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*Our inspirational person of the week is*

**WINSTON CHURCHILL**

**“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”**

**ODD SOCKS DAY MONDAY 16th November** to celebrate the start of Anti-bullying week



Star of the Week		Class of the week	Dahl
Zephaniah	Mia	Friendship Cup	
Anderson	Charlie	Best attendance EYFS/KS1	100% CARLE
Sendak	Serah		
Carle	Fletcher	Best attendance KS2	100% DAHL
Hargreaves	Paige		
Ahlberg	Poppy-Rose	Headteacher Awards	YEAR
Dahl	Siji	Rebecca J	3
Freedman	Skyla	Alex J	3
Strong	Simra	Ella W	3
Pratchett	Tyler	Luke W	3
Morpurgo	Charlie VG	Shaylen GB	3
Tolkien	Raheel	Naomi N	3
Lewis	Jenson	Shikana D	3
Rosen	Mayci-Lou C	Jessica B	3
Shakespeare	Lizzie	Leah M	4
Dickens	Emily	Elizabeth R	4
Kipling	Alfie S/fd	Frankie S	4
		Faith J	4
		Phoebe W	4

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
**11 am 11 November 2020**



We all had two minute silence on Wednesday to show our respect to all our currently serving and ex-service men and women past and present. Well done to Abigail who made her own wreath to say thank you!

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		Simra A	4
		Ester G	5
		Abigail J	5
		Aruba I	6
		Ife O	6
		Daisy F	6
		Karam R	6
		Alfie S/fd	6
		Divine O	6



Elizabeth and Danny are showing us examples of window poppies Year 4 created from scratch! They thoroughly enjoyed this activity as it allowed them to reflect on the importance of symbolism, peace and equality. Daisy in Morpurgo class said - "We created these poppies to go on our windows to remember the soldiers that died in battle. We are really grateful."



**WORLD  
KINDNESS  
MOVEMENT**

November 13th

**World Kindness Day**

Today is World Kindness Day. I know a lot of people in our school are going to have lots of nice surprises with our pupils



Our pupils have already shown kindness by supporting Children in Need, Food Bank Friday and by celebrating Diwali with families all over the world!



**BBC**

**Children  
in Need**

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showing extra kindness to their friends, and teaching staff! (They might even tidy their rooms after school and go to bed when they are asked to!!!!).

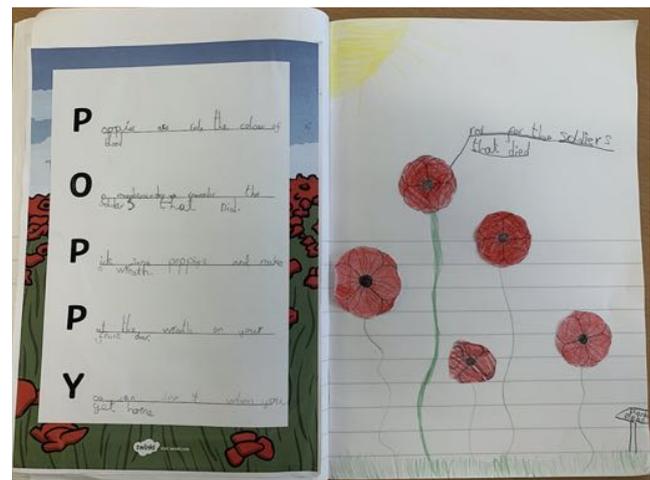


## CLASS of the WEEK Ahlberg

This week the children in Ahlberg class have been doing lots of work about poppies and Remembrance Day.

They have really enjoyed finding out about why we wear poppies and how the money made from selling poppies is used.

Here is a poem that Omar wrote about Remembrance Day and his drawing of Flanders Fields.



Frankie S - Morpurgo - Y4

Dear diary,

Yesterday was one of the best days of my life! Mr Egypt came to visit our school to share his wealth of knowledge about ancient Egypt. He's an Egyptologist so he spends his time learning and discovering phenomenal new things about Pharaohs, people and pyramids! He's climbed the highest pyramids before and he's even held Tutankhamun's death mask...

At 9am, our class went into the hall and I was shocked at how amazing and interesting the activities were. I absorbed all of the incredible information from his slides, I was captivated! Who ever knew that there were 5 female Pharaohs?

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Next Friday 20th November we continue our Food bank collection for Christmas to support our families over the Christmas period. Please send in:  
**Toiletries:** Toilet Roll, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash and soap  
**Tinned food (in date)**  
**Cupboard items:** Baked Beans Spaghetti Rice Dried Pasta  
 Pasta Sauce – tomato based Soup – tins only (not packets)  
 Fruit Custard -tins only (not packets) Rice Pudding Biscuits Tea  
 Coffee UHT Milk UHT Fruit Juice Fruit Cordial Porridge and Oats  
 Breakfast Cereals Jam Marmalade Peanut Butter

## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

The Hindu festival of Diwali is approaching this weekend, Saturday 14th November 2020. Diwali is the five day Indian festival of lights. The children have been learning about the festival and the different traditions that can be seen over the five days of celebrating. The children have worked hard this week to create the traditional clay pots, also known as a Diwali Diya. The children used clay and a variety of resources to create patterns on their pots. Happy Diwali to all our staff and families celebrating this wonderful festival of Light tomorrow.



