

# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Digital Leaders Conference

Last month, the Digital Leaders (Owen, Henry, Lorenzo and Lilly) went to the Hereford Digital Leaders Conference at St Francis Xavier Primary School. We learnt about lots of new apps including Seesaw, Telagami and Aurasma. Seesaw can be used to chat about lessons, share great ideas and find out who needs extra help. Using Telagami and Aurasma we can create digital book reviews where all you have to do is scan the book cover to listen to the review. We also learnt about QR codes and how to create them. By using QR codes it's possible to make a treasure hunt where you can scan a code to receive questions to answer. As Digital Leaders we are hoping to put up a display that will help pupils use the iPads; we will teach the teachers in a staff meeting and also support the children across the school in using new technology.

*By Henry and Owen*



## School Garden Challenge - Space: The Final Frontier

Homework over half term for the whole school is to design a garden on the theme of 'Space: The Final Frontier'. Everyone should have received an information sheet about this, but here are some ideas to get you thinking:

- A garden for the International Space Station
- A garden for astronauts on Mars - think about food and relaxation
- A garden to represent our solar system
- A garden to celebrate 350 years since Isaac Newton discovered gravity

Gardens can be 3D or on paper and the work is due in on Monday 7th November.

## Open The Book

On Thursday, we were joined by the Open the Book team who told us the story of Jesus on the boat on the Sea of Galilee. Class 2 helped the team perform this bible reading.



### Malvern Spring Show Schools Garden

On Wednesday afternoon, six members of Gardening Club visited the Three Counties Showground to find out more about the Schools Show Garden Challenge. We had the opportunity to plant more rocket seeds from the ISS, make bugs from recycled materials. We had a talk from Chris Collins about how to design a show garden and a planning session with Phil from BAM Construction.



### FOCS Christmas Cards

A huge thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards, tags, mugs or tea towels this year. The orders have now been sent home and £392 has been raised for the school.

### Child Protection Policy

We have reviewed our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy in light of the changes made to the national guidance document *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016*. A copy is on our website.

### Breakfast Club

We have had a very busy start to Breakfast Club after half term. Can we remind all parents that children need to be booked in as we have to ensure that there is adequate staffing in place. If you don't book your child in but then turn up, it is very possible that we will have to refuse your child entry as we cannot break the statutory pupil-to-staff ratios.

### iPad Club

There will be no iPad club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November due to staff training.

### Pick up at the end of the day

Can we just remind everyone that once children have been handed over at the gate they become the responsibility of parents or carers. Please do not let children play in the bushes around school or near the car park, as vehicles are exiting at this time.

### Nursery

This week has been rather magical. Fairies and pixies have moved into our garden. There has been fairy dust, pixie dens and magic beans. On Monday, we made magic potions using natural materials. They went fizz when we said the magic words and it turned us into princesses, animals and superheroes. The children also discovered some magic beans in the school garden. Had Jack left them and if we planted them, could we go up the beanstalk to see the giant? Tuesday was all about stories - sharing them with friends and acting out the *Jack and the Beanstalk* story. We did some wiggling and squiggling on Wednesday in P.E. The children had some groovy moves that they put into practice on huge pieces of paper and the white

boards. On Friday, we made paper lanterns to light up the dark nights during the firework season.

Do you have any dressing up outfits that you would like to donate to nursery? We also require small soft toys to be given out to children as reading buddies. All would be gratefully received!



### Class 1

We have had a very tuneful week in Class 1. We have sung our way through the week and it's put us all in a good mood for a weekend of bonfires and fireworks! In maths we have been splatting our way through the hundred square and in phonics we have been retelling a version of *The Gingerbread Man*. Our visit to Africa this week has been very informative. We have learned about the seven continents of the World and ways to remember them. IN PE we have been practising our African dance to Maliswe and have watched a clip of the best African children's choir, dancing and singing, as well as practising our seated balance whilst following instructions! Our rehearsals are underway for the Nativity. What a lot of words to remember in time for December! Next week we have decided to take a trip to India.



### Class 2

This week we found out about Baptism in RE and acted out a Baptism service. In Maths we have been practising telling the time using analogue and digital clocks, as well as solving money problems. In our English lessons we have been reading *It's a Book*, which is all about the differences between books and tablets. We learned about *Treasure Island* and wrote some questions.

### Class 3

Class 3 have had a busy start to the new half term exploring deep into the Rainforest. In English we are learning a story called *The Awongalema Tree*, a traditional tale from the Ghanaian Rainforest. We have described the magical fruit from that tree (a dragon fruit) and we were amazed when we cut it open as we discovered a vibrant purple flesh inside. We have compared homes in the Rainforest to our own homes and have designed a model house ready to make next week. We have started a computing project using iPads and iMovie. In maths we have been exploring multiplication and division by using known doubling and halving facts.

### Class 4

Class 4 have had a wonderful first week back. We have been learning about fractions and place value in maths. In English, we have had a really fun time creating different excuses for why various people were late for school, using different punctuation techniques and thinking about our vocabulary. We have made full use of the new basketball nets and learned how to do a right handed lay-up in basketball; some of us even managed to add a dribble into the routine. We have written a postcard to a Jewish child congratulating them on their Bar-Mitzvah, thinking about the significance of this and using technical language. We have also begun our Philosophy sessions with a discussion about whether CCTV is beneficial and what this means for our privacy.

### Class 5

This week we have started a poetry unit in English, studying the wonderful poem 'Night Mail' written in 1936 by W.H. Auden to accompany the documentary film of the same name which

celebrated the postal train from the Midlands to Scotland. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the film itself which fitted in brilliantly with our general topic of the history of film-making. In maths we have been working with fractions. In R.E we began to look at the inspiration behind the re-building of Coventry Cathedral after WW2 and were awestruck by some of the architectural details of this beautiful building.

### Value of the Month

**COURAGE**

Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

Chosen by Libby and Max

### Stars of the Week

**Nursery:** Tessa Unwin for being positive

Marcus Agnew for being independent

**Class 1** Jacob Mifflin for his persistence in phonics

Luke Richards for taking a risk

**Class 2** Amber Thompson for taking pride in her work

Leila Meager for independence

**Class 3** Hugh Norbury for independence

Finn Belgard for independence

**Class 4** Seb Parking for being persistent

Imogen Davies for a positive attitude

**Class 5** Sadie Brooks taking pride in her work

George Knowles for taking pride in his work

### Dates for the Future

#### NOVEMBER **COURAGE**

6<sup>th</sup> FOCs Photo session

7<sup>th</sup> No iPad club

8<sup>th</sup> Class 3 trip to Cadbury World

9<sup>th</sup> Early Years Phonics Evening 6pm

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

School Disco

14<sup>th</sup> Healthy School Week

18<sup>th</sup> Class 4 trip to see Worcester Wolves

20<sup>th</sup> Dads' Football Match against Leigh and Bransford Dads.

21<sup>st</sup> Yr 6 trip to Young Shakespeare

23<sup>rd</sup> Class 4 Collective Worship

Rock-it all @ JMHS

25<sup>th</sup> Hi5 Netball @ JMHS 9am

26<sup>th</sup> Junk Modelling

#### DECEMBER **PEACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair

9<sup>th</sup> Nativity Dress rehearsal

12<sup>th</sup> Nativity

13<sup>th</sup> Nativity

14<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> Sportshall Athletics @ JMHS 11am

Carol Service 6pm @ Church

16<sup>th</sup> Animal Lady in

Break up