



# Diptford Diary



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

## NEWS THIS WEEK!



A warm welcome to all everyone

### Dipper News:

In English this week Dippers started their new English sequence based around the book "How To Catch Santa". As well as being a lot of fun and making us laugh, this book also includes lots of different sentence types; questions, commands, statements as well as lists that include phrases rather than sentences. The children have spotted the nouns and verbs in these sentence types and have had a go at writing their own versions.

In Maths Dippers have been working on Place Value, knowing the value of each digit in a number. They have been exploring this in various ways including partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We have also started a counting challenge – see homework below.

In Science Dippers have been continuing their topic on Brilliant Builders. This week they have been building like the Three Little Pigs and discovering which materials are good for building and which are best left to the traditional tales!

**Achiever of the week is** Oliver for being a super enthusiastic learner.

HOMEWORK – Has been emailed to your separately.

### Kingfisher News:

We have been planning and writing our own beastie stories in English this week. We made our own text maps and took them home to help us rehearse our story. We were challenged to tell 3 different people - some of us even told our dog! It was really fun saying our stories aloud and using our actions to help us remember what we had written. We are hoping to create a class book that we can share with other children in the school and our families. Why not come in next week and ask us to share our stories with you?

In Maths, we have been looking at short division and word problems. We created a step-by-step guide to help us approach mathematical word problems and have practised using this to solve different questions. Some of us have also experimented different ways of solving division including, using lots of different apparatus. This has helped us practically understand division.

This half term our collective worship focus is Wisdom. We have explored what wisdom means to us and then researched different proverbs. We spoke about what they meant and how we could use them in our own lives. We used these ideas to create a wisdom tree in our classroom - we would love it if you came in and had a look!

We have also made our own wisdom necklaces out of different types of beads. We used a big bead to represent someone or something really important to us and then other smaller, colourful beads to represent other people who have had an impact on us. This allowed us to also reflect back to the people close to us and how they are all special to us in their own way. We took our necklaces home to share with others and share our wisdom!

Our reading total this week is an amazing 1,799,988 words! We have also successfully achieved our target of 90% so are now hoping we can keep at a consistent percentage (or even raise it higher again!).

**Achiever of the week is Luke** for his superb attitude to learning, especially in Maths and English this week.

### Hawks News:

This week in Hawks class the children did multiplication using the grid method in maths, and did factors of different numbers. They have also planned and written a chapter of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Race Against Time, the book they have been reading. They decided on a period of history and each wrote their own chapter, after writing a class one set in the Victorian era.

They have also been creating art in the Victorian style to go on a Christmas tree for a festival at Harbeton Church. The decorations included cardboard stars, squares and circles covered in paper and glue to make paper mache. They have also been making popcorn garlands by threading popcorn onto string with a needle and then tying a knot on the end once the string is full.

Hawks class are doing basketball in PE and learning different passes such as the bounce pass and the chest pass. They also learnt a layup and played mini matches between them. In history they were learning about Victorian children in trouble with the law and did quizzes about 2 children called John and Joseph who were sent to prison and got hard labour for stealing.

By Eliza Downing and Amy Bell

**Achiever of the week is** Eloise for an excellent effort across the curriculum.



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### Little Dipper & Preschool News

In Little Dippers this week, we have continued to learn about the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'.

We have worked together to create a story map of 'The Gingerbread Man' which has supported the children when re-telling the story and performing it with actions. To consolidate this further, we re-told the story during our PE lesson and went on his journey. We transformed into gingerbread men and explored different ways of moving, jumping and balancing as we moved around the hall. When we got to the river and met the fox, we played 'Beat the Fox'. This was a fun game where two of the children were the foxes and the rest were the gingerbread men. They had to run from one side of the hall to the other without getting caught. We all had lots of fun!

During our music lesson, the children learned a song about The Gingerbread Man which was called, 'Gingerbread Man, Don't Trust Them!' The children joined in with the song really well and also explored a variety of instruments which they played whilst singing. It sounded fabulous, Little Dippers! Well done.

In maths this week, the Gingerbread Man challenged the Reception children to help him add up some numbers. We used our 'maths karate' actions to support our learning about the addition and equals signs and we used the Numicon resource to help us find the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them. Well done, Reception. You helped to solve all the maths problems.

Next week, we will be learning all about nursery rhymes. I wonder if any of the Little Dippers can find a nursery rhyme, over the weekend, that they would like to share with the rest of the class?

**Achiever of the Week: Imogen** for settling in really well and joining in with our learning activities. Well done, Imogen!

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

Tues 28 Nov – Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament – 4.00 – 5.30 pm

Wed 29 Nov – Weights and Measures for Reception and Year 6

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

Letter for Little Dippers and Preschool

#### **Request:**

Please can you check your child's PE bag, Jade has lost her PE trousers