GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



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, and hopefully many of you will remember using Purple Mash last year. This week teachers are posting photographs of their classrooms for you 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.

Please see the whole school focus areas for future weeks.

Mrs Hannaway

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 2 Team

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 the first half term the children enjoyed: baking bread, building Fire of London monuments, collaging their own designs of Stuarts clothing and creating a silhouette of The Fire of London. In Maths, we have covered place value, ordering and comparing number, addition and subtraction of numbers below 100. In English the children have written narratives based on the book 'Fire Cat', explanation of how to make bread and character descriptions based on the book – 'Firebird'.

We are now moving on to a new focus book – 'Ice Bear' – where we will be looking at the non-fictional genre and creating non-chronological reports. In Maths we will be looking at Multiplication and division and our Topic will remain as 'Fire and Ice'.

One area we are focussing on is spelling, you could encourage your child to look at the 'Year 2 common exception words' or alternatively play this game with them using – look, cover, write, check to practice these https://www.ictgames.com/littleBirdSpelling/





