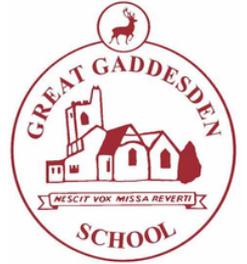


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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. The days are getting shorter and it is definitely getting a bit colder. We are also starting the countdown to Christmas!

This week we welcomed back Mr McCarthy from the British Legion, Years 1 & 2 and 3&4 had forest school and we have been getting ready for our remembrance service next week (see further down for more details).

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and all items are named.

Here is a summary of the winter uniform expectations:

- Long grey tailored trousers
- White school polo shirt with logo
- School sweat shirt / cardigan with logo
- Grey skirt / tunic
- Socks or tights: white, black or grey
- Footwear: black shoes

All hair below shoulder length must please be tied back.

Further to my communication yesterday, next week, on Thursday (after drop off), we have our first parent forum meeting. Thank you for emailing in to confirm attendance. Next Friday, for Children in Need, the Change Team have decided that the children are welcome to wear yellow and something spotty! We will not be collecting donations in school but if you would like to donate, here is the link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

We are also counting down the days to the panto trip! Whole school events like this are what makes our small village school so special and unique. It was lovely to see so many parents this morning for our Friday service and parent cafe.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr Matt Beach
Headteacher

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Religious life of our school

Value of the month:



On Monday, we welcomed back Mr McCarthy this week to lead collective worship. He focused on the meaning behind the poppy and the courage shown by the soldiers in World War One.

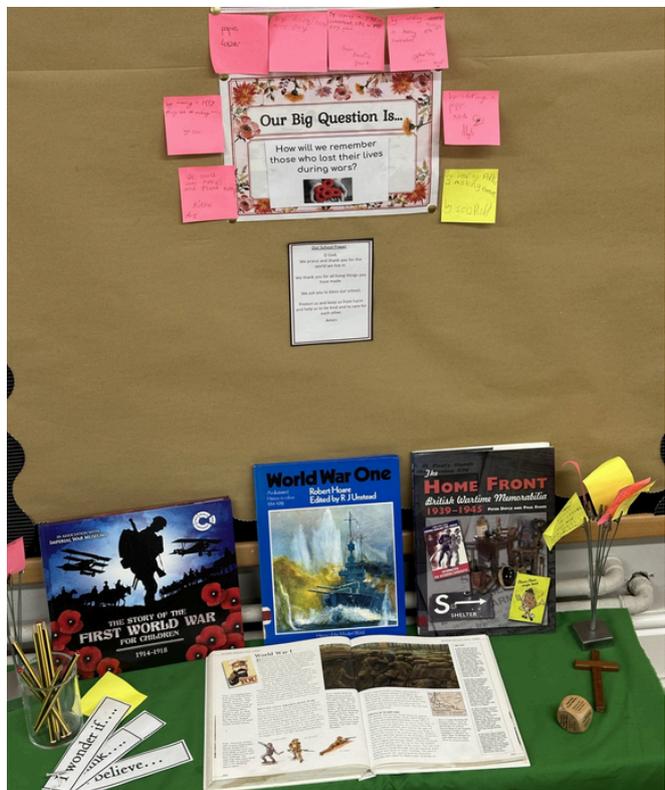
Leading on from this, in our whole school reflection area, the children have been exploring Non-Fiction texts about Remembrance. Our Big Question this week was "How we will ensure to remember those who have lost their lives in wars?"

Our reflection ambassadors have visited each class every day this week with the poppy appeal merchandise and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Mrs Tisbury delivered a thought provoking worship this morning reflecting on the importance of remembering. The children held up all of the names that are listed on the war memorial to remember members of Great Gaddesden that have lost their lives.

Next week, Mr McCarthy will collect all of our donations next week. For our Remembrance Service on the 11th, each child will be given a poppy to wear at our service of reflection.

All Parents/Carers are welcome to join us from 10:45am by the memorial in front of St John's church.

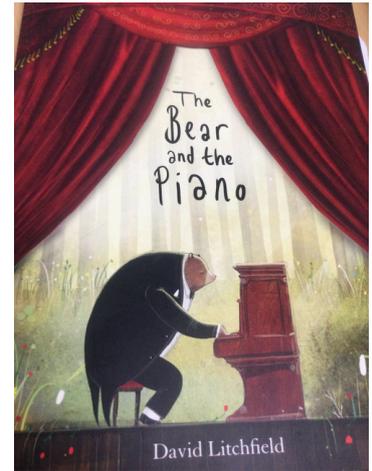


Spotlight on learning

This week we hear from Year 3 & 4!

