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'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



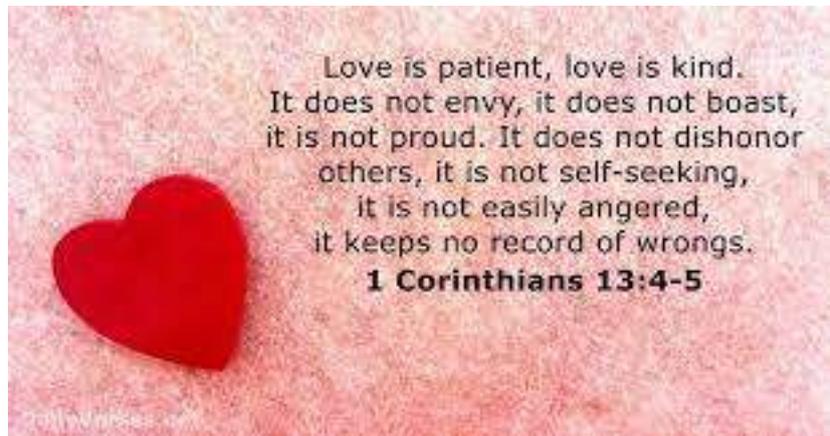
29 September 2023

Change of Seasons

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. There has been a change in the seasons as Summer has now disappeared and the Autumnal rain has arrived. What is lovely to see is the way that our children take these changes in their stride and carry on being the sunshine. Change is something that is part of our daily experience and can make us feel happy or insecure. At Audlem we endeavour to give the children at school all the tools that help them move forward both in their education and in their lives in our ever-changing world.

Thought of the Week

Love is a Core Christian Value of the school and is key to everything that we all do.



Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever it's important that we look after the environment that we live in.





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Praise Book Children this week



Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Rowan Clarkson

Mrs Proctor's class: Nancy Vernon

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: James Pritchard

Miss Morris's class: Edward Millington-Johnson

Mrs Bird's class: Nia Brown

Mr Trude class: Clara Wellings

Mr Blenkiron's class: Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell

The 5 'R's

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: Heidi Boyle

Responsibility: Jacob Hilling

Readiness to Learn: Phoebe Fellows, Parker Bennett, Verity Smith, Jessica Martin and Tallulah Woods

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.

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: In Amethyst Class this week, we have read more of the story 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy and looked at information books about Houses and Homes. We designed a new house and labelled our pictures. In maths, we built on the children's 'subitising' skills (instant recognition of the number of objects without counting them) We investigated the shapes made by Numberblocks 1,2,3,4 and made similar arrangements with multilink cubes. We also had fun doing 'Dough Disco' to strengthen the children's fine motor muscles and enable them to develop their pencil grip.

Sapphire class: This week in Sapphire class we have enjoyed having our Forest School morning and we are looking forward to more on Monday! We have all worked very hard on our writing this week and have been writing sentences about penguins, labelling lost animals and describing animals. In Maths, we have been sorting objects and thinking about the different ways that we can sort by colour, number and shape. In our afternoons, we have been experimenting with different media in Art, exploring our senses in Science, discussing Victorian classrooms in History, looking at what technology means in Computing, dancing in PE and starting to design our puppets in Design and Technology.

Pearl class: This week Pearl class have enjoyed working in their new phonics and reading groups. We have been working on flexibly partitioning numbers to 100. We have practised this using Base 10 equipment. In English, we have written a letter in role as Tabitha's parents to explain and persuade. In Science, we have discussed properties of materials and looked at new vocabulary such as rigid, brittle, transparent and opaque. We have used these properties to explain why different materials are suitable for certain jobs. We carried out an investigation to explore hand washing and talked about the importance of keeping clean. In Forest School, the children read The Leaf Thief and they spotted signs of Autumn in the school grounds. They talked about





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the changing seasons. In Geography, they used a compass to identify places in school in the North, South, East and West. In History, we became History Detectives and we investigated a landscape painting of The Great Fire of London to learn more about what happened during the fire.

