

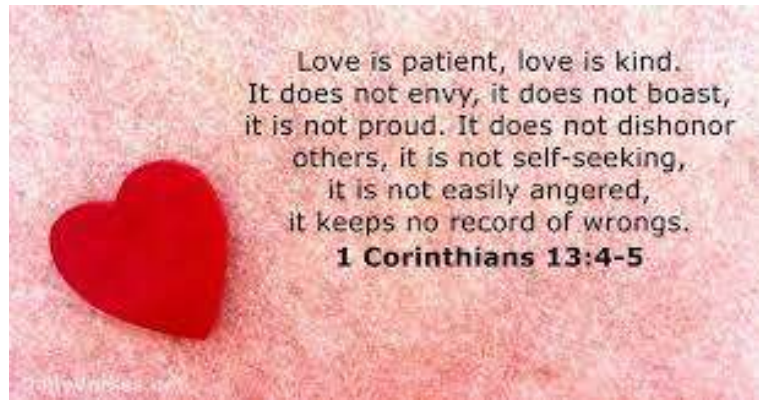


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I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. There has been a change in the seasons as Summer has now disappeared and the Autumnal rain arrived at the beginning of the week. What is lovely to see is the way that our children take on board changes in their stride and carry on being the sunshine. Change is something that unfortunately is happening a lot in our lives and we have to keep on being like the children and take it in our stride.

**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 its important that we look after the environment that we live in.



**Praise Book Children this week**

- Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class:** Mia Sargeant
- Mrs Hayward's class:** Tilly Roberts
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Tiggi Nixon
- Mr Davies' class:** Finn Husband
- Miss Morris' class:** Joe Hassall
- Mr Blenkiron's class:** Freya Barnett
- Mrs Bird's class:** Violet Springett



**5Rs children**

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:** Maddie Jones



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**Reflectiveness:** Fay Cottrell

**Responsibility:** Frankie Sherwin,

**Readiness to Learn:** Lochlan Entwistle, Ellie Grieves, Jessica Martin and Lottie Anderson

### Harvest

We will be holding a Harvest Festival Church Service with the children on Friday October 8th. For the past few years this has been done in school but this year we will be we back at St James' Church. However, during the Autumn term we will not be asking parents/carers to participate in such services. We are sure you will understand our decision. We have always ensured that the children are taught the importance of sharing what we have and this year are marking Harvest by collecting food for our community Food bank. Each class will be asking for donations between Monday October 4th and Friday October 8th. The Food bank have outlined a range of items that they really need to support families in our community who are struggling to feed and care for their children at this time. Below are each class's items so that over the coming weeks if you feel able to support you can start to collect.

- Amethyst Class - Toothpaste and tooth brushes - adult and child please
- Sapphire Class - Long-life milk and/or long-life fruit juice
- Pearl Class - Tinned or long-life custard
- Amber Class - Tinned fish
- Emerald Class - Tinned meats (including chicken curry/stew etc.)
- Ruby Class - Sweets/chocolate bars/savoury snacks
- Diamond Class - Jars of instant coffee

### 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 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Squash and Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. We have also read the story "Dear Zoo," in maths and been comparing by size, amount, capacity and mass. On Thursday, we also practised and sung Harvest songs including "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow." We learnt all about how harvest was a celebration of all the food that grows in farms and gardens and talked about how a good harvest needs the right amount of rain and sunshine to make sure fruit and vegetables can grow big and healthy.

**Sapphire class:** This week in English the children have been finding out about space facts and constructing sentences about them. They have been learning how to write a letter inviting a friend to see a meteor shower. In maths the children have been learning how numbers can be represented on ten frames and bead strings. During our topic work the children have been learning how to recognise different types of houses. They have also been labelling the main features of a house.

**Pearl class:** This week in Pearl class we have been working scientifically, investigating the absorbency of different materials. In English we have been designing trolls and describing what they look like, how they behave and where they live. In maths we have been looking at place value and using an interactive "reckon-rek", a simple abacus, making '5'. In Forest Schools we read the story "The Tadpole Promise" by Jeanne Willis and investigated the grounds to discover mini-beasts, frogs and other living creatures. The children have also developed their skills in archery which they loved.