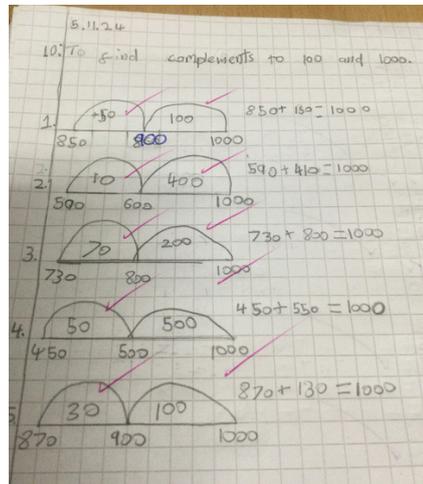
In our English lessons, we have been reading the story of 'The Bear and the Piano.'

One day, a bear cub finds something strange in the forest. When he touches the keys, he begins a journey that takes him away from his home to a new and wonderful land, where beautiful sounds fill the air and fame and riches hang ready for the taking. The city is everything the bear has ever dreamed of, but deep down something tugs at his heart...

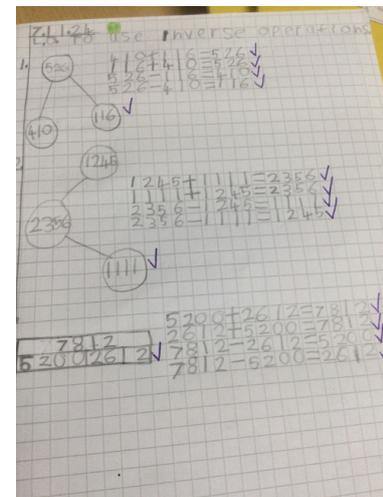


Question	Estimate	Exact answer
$2,907 - 1,298$	$3000 - 1000 = 2000$ ✓	1609 ✓
$6,512 - 459$	$7000 - 500 = 6500$ ✓	6053 ✓
$899 + 1,249 + 79$	$1000 + 1000 + 100 = 2100$ ✓	2227 ✓

We have used this text to explore the feelings of the bear at different points in the story. Our main writing focus has been writing diary entries as the bear goes on his journey to the big city.



In our maths lessons, we have been focusing on different methods for adding and subtracting. We have been finding complements to 100/1000, estimating answers and using inverse operation



Forest School

As Year 1&2 entered the woods, this week, they were greeted with a beautiful carpet of orange and yellow leaves. Following on from Sean McCarthy's assembly, we thought about the poppy as a symbol of reflection and the children created some fantastic natural poppies. We also continued our science learning by identifying trees and plants in the wood.



Year 3&4 enjoyed becoming business owners in their session, as they made their own woodland businesses. We had some extremely creative ventures from an Italian pizzeria and gym to a salon and stone age cafe. We definitely have some budding entrepreneurs!



Upcoming dates:

14th Nov - EYFS

21st Nov - Y5&6

Learners of the week

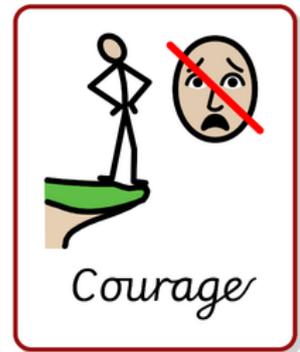


This week, the following learners below were chosen by their class teacher for demonstrating **excellent learning behaviours**:

Early years	Fredrik - for trying really hard in Maths
Year 1/2	Carter - for an excellent attitude with all of his learning
Year 3/4	Molly - for writing an excellent diary entry
Year 5/6	Tommy - for persevering in Maths

This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating '**courage**' (our value of the month):

Early years	Eve
Year 1/2	Edie
Year 3/4	Pippa
Year 5/6	Kiera



Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 97%

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS TERM IS: 93%

I am delighted to share we have had our highest weekly attendance so far this academic year!

Thank you for all of your support in improving our attendance.



'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself.' (Luke 6:31)

Community information



<https://padlet.com/SENCOGG/support-for-children-and-families>



100%
of parents strongly agree or agree that their child enjoys coming to school

Based on responses to an online survey completed in September 2024

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025?

Have you considered Great Gaddesden CE Primary School?



Please get in contact for a tour

Deadline for applications: January 15th 2025

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Key dates

New or amended dates added in **red**
Things in bold are coming up next week

November	<p>11th Remembrance Service w.c 11th Anti Bullying Week 14th November Parent Forum 9-10am* 14th Nov - EYFS Forest school 15th Children in Need 21st Nov - Y5&6 Forest school</p>
December	<p>3rd World Disability Day 6th FOGGs Disco 3:30-4:45pm 13th FOGGs Christmas film afternoon (children to bring in pyjamas to change into) 17th Whole school Panto trip- Beauty and the Beast (Dunstable) 18th Christmas Dinner & Jumper day 19th Nativity and Carol Concert- there will be two services (afternoon and evening) Early Years and KS1 Nativity (afternoon) & KS2 Carol Service (evening) 20th Christingle at 1:00pm at St John's Church End of Term 20th December @1:30pm</p>

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