



Caddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 12th January - 2023



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

The first full week of term has ended, and it has been a very busy week in school. The children have settled in very well to the new term and have enjoyed learning their new topics.

Cold Weather



The weather has turned from torrential rain to being extremely cold. **We have had some children coming to school without coats this week.** The temperature hasn't been going above 4 degrees – please ensure all children are dressed appropriately for this winter weather.

Term Dates

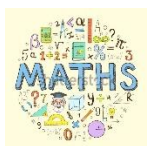
I have attached the term dates for the remainder of this academic year as well as for 2024-25. These documents are also on our school website.



Water Bottles

We have had some children coming into school with juice and cordial in water bottles. There should only be water put into the children's water bottles. Please could all families check children's bottles before coming to school.

Maths SMARTIE Day



Next Thursday – 18th January – the whole school will be taking part in a maths day. Each child will be given a tube of SMARTIES and they will use this to complete a range of different maths activities throughout the day. It is amazing what maths can be done using this simple tool! The children will also be given a tube of SMARTIES of their own to bring home. **Look at for photographs on the school Facebook page.**

Purple Mash



All children have come with their Purple Mash log in cards this week. This learning platform can be used at home and there are lots of different activities the children can complete to support their learning. **We use Purple Mash to deliver our ICT Curriculum and all children are aware of this program.**

The children can complete times tables practice, spellings, maths games, SPAG, art, history research and so much more!



Attendance

Class Banksy	Class Blake	Class Wiltshire
91%	89%	97%



Well done Class Wiltshire for getting £5 in your attendance fund!

Stars of the Week

Class Banksy: Oliver
Class Blake: Mia
Class Wiltshire: Demi

Curriculum News

Class Banksy

In maths this week, the children in Year 1 have been counting on from single-digit numbers up to 20. **For example, there are 6 sheep in a pen, 7 more have been found. What is the total number of sheep?** The children in Reception have been learning about mass and capacity. Key questions have included, **'Which object is heavier?' 'How do you know?' 'Which objects will float/sink?'** In D/T, the children have started to look at and design their own Space Buggy. In science, the focus has been looking at plants and answering key questions such as, **'What equipment is needed to plant seeds? Where are the roots/stems/leaves/flowers?'** In English, the children have been looking at the book 'Whatever next.' The children had to order pictures from the story when they happened and label key objects also from the story.

Class Blake

In maths this week, the children have been looking at part-whole models using their place value skills. **For example, 68 partitioned is 60 and 8.** In art, the children have started to explore and examine buildings in a range of architectural styles. The children have been looking at a range of buildings and giving their opinion of them. For English, the focus has been the story of 'Rapunzel.' **The children have been using adjectives for description and exploring characters in the story.** In ICT, the focus has been learning how to put information into '2graph' to create a bar chart and line graph to display information. In science, the children have started looking plants, labelling parts, and drawing different types of trees around our school. There has been precise scientific vocabulary being used by the children when learning.

Class Wiltshire

In maths this week, the children in Year 4 have started looking at factor pairs and linking this to multiplication facts. **For example, the factor pairs for 24 are 1 and 24, 2 and 12, 3 and 8 and 6 and 4.** The children in Years 5 and 6 have started learning about ratio. **For example, if there are 4 boys for every 3 girls in classroom, how many girls are there if there are 16 boys?** In English, the focus has been the story, 'Kai and the Monkey King.' The children have been discussing what a myth and legend is and have been creating character tunnels and character maps. In ICT, the focus has been learning how to use a spreadsheet to model a real-life problem. And to use formula to calculate the area and perimeter of shapes.

Team Points for the end of this week are: 109



113



108



I am meeting with Team Ruby next week so that the children can vote for their reward for being last half term's winning team.

Golden Book

Well done to **Denny** for excellent work in phonics and blending sounds to read words. **Joy** was able to follow precise instructions at indoor sports on Tuesday to complete an activity – well done. **Evie-Rose** completed some excellent, neat maths work when multiplying 4-digit numbers by a 1-digit. **For example, 4578 x 6** – well done. **Hetty** and **Oliver** did some excellent division using manipulatives – well done! Well done **Mia** for excellent work in phonics when matching words to pictures. **Eva-Mae and Bella-Rose** did some excellent calculating during ICT to find information on an electronic graph – well done!

I would like to wish you all a pleasant weekend. It is due to be very cold, so please wrap-up warm, stay safe and I will see you all on Monday.

Mr Merriman

Generosity **A**spiration **D**iscovery **R**esponsibility **O**pen-mindedness **W**elcoming

At Gaddesden Row JMI School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take E-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.