



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Kingsland CE (VA)
Primary School**



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Let your light shine

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine on our vision:

As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

Our Christian value for this half-term is **JUSTICE**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value.

**SEEK JUSTICE
LOVE MERCY
WALK HUMBLY
WITH YOUR GOD**

Michah 6:8

**Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness
(John 10:10)**

Amanda Gorman is the USA’s Youth Poet Laureate. She is 22 years old and wrote a poem called, ‘The Hill We Climb’ in response to the chaotic scenes at the US Capitol building a few weeks ago. Recently the whole world got to hear Amanda’s words, as she read them at the inauguration of President Biden.

The whole poem can be found later in this newsletter.

PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

WB 15 th February	Half term break
1 st April	Last day of term
20 th April	First day of Summer term
WB 31 st May	Half term break
8 th July	Y6 transfer day at high schools
20 th July	Last day of term

The revised 2020 - 2021 term dates can be found on the school website (2021-2022 and 2022-2023 term dates are now also available) following the link: <https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, our normal shared events will be arranged on an ongoing basis as the situation is constantly changing. We will endeavour to keep things as normal as possible but will understandably avoid large gatherings of people.

Remote Learning Resources

Further to our remote learning resources which can be found [here](#), please find detailed ideas and resources to support learning of maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) which can be found [here](#).

Big Question

It was great to see the children's responses to our BIG QUESTIONS over the last lockdown period. We shall be continuing our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

How can you seek justice in your life?



The Hill We Climb – Amanda Gorman

We are striving to forge our union with purpose. To compose a country committed to all cultures, colours, characters, and conditions of man. And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another. We seek harm to none and harmony for all. Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true. That even as we grieved, we grew. That even as we hurt, we hoped. That even as we tired, we tried. That will forever be tied together, victorious. Not because we will never again know defeat, but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one shall make them afraid. If we're to live up to her own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in all the bridges we've made.

So let us leave behind a country better than one we were left with. Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.

When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

Let your light shine

Living life in all its fullness – Learning at Home Week 3



We started the week with snow ... look at Ada's igloo!

Fabulous work from Class 5 children about endangered animals ... Daniel, Emily, Maizie, Poppy and Tom – well done!




AMUR LEOPARD

The Amur Leopard is critically endangered, with only 84 left in the whole world. This magnificent big cat can run at speeds up to 35 miles per hour and leap up to 5.8 meters horizontally.

HABITAT
Most Amur Leopards live in Russia and a few in China. It is the only leopard that can survive in both extreme snowy winter and hot summer climates. Amur Leopards are nocturnal, sleeping in the day in cool caves or sheltered spots. Often, they live alone.

DIET
Amur Leopards are carnivores and hunt prey ranging from a small mouse to a large moose.




WE NEED THEM
As Amur Leopards are top predators, they help to keep the right balance of species in their area. Importantly, this affects the health of their environment, which provides food, water and resources to locals.

THREATS
Sadly, the Amur Leopard is endangered as a result of humans.

- Poaching – The Amur Leopard is hunted mainly for its beautiful, spotted fur.
- Deforestation – Between 1970 – 1983 the Amur Leopard lost 80% of its territory because of forest fires and land conversion for farming.
- Lack of prey – A lot of their prey are poached, leaving insufficient food.

SAVING THEM
Since 2001 experts have developed a plan to protect the remaining Amur Leopards. Fire-fighting teams and anti-poaching teams are working in the Amur Leopard's habitat. Poachers get fined and put in jail for killing them. Also, local people are being educated on the value of their forest and the amazing wildlife found there.



The future of the Amur Leopard is not certain, but it is believed that it can be saved from extinction. It is important that we continue to protect the world's most endangered big cat.

SAVE THE GIANT PANDAS!

This report is about Giant Panda's and how much the world needs these wonderful animals. I chose the Giant Panda because they are nearly extinct. Which means soon they will be forgotten. This report will explain why Giant Panda's are so important, how they live and why they deserve to be saved.

About the Giant Panda

What they are:

The Giant Panda's, known as the Panda bear, bamboo bear, or in Chinese as the Daixiongmao. The large bear cat is, in fact, its scientific name means "black and white cat food animal."

What do they eat and where do they live?

The Giant Panda's eat bamboo, fish and lots of kinds of plants and fruit. However 99% of their diet is bamboo. Giant Panda's live in a few mountain ranges in South Central China.

Why are they Endangered?