**Amber class:** We have enjoyed a very exciting week in Amber Class! We started with a very wet Forest Schools session with Mr Hadfield that soon brightened up allowing us to complete a variety of activities including a mini-beast hunt! We have again been swimming where everyone should feel proud of their progress and we have been continuing our maths work on place value, our writing about seals and our reading about life below the waves. We have also enjoyed coding using the iPads and Lego We.Do.2 sets. We built a machine to test the foundations of buildings during an earthquake and programmed the machine to increase the severity of the quakes!

**Emerald class:** This week in Emerald class we have been ordering and comparing 4-digit numbers. We have also revised rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and learnt how to round to the nearest 100. We have practised counting in 25s. In English Emerald class edited their gorilla fact files and used fronted adverbials and paragraphs when they were writing a diary entry in role as Hannah or as her dad. We studied Queen Victoria in History, collaged onto our D.T. models to finish them and investigated how sound travels through mediums in Science.

**Ruby class:** This week in maths, Ruby Class have extended their rounding knowledge into the realm of hundred-thousands - using their skills to round house prices and to help with estimating the answers to difficult calculations. In English, the children have been writing letters from the perspective of Arctic explorer, Matthew Henson, using



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prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases to describe the wondrous landscape to a former colleague. They have also begun to work on emotive language; considering how we can alter our nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs to change how the reader feels about an event.

The children have been creating freeze frames to represent our 6 Christian Values and we have particularly focused on 'courage' this week; how it relates to the soldiers of WW1 as well as Jesus' disciples. In History, we have looked at how WW1 began and considered whether it was the right thing to join in the fray. As part of well-being during our rainy PE day, the children learned about the secret life of trees, hugged their favourite tree in the school grounds and found 'the best leaf' before enjoying a chair-based workout back in the classroom.

In Spelling, we have been focusing on words that end in -que and -gue (as borrowed from French) and in guided reading, we have been learning about Apollo 11 programmer, Margaret Hamilton, and self-taught archaeologist/discoverer of the ichthyosaur, Mary Anning.

**Diamond class:** In Year 6 this week, we have begun to look at the sculptures of Henry Moore and reflect on the meaning within abstract work. We have also been thinking about the concept of forgiveness and how 'sorry' can be the hardest word to say (yes, we listened to Elton John, too!). We then learned about how Jonah said sorry to God for not doing as he was asked. In History, we have had some wonderful discussions about the events which led to the outbreak of WW2. The key questions we are considering are: Was WW2 inevitable? Could it have been avoided?

### Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



### Friends

Friends of Audlem School have again arranged for Christmas cards featuring your children's designs. The designs have been collated this week and will be sent off shortly so that the order forms arrive for distribution to parents after half-term. Last Monday's Teddy Bears' Picnic was the best one yet (see below!). There was a huge turnout and even the weather complied with blue skies and sunshine. Thank you to Friends for their excellent preparation and to all who attended.





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*Let your light shine'*

*Matthew 5:16*



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**Harvest Worship at St James Church**

Can we remind you that St James' Harvest Worship will take place on Sunday 3rd Oct at 11am and you are very welcome to attend. The church is asking members of the congregation to wear masks until seated and to wear them again to sing. There is no need to book but you will be asked to sit in bubbles 1 metre apart. This year the church is asking for donations to the local Foodbank.

**St Mary's Catholic Church in Crewe, First Holy Communion Programme 2021-2022**

The following message has been sent to us from St Mary's Catholic Church. Please take note if this applies to you. "Due to the pandemic we have to ensure the safety of our children, parents and catechists, therefore, this year, until further notice the First Holy Communion Programme will be run online. The registration form to register for the course will be available on our website <https://www.stmaryscrewe.org.uk> from Monday 4th October 2021. The closing dates for registrations is **31st October 2021**. After this date registrations will not be accepted as we anticipate large numbers of participants following the national lockdown. Please keep an eye on our Newsletter for further details at <https://www.stmaryscrewe.org.uk/newsletters>"

**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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