots of devilish dancing, ghoulish games and yummy hotdogs and homemade cakes. Special thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time and a particular mention to Steve Leonard for acting as DJ/Games master on the night.

Pumpkin Carving Competition - Huge WELL DONE to everyone who sent in their fabulous pumpkin entries. We have loved seeing all your creations and we hope you enjoyed making them too.

A massive THANK YOU to our independent judge Ruth Scott (Foundation Governor for Audlem St. James)

Your 2022 Winners are....

Reception - Arthur Hughes; Year 1 - Madeline Jones; Year 2 - Chloe Barnett; Year 3 - Ellie Grieves; Year 4 - Austin Wright; Year 5 - Evie McColley Hayward; Year 6 - Isla Rowe

All Age Service – Sunday, 6 November 2022

We have been asked to remind you of this service at Audlem St James Church at 11.00 in the morning. All are welcome and tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

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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