Amber class: This week year 3 have been using place value charts to work with 3-digit numbers. They have also been learning how to calculate 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a 3-digit number. In English, the class wrote and edited information reports about seals and practised using dictionaries. The children researched information design in DT, explored using natural pigments in art, wrote about Stone Age tools in History and improved their ball skills in PE. The children learned about classifying digital devices in computing and enjoyed their recorder session where they learned to play a tune using crotchets and quavers on the note of B.

Emerald class: In Emerald Class, the children have had their second clarinet lesson and are enjoying the opportunity to practise at home. We can't wait to hear how they are progressing. They have also been working on their swimming skills and their tag rugby skills. In English, they have been learning some facts about gorillas and have also been researching Queen Victoria, in History.

Ruby class: Year 5 have been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 or 10,000 in their maths. In English, the children have planned and are now writing a letter to Annie Edson Taylor as one of her close friends building a success criteria to ensure they include all the features of a letter. In Art, the children have completed a background for their poem portraits using water colours or collage. During History, we have researched who Archduke Franz Ferdinand was and what started the chain reaction that caused World War I. The class have been working hard on their French and PE skills.

Diamond class: This week in Diamond Class, the children have been using addition and subtraction to complete complex reasoning problems. They have also begun to look at common factors. In English, we have been writing stories inspired by Paula Rego's painting 'The Dance', including vivid description and dialogue. We have also continued to be inspired by 'Star of Fear. Star of Hope' and have written an argument scene between the two young girls in the story. In Science we have tested the reflectiveness of different materials around the school in order to investigate if there is any correlation between the texture of the surface and how much light it reflects back. In D&T, we have begun to make waistcoats. We have cut out the basic shape of the garments and have safety-pinned the areas which will later be stitched together. In RE, we have learned about Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi and considered how he lived in accordance with the Hindu principle of Ahimsa. In Art, we have looked at the oil painting 'Gassed' by John Singer Sargent and next time, we will create a living tableau of the scene. We have also begun to work on our performance celebrating the 'Land Girls' of WW2 for our upcoming Harvest Festival service at St. James' Church.

Meet the Teacher – class sessions next week

- Reception – Tuesday 3rd October at 4.30pm
- Year 1 – Monday 2nd October at 4.30pm
- Year 4 – Tuesday 3rd October at 4.00pm
- Year 3 – Monday 2nd October at 5.00pm
- Year 2 – Wednesday 4th October at 4.30pm
- Year 5 – Friday 6th October at 4.00pm
- Year 6 – Friday 6th October at 4.30pm





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A letter was sent home earlier in the week inviting you to visit school at the above times to meet your child's teacher and view their class.

Harvest

We are collecting for the Nantwich Foodbank again this year. Please send in your donations to school on **Friday 6th October**. Here is a list of items that they have asked for:

- Cartons of Long-Life Milk / Fruit Juice
- Jam
- Coffee
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tinned Vegetables
- Deodorant
- Soup Tinned or Packet
- Shower Gel

We had a marvellous response last year and the Foodbank was very grateful.

You are all invited to our **Harvest Festival** at St James Church, which will be held on Tuesday 10th October at 9.30am and as usual we are asking for volunteers to walk down and back with the children. If you are able to help in this way, please contact your child's class teacher.

Attendance: Whole school weekly attendance this week is 96.33%. This is disappointing as we have fallen below the school aim of at least 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst class has again had the highest attendance and, in KS2, Emerald class had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School - AGM and Non-Uniform

The AGM was held this morning, Friday 29 September and was well-attended which was very pleasing to the committee. Thank you to everyone who attended. Minutes will follow and will be publicised next week.

Friday the 6th October will be a non-uniform day for the children. The children can wear their own clothes in return for a bottle for our bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair on December 1st.

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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