



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



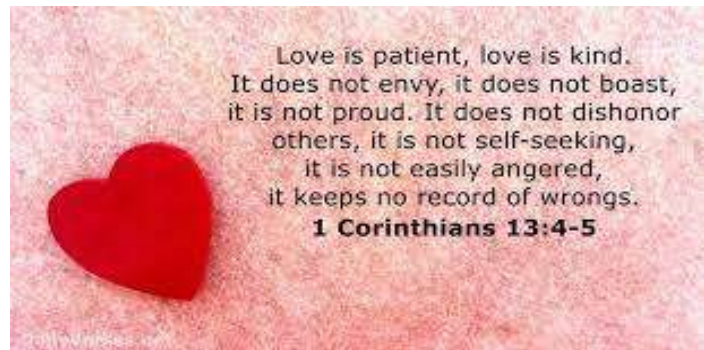
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## Change of Seasons

I 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 has arrived. 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 is part of our daily lives and can make us feel happy or insecure. At Audlem we endeavour to give the children at school all the tools that helps them move forward in their education and lives in our ever-changing world.

## 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 it's important that we look after the environment that we live in.





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## Praise Book Children this week

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp class:** Jan Okrutny

**Mrs Proctor's class:** Primrose Johnson

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** George Grieves

**Miss Morris's class:** John Broomhall

**Mr Trude class:** Toby Le Grice

**Mrs Blenkiron's class:** Reece Sumnell

## 5 Rs Children this week

*(resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness & readiness to learn)*

**Responsibility:** Jaxon Colley

**Resourcefulness:** Harriet Hollins and Alyssa Welch-Harding

**Readiness to Learn:** Sam Bagnall, Bodhi Scott and Myra Adair

## School – Class Activities since the beginning of term

**Amethyst Class** Amethyst Class have started their new 'Magical Me' topic by reading the stories You Choose and Just Imagine by Nick Sharratt. The children have been talking about and drawing pictures of their families and pets. We have been imagining being magical, the type of machine we would invent, what animal we would be and the type of wheels they would like to whizz about on. We have also started our Read Write Inc phonics lessons with Fred the Frog, looking at the sounds m,a,s,d,t and the children also worked in pairs with their new 'talking partner' during carpet time in maths where we met the Numberblocks.

**Sapphire Class** In Sapphire Class we have had an excellent first month in school as Year 1s. We have been very busy and are excited to share everything we have been learning. In our English lessons, we have started a new book titled *The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish*. This story is not only captivating our imaginations but also the inspiration for our writing. The children have been writing sentences to describe the jellyfish, emphasizing the importance of letter formation, and remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops. In Maths, we have been exploring the concept of sorting and the various ways objects can be organised, such as by shape, size, colour, or amount. Our focus has also included the formation of numbers, where we have been practicing writing numbers both as words and numerals. The children have enjoyed counting from any number up to ten and determining one more. In PE the children have been working on their throwing and catching skills while participating in numerous team-building games. In Design and Technology, Year 1's creativity has shone brightly as they designed puppets inspired by fairy tales. Meanwhile, in Art, we have been honing our drawing skills, experimenting with different types of lines, and creating abstract artwork inspired by the artist Bridget Riley. In History, our focus has shifted to recent history, where we have discussed the evolution of classrooms over the decades, examining how our own classroom compares to those from the 1950s and 1990s. Geography lessons have taken us to our local area of Audlem, where pupils have been drawing and discussing the features they observe. In Music, we are preparing for the Harvest Festival by practising our singing performance. Lastly, in Science, the children have been exploring the changes that accompany the arrival of autumn, noting the transformations in nature around them.





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**Pearl Class** In Year 2 we have been learning all about The Great Fire of London. In English we have been describing Timothy Limpet and Tabitha Lumpit using noun phrases. We have been working hard on keeping our handwriting neat and forming our sentences with capital letters and full stops. We have been challenging ourselves to start our sentences in a variety of ways and use 'and' to link our ideas. In Maths we have been writing numbers to 100 in words and making 2-digit numbers using tens and ones. We have been counting forwards and backwards and spotting patterns in number. In Music we have explored the difference between rhythm and pulse whilst learning songs about fire. In Science we have been looking at why certain materials are suitable for certain jobs whilst describing the properties of materials. In PE we have been working on our agility in a range of team and individual games. In RE we have discussed 'hope' and written our own prayers. We have read 'The Good Samaritan' and created a story map. We have enjoyed our Forest School sessions where we have been learning about the fire triangle and building dens.

