

# Diamond Class Newsletter

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## **Our current learning:**

This week we have been focussing on PHSE learning. We visited The Life Bus on Tuesday morning and during our session explored how to keep our bodies safe and healthy. The children discussed nutrition, exercise and sleep, alongside how drugs, alcohol and smoking can damage your health. The key message was the celebration that everyone is UNIQUE and should be able to make their own choices without influence from others. The theme of being unique then linked perfectly into celebrating diversity as our topic for Anti Bullying Week. So far, we have been discussing how the children might come across bullying in their lives – at school, home and on the internet (E safety) and ways they can address this. We will continue in more depth next week with children in role play scenarios and debating groups.

You may have witnessed your children coming home and trying to do the 60 second timetable challenge ([teachingtables.co.uk](http://teachingtables.co.uk) website); this is because they are trying hard to secure their tables and also improve the speed of their recall. They are all fired up so please encourage them at home too.

Thank you for supporting your child with the half term reading challenge. Mrs McAleese and I were very impressed at the wide range of books and genres the children had been reading and we hope that this love of books continues.



## **Next week :**

We will continue exploring PHSE themes –anti bullying etc. and hope to be able to present this learning to the school on Wednesday. Our maths focus is both multiplication and division written calculation methods so it is important for your child to practise their times tables. We will start our programming unit in computing which I'm sure the children will be very excited about.

It is also "Aspirations Week" and we would very much welcome any parental input during this week –if you have a job that you would be happy to talk to the children about please pop in and arrange a visit. It would bring the world of work very much alive for the children.

## **Reminders :**

- Aspirations Week
- An evening with Tom Robson – how to grow self-belief and make aspirations a reality – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm-8.00pm in the school hall
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November dress up day – "BIG ME". Children to dress up in a costume which reflects what they would like to be in the future.

With Christmas fast approaching, please remember to use [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) when shopping on-line with Amazon etc. to help raise funds for the school.