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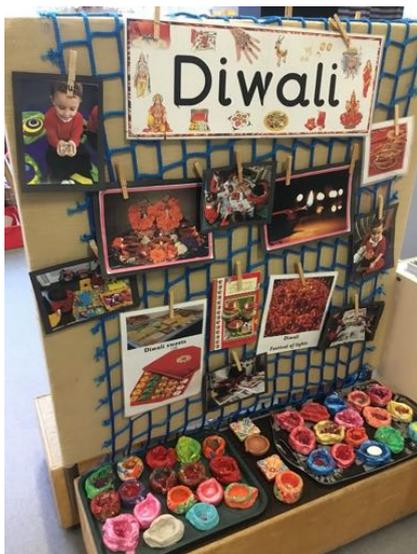
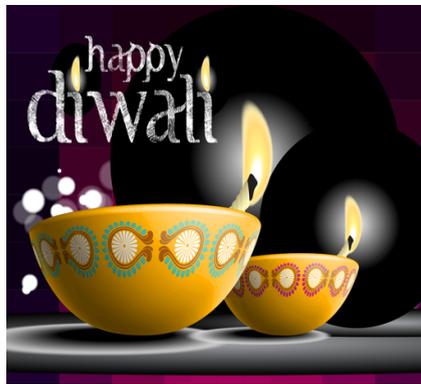
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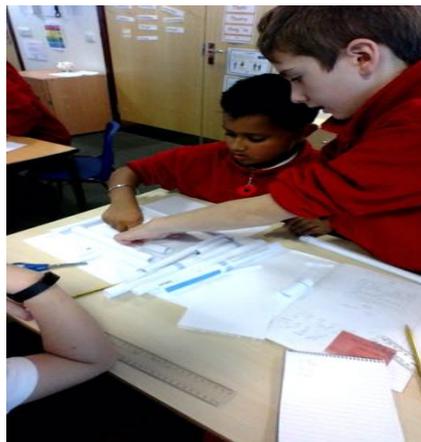
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Our pupils have spent the last two weeks enjoying Science Week, and taking part in a range of experiments and activities. Year 1 combined Art and Science by collecting, identifying and drawing leaves they collected from the wildflower meadow.



Year 6 designed made common gull snappers, woodlice mazes (the photos show the woodlouse in the maze)!!! This is Year 5 doing a sycamore seed dispersal experiment and some children looking in the meadow for squirrels and pigeons and thinking about their food chains. Year 2 rang me with the exciting news that they found badger trails in the meadow!!!! Wow...more dependents to worry about!



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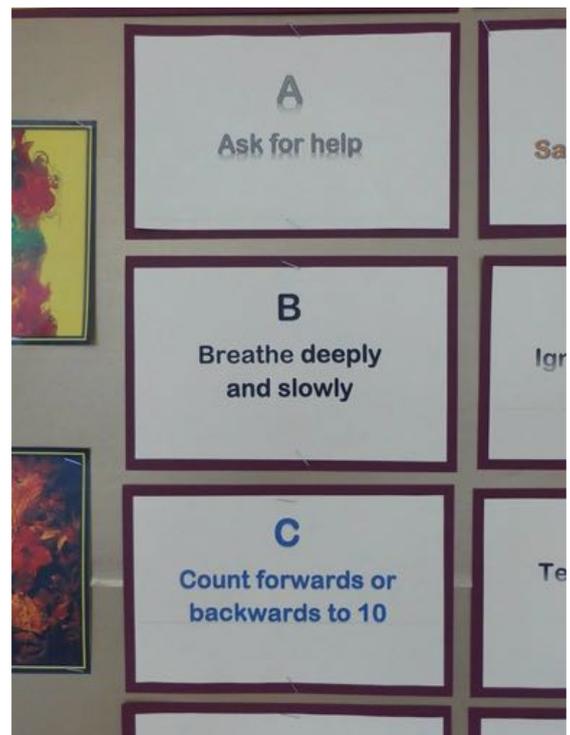
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## Year 6 news !!!

What a day for Year 6. Some of our pupils took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge. They all did really well. Amazing achievement everyone. Well done Aruba, Ife, Karam, Alfie Sap/d, and Daisy.



Another great treat yesterday was when I was invited to a live performance by pupils in Year 6 who had brought in their guitars and composed their own rap in only three days! Well done Karam, Riley, Lucas and Oscar



One of our main school aims is to consider the wellbeing of everyone in our school community, pupils, staff and families. Our new A to Z display, created by Mrs Clibbon offers a lot of top tips to help us in challenging moments! Next week our new wellbeing ambassadors are having their first meeting to discuss how we are looking after each other in school. If you ever need any ideas to support your child at home please visit our website or contact Mrs Barr or Mrs Clibbon, our Mental Health advocate's in school.

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Term dates		
<p>Start of term: 3 September 2020  <b>Inset day: 2 September</b>  <b>Term: 3 September -23 October</b>  <u>Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020</u>  <b>Inset day: 2 November</b>  <b>Term: 3 November -18 December</b>  <b>Occasional Day: 7 December</b>  <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021</u></p>	<p><b>Inset day: 4 January</b>  <b>Term: 5 January - 12 February</b>  <u>Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021</u>  <b>Term : 22 February-26 March 2021</b>  <u>Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021</u></p>	<p><b>Term: 12 April - 28 May</b>  <u>Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021</u>  <b>Inset Day: 7 June</b>  <b>Term: 8 June-21 July</b>  <b>Inset day 22 July</b>  <u>Summer holiday: 23 July 2021 - 31 August 2021</u></p>

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