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Audlem St James CE Primary School

Well we have now completed 2 weeks of the summer term and we have all been enjoying the beautiful weather and exploring our grounds through the curriculum. Can I remind everyone that we are going in the right direction with COVID but we must still adhere to the guidance given so we are able to achieve our objectives later in the summer term of Sports day etc. I hope that everyone enjoys the long bank holiday weekend.

Thought of the Week

The reawakening of the world as we move from spring to summer is no less poignant this year as we come further out of lockdown, and see the wider relaxing of restrictions from the pandemic. Hopefully, it marks a return to a life in which we can once again enjoy many of the things that are so important to our well-being and integral to our daily lives. A return from a holiday period, hopefully enables us to feel refreshed, rejuvenated and reenergised, ready for the start of this week and start of this term. All of which may bring a renewed sense of feeling 'alive.'



At the current time, all we can do is keep to the advice given by the Government that we must wash hands, wear face masks and ensure we give people space.

Uniform

Please can you ensure that all pupils come to school in full school uniform including appropriate, black school shoes.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

**Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class** - Hugo Higgins for being respectful and taking turns when working in the role-play vets' area

**Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class** - Arrietty Graham for 100% contribution to EVERYTHING!

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** - Austin Wright for an excellent, imaginative account of an adventure under the floorboards. Lewis Rogers - for developing his sentences well and linking ideas.

**Mr Davies' Class** - Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell for outstanding general knowledge demonstrated during forest schools

**Miss Morris's Class** - Roksana Babula for working hard in all her lessons.

**Mr Blenkiron's Class** - Rory Brampton for being ready to start work and being very attentive - what a superstar!

**Mrs Bird's Class** - Kate Sullivan for always being ready to learn and for being an excellent role model

You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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### 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:** Isla Bonnell for being resilient in her reading, trying hard to sound out new words; Bella Roberts and Esmee Fellows for persevering when things get tough; Freya Barnett for always tackling difficult challenges in Maths and English. Lily Satchi for continuing to apply herself to all her tasks and doing her absolute best despite the distraction of very sore knees. Finlay Dinsdale in maths

**Reflectiveness:** Lucy Brennan for working hard to improve her handwriting. Jonny Fellows in maths

**Responsibility:** Mille Cronshey for thinking deeply about how to maximise her learning. Alyssa Welch Harding is determined to develop her reading skills and she completes extra tasks daily at home using IDL. She is making excellent progress. Isobel Allinson in completing all of her work to a high standard

**Resourcefulness:** Isaac Carter for showing fantastic resourcefulness during maths this week; Alfie Brooks, Freya Jones and Rebecca Kay for their 'bug hotels'; Jack Tilley in reading

**Readiness to Learn:** Maddison Wood, Oliver Meadows and Caleb Bowen Jones always demonstrate a readiness to learn with attention to their teachers. Jacob Graham in all subjects

### School

**Amethyst Class** In Amethyst Class this week, we have read more of the story 'Silly Doggy' by Adam Stower, written speech bubbles for the characters and designed a meal to eat with the bear. We also read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr and wrote shopping lists.

In maths, we represented and ordered numbers 11-20 and played the 'Race game,' seeing who could get to 20 the fastest using a number track and a dice. We have also explored the capacity of containers and estimated amounts. This week we also enjoyed playing parachute games and having Mr Perry teaching us one afternoon.

**Sapphire Class** We have had another busy week in Sapphire. In English the children have been studying rhyming words and planning their own adventures related to the story of the curious case of the missing mammoth. In maths the children have been revisiting subtraction to consolidate their understanding in readiness for Y2. In science the children have been learning about their bodies.

**Pearl Class** In Pearl Class, the children have named, sorted and described the properties of 2D and 3D shape. The children were given 12 straws the same length and some masking tape. They were challenged to create a 3D shape using the straws to represent the edges. In Science, they are learning about plants and have dissected flowers and named the parts. In English, the children went on an adventure with Major Glad and Major Dizzy under the floor and they wrote detailed accounts of their adventures.

**Amber Class** Amber Class continued with our next Forest Schools session of the term on Monday. We considered different food stuffs and the habitats of insects. In PE, we continued with our development in Athletics and we have started our new topic in Science, Magnetism. In English, we continued to work with 'Journey' and have discovered that, so far, there aren't any words in the book! We also continued our work with *The Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo. In Maths this week, we have been looking at place value and number recognition with a focus on mental methods.

**Emerald Class** This week in Emerald class the children have been calculating fractions of quantities and using bar models to help them solve word problems. In English, they wrote a setting description of Tranio looking out over the bustling city of Pompeii. They used foods to help them compose and perform 3 beat rhythms in Music and looked at the negative effects of the caste system in India in R.E. In Art the children used collage to depict a mountain scene and for Geography they wrote an information report about rivers.

**Ruby Class** In English, we have been writing poems to describe the forest in the book of "The Lost Happy Endings". We have also been debating who is the villain of the story by generating reasons for and against. In Maths, we have



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been adding fractions, using bar models and part-whole models. Our topic work has continued the theme of Greek mythology and this week we have been creating our own mythical creatures.

**Diamond Class** This week in Year 6, we have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and the importance of prayer within a faith. The children have also been looking at the theory of Evolution and have enjoyed some drama about the different theorists. We have begun our new topic on the Maya and the children been connecting their prior knowledge about Mexico to one of its ancient civilisations.

**Friends of Audlem School - results of the Easter Competition**

**Easter Competition Winners**

- Amethyst - Riley Critchley
- Sapphire - Emily Bourne-Withey
- Pearl - Jessica Martin
- Emerald - Bess Simon
- Ruby - Rory Brampton
- Special Winner Willow Bonell

Runners up - Spencer Wright, Isla Rowe, William Rowe, Austin Wright, Matty Jones, Arabella Hughes, Oliver Meadows.

Congratulations to you all.

**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.

*A. Perry.*