



November News

It was lovely to see everyone back in school after half term – just a reminder tomorrow Friday 5th November is a HSA fundraiser, we can't wait to see children dressed in firework coloured outfits for mufti day.

We are really pleased that engineers have finally resolved some of the ongoing IT and server issues and so **Purple Mash** is back up and running at Gig Mill. This is used as one of the learning platforms for remote learning links via the website, and for other communications.

Year 1 are new to this, so password information will come out to you on Friday. This week teachers are posting photographs of their classrooms to share with you on Purple Mash. The children are finding a piece of work that they are really proud of, and they will bring these home next week to share with you at home.

Please see the whole school focus areas for the future weeks,

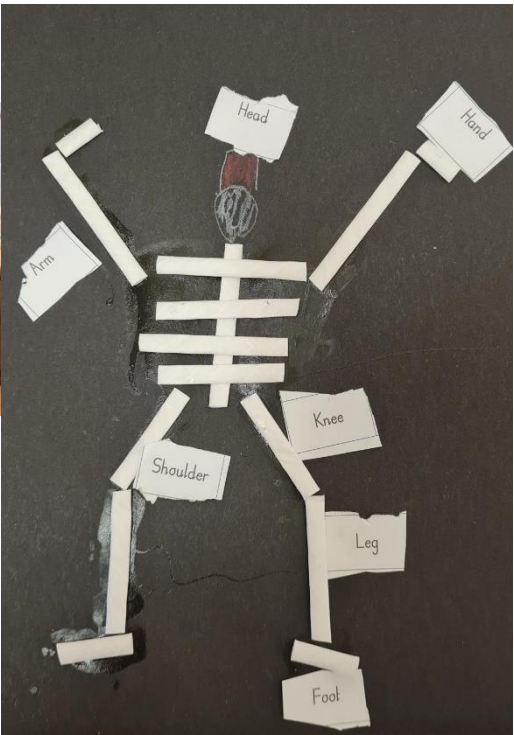
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Week beginning	
8 th Nov	School values week including RE Focus day, and World Kindness Day
15 th Nov	One Kind Word is the theme for Anti Bullying Week, each year group will take part in tasks and activities. Children in Need Charity fundraiser Friday 19th November
22 nd Nov	Friendship focus
29 th Nov	Relationships Health Wellbeing new focus – Belonging to a Community

Year 1 Team

During this term we are starting our new topic 'Turrets and Tiaras'. This week children have enjoyed learning about the parts of a castle and have worked together to make their own castles out of clay. The children really impressed us with their knowledge of castle features and how sensibly they worked together on their masterpieces. Over the next few weeks the children will continue their learning in IL looking at Dudley Castle, the Royal Family and Queen Elizabeth I.

At Gig Mill we aim to create a true love of reading for all. Children are reading weekly in school a challenging book band, this is so that reading at home can be done at a more pleasurable, fluent level with a focus on the comprehension elements using a lower banded book. In order to support this, children will have the opportunity to change their home reader twice weekly. Books can be exchanged and returned on a Monday or Thursday, if you require your book for longer please hand in when complete. In Year 1, it is really important to develop fluency by re-reading the same book more than once. The reading record is a way of logging the reading that is completed at home so please record when you are hearing your child read so their books can be changed accordingly on the set days.



Wb: 11th October 2021

Core Theme – Relationships
 Unit – Families and Friendships

L.O. To identify the roles of different people – what role do these different people play in children's lives and how do they care for them?

My Special People (Mum)

My Special People (Nan)

My Special People (Dad)

My Special People (Grandma)

My Special People (Grandpa)

My Special People (Aunt)

My Special People (Uncle)

My Special People (Brother)

My Special People (Sister)

My Special People (Teacher)

My Special People (Nanny)

My Special People (Nurse)

My Special People (Police)

My Special People (Fireman)

My Special People (Doctor)

My Special People (Postman)

My Special People (Gardener)

My Special People (Carpenter)

My Special People (Electrician)

My Special People (Plumber)

My Special People (Painter)

My Special People (Chef)

My Special People (Farmer)

My Special People (Vet)

My Special People (Dentist)

My Special People (Hairdresser)

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