**Amber Class** Year 3 have settled into Key Stage Two really sensibly and have been working really hard. They have looked at place value to 1000 in maths using base ten materials. They have practiced working out 1, 10 or 100 more or less than a 3 digit number and been working on estimating on a number line. In English the class have looked at using prepositions to add more detail to their writing. They have been learning about paragraphs and how to use subheadings. The children have really enjoyed working on their swimming and football skills in their PE lessons. In Music, the class have been learning their first few notes on the recorder. Year 3 have enjoyed their History lessons where they have been investigating the Stone Age way of life. They have looked at how these early people gathered and hunted for food and the tools they used. In Science the class has been learning about rocks and the different properties that rocks can have such as trapped pebbles, layers, air bubbles and fossils. In Art, the learning has centred around learning how to shade to add light and dark tones. The class have also made a collage out of texture rubbings. In RE we have been looking at the story of Adam and Eve and how this relates to Judaism and Christianity. Year 3 have started work on their first DT project which is to design and make a pneumatic toy for a year 1 aged child.

**Emerald Class** In Emerald Class, Year 4 have been writing some lovely letters to a crayon character called 'Blue'. 'Blue' thinks he's not very good at drawing because everyone thinks he is red and everyone tries to get him to draw red things. When he realises that he can do lots of things, such as draw blueberries, oceans or blue whales, then his confidence grows. Our letters aimed to convince him to believe in himself, to be proud of who he is and to let his light shine! The children have helped create a display of their letters and photos of themselves doing things that they are good at. The children have also been enjoying developing their hockey skills and are now passing the ball with more control. We have had two swimming lessons now, and the children have been learning new skills such as swimming on their backs and some have been swimming lengths. In Science, the class have been learning about which materials will and won't conduct electricity and they have begun to evaluate torches ready to build their own. In Art, we continue to develop our painting skills so that we can make something look 3D.

**Ruby Class** Over the past three weeks, the Year 5 children have demonstrated tremendous effort and progress across all subjects. In English, they have been thoroughly engaged with our class book, Harry Potter, using it as inspiration to produce some outstanding letters. Their creativity and attention to detail in their writing have been remarkable, showing a deep understanding of the characters and themes from the story. In maths, the children have been working diligently on place value, successfully tackling numbers up to 1,000,000. Their grasp of large numbers and ability to manipulate them in various tasks has been impressive. We have also started our new topic on World War 1, and the children have shown a keen interest in learning how the war





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began, and which countries were involved. Their enthusiasm for history is clear, and they are asking thoughtful questions that reflect their curiosity. In art, we have begun working on self-portraits, and the children are using a range of media to create unique and vibrant backgrounds for their pieces. Their creativity is really shining through in this project. In PE, the children have demonstrated exceptional skills in both football and tag rugby. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical abilities have been outstanding, making PE lessons a highlight of the week. Overall, the past few weeks have been filled with hard work and enthusiasm, and the children should be very proud of all they have accomplished so far!

**Diamond Class** Diamond Class have gotten off to a great start this month. Our topic of World War 2 began with a bang (pun intended) with history expert and collector, Mr King, delivering a workshop filled with a copious collection of artefacts, roleplaying and the opportunity to dress-up in authentic 1940's gear. In-keeping with our WW2 theme, the children have been reading *When We Were Warriors*. This text about the Blitz has inspired evocative air-raid artwork using chalk and pastels as well as story openings from the perspective of an indirect victim of bombing. In Maths, we have completed a unit on Place Value and have begun to move our focus onto completing multistep and worded problems involving the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). In Science, Year 6 have been learning about the classification of living things and discovering how long humans have been on Earth in comparison to birds, reptiles, plants and other living organisms. The children have created first person perspective games using PurpleMash on the theme of Online Safety (creating baddies and items to collect which represent online dangers and security measures to be taken). We have also all enjoyed developing our tag rugby skills with Mr Parish from Sports Coaching Group on Wednesday mornings.

### **Attendance this week**

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 96.82% which has almost reached our aim of 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Pearl class has had full attendance this week and in KS2, Amber class has had the highest attendance. Congratulations to both classes.

### **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.*

