



# Diptford Diary



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

## NEWS THIS WEEK!



Welcome Diptford Reception Class 2017

### Dipper News:

This week Dippers Class have been working on the book "The Train Ride" by June Crebbin. We created a text map of the story which tells the story in pictures. We also put all the punctuation that the author used on our text map. The children have written some of the story using the text map as a guide and then we have created our own class story called "The Bus Ride" which tells the story of a bus ride through London. I was very impressed with how well the children remembered everything we had learned about London last week and used it to put our poem together. The text map is ready for writing the story in their English books next week. It has been great to see how excited they have been about their English this week!

In maths we have been working on 'One more and one less' in Year 1 and 'Comparing and Ordering Numbers' in Year 2. We have also all been working on place value, especially understanding that the tricky teen numbers are ten and something. See if you can spot any 'tricky teen numbers' this weekend.

In Science we have started our 'Brilliant Builders' topic and we have talked about the materials Tudor builders used. Some of them were a bit smelly! See if the children remember which materials Tudor builders used.

Thank you to the morning reading helpers this week. With your help and the childrens' growing independence this session is really starting to come together.

**Achiever this week: Blaze** for her enthusiasm and putting 100% effort into everything she does

### Kingfisher News:

We have had a great week experimenting with numbers and using lots of different apparatus to help us solve our maths problems. As well as this, we have been playing some fun maths games to help us remember our multiplication tables.

During our English lessons, we have been learning all about Paddington Bear and the adventures he gets up to! We have looked at 'Paddington Finds a Cure' and have practised retelling and performing the story. Did you know..Paddington carries marmalade sandwiches with him under his hat in case of an emergency? We enjoyed finding out some interesting and funny facts about Paddington Bear. Can you remember any facts about him?

In French, we have learnt how to ask someone how they are feeling. We have been able to put our learning together and having conversations with each other in the classroom and with other people in the school. Next time you see a Kingfisher, ask them to teach you some of our french!

Everyone in Kingfishers continue to read lots but please make sure you are writing any reading you do in your home school diary!

Our total word count for our reading is now 509,468!!

**Achiever of the week is Ruby Rose** for her impeccable behaviour and lovely manners.

### Hawks News:

In English, Hawks class have read a humorous picture book entitled 'Eat, shoots and leaves' which illustrates the importance of using commas correctly. For example, 'Let's eat, Grandma' and 'Let's eat Grandma' have two very different meanings! Can your child tell you an example they enjoyed from the book? Towards the end of the week the children have been working as illustrators and authors creating their own pages to add to the book, showing excellent use of commas and their own unique illustrations!

Well done to Hawks for their effort in learning topic spellings this week. In class we have been investigating words that end in the suffixes - able and -ible, so keep looking out for more examples which can be added to our already quite comprehensive list of words.

All the children have now started a new guided reading book that they will read weekly in a teacher led small group session. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to make predictions about the possible plot and themes of their new book, and they look forward to finding out whether their predictions are correct.

In maths, we have explored a range of numbers in everyday life contexts for example; thermometers and negative numbers, scaled measures on a map, prices in shops, times on stop watches, bank balances etc. to demonstrate the why we need to have a sound understanding of place value and number. Hawks have been using place value to read, write and add multiples of 10s numbers (10, 100, 1000., 10,000, 100,000) to larger numbers. We discovered this can be tricky, particularly when you cross a digit boundary e.g. 30, 999 + 100 . Please look out for numbers in different contexts at home and when you are out and about.

Hawks are very excited about their trip to Dartington next week and look forward to a fun day of poetry on Thursday to celebrate National Poetry Day. We look forward to the children sharing their favourite poems and would like to collate them into a class book to showcase their beautiful cursive handwriting.

**Achiever of the week - Naomi** - for showing Hawklike focus and excellent effort.



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### Little Dipper & Preschool News

We have had another fabulous week in Little Dippers this week, with the Pre-school and Reception children working closely together.

Today, our Little Dippers turned into 'bakers' and they baked a delicious Humpty Dumpty cake. We talked about the importance of hygiene and then discussed the ingredients we would need. Everyone had a job to do from sifting the flour to adding the eggs. They were much better at cracking the eggs than Mrs Siddons. They were super at decorating the cake but even better at eating it!

On Thursday the Little Dippers joined the Dippers for their RE lesson about weddings. Mrs Siddons greeted the children wearing her wedding dress and holding her bouquet. They were all very excited to see Mrs Siddons dressed as a bride and they loved walking around the classroom to the Wedding March. They all listened really well to the information and some even told the class about their experiences of weddings. Well done, boys and girls!

Also this week, the Little Dippers dressed up in their best builders gear and joined the builders outside our new classroom. They were all incredibly excited to see the new classroom and were very keen to help "build with bricks". We haven't got much longer to wait now, Little Dippers!

**Achiever of the week:** Ellis for settling into Pre-school incredibly well and showing beautiful enthusiasm to everything we do. Well done, Ellis!

#### **Important dates for the week ahead:**

Mon 25 Sept Year 6 Parents meeting with ICC Head at Diptford

Tues 26 Sept – Hawks Dartington Trip

Tues 26 Sept – Cross Country Event at Stover @ 4.00 pm

Tuesday 26 Sept – OPEN EVENING at the Ivybridge Community College for all Year 6 Parents

#### **Correspondence out this week:**

Change for Life Reception & Year 6

Cross Country Event Years 3 – 6

Class representatives via email

Letter from Tony Calcutt to all parents