Humans used to hunt and poach Panda's for their skins and pelts. These were extremely valuable on the black market. Humans have destroyed much of

the Panda's habitat and food source - the bamboo forests. These areas have been deforested to make land available to grow food for humans. Giant Panda's find it notoriously difficult to reproduce, even in captivity. This means that not enough pups are born each year to significantly increase their population. There are only about 1800 Giant Panda's left in the wild.

What can we do to help?

Only grow what we need and not more. Don't put bamboo to waste. We can use less paper because paper is made out of bamboo. We need more international cooperation. We can continue to improve breeding programs.

Conclusion

The panda's need us. So we need to help these extraordinary animals. If we don't then in a few years time we wouldn't even know that they existed. That means that we might keep on chopping down bamboo so when our children grow up there might be a chance that all panda's could be extinct. The work of the WWF is working because the amount of panda's are increasing. But they can't do it alone so we need to help. We can do it but only if we try.



THE BENGAL TIGER



The majestic Bengal Tiger is the most well known tiger. It is that popular it is also called an Indian Tiger. With the longest canine teeth you would not want to get on the wrong side of this beast.

Diet:

Bengal Tigers are carnivores which means they just eat meat. Bengal Tigers hunt for large and medium sized animals such as: Wild Boar (an omnivorous mammal), Sambar (a kind of deer), Barasingha (a kind of deer), Chital (a spotted deer), nilgai (an antelope), gaur (a large ox of South Asia) and Water Buffalo.

Character Reference:

Bengal Tigers are the biggest big cat. Unusually each stripe is unique to that tiger like a fingerprint. The largest Bengal Tiger ever found was 384.5 kilograms.

Personality:

Bengal Tigers love play-fighting to engage with other Bengal tigers. They are sneaky and shy so they can catch their prey.

Behaviour:

Bengal Tigers occasionally travel in groups of 3 or 4. Males occupy 200 square miles of land and protect it very fiercely. Bengal Tigers are extremely strong and can drag their killed prey 1500 feet to hide it in the bushes. The Bengal Tiger is nocturnal, it sleeps through the day and hunts at night. Bengal Tigers can climb trees and swim.

Conservation Status:

Bengal Tigers are 'endangered'. The current population of wild Bengal Tigers is 1300-1500, less than half the previous estimation of 300-4500. They are in danger of extinction due to over-hunt by poachers. Habitat loss and poaching are important threats to species survival. Poachers kill Tigers not only for their pelt (coat), but also for ingredients to make traditional medicines in East Asia.

Type: Mammal.

Diet: Carnivore.

Lifespan: 7-10ft.

Weight: 300-500 lbs.

Habitat: tropical rainforest, marshes, tall grass in India.

Range: India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan.

Scientific Name: Panthera Tigris Tigris.



ALL About Amur Leopards



The Amur Leopard is one of the rarest big cats in the world due to low population numbers. These beautiful cats are strong powerful predators that are critically endangered due to habitat loss and poaching.

Features of an Amur Leopard

An Amur Leopard's coat is reddish yellow that fades in winter when it gets colder. Their legs are longer than other leopards. This may be because they have become adapted so it is easier to walk through the thick snow. Amur Leopards have long tails that can grow up to 95cm long (nearly a metre). They sometimes use their tails to keep themselves warm by wrapping it round their selves.

Endangered Status

These beautiful creatures are sadly critically endangered. This is due to habitat loss and poaching for their beautiful fur. Their home is being destroyed so farmers can plant more crops.



Habitat

These big cats prefer forests than big open grasslands. Amur Leopards are very good at camouflage because they climb up trees and can sometimes only be seen when they move their tails. Most wild Amur Leopards are found between north-east China and the Russian Far East.

Conservation

Work is being done to increase the population because there are only about 90 Amur Leopards left. You can help by adopting one from the WWF.

Diet

An Amur Leopard's diet includes wild boar, badgers, hares and other animals. Amur Leopards are very skillful predators who carry unfinished prey so other predators don't eat them. These leopards are also very good runners because they can run up to 35 mph so they can catch their prey.

These animals need our help to survive. We are decreasing their population so we need to help.



THE GIANT PANDA: UNDER THREAT

Introduction

Giant pandas are wonderful and unique creatures from the way they act, to the way they look. Coming from China, these bears are famous for being adorable but they are facing outside threats of us. We need to save these beautiful animals before it is too late. Luckily though, the amount of pandas are increasing.

Under threat

Pandas are hunted by poachers & people who hunt animals for fur or horns who hunt them for their fur which sells for up to sixty five thousand dollars. It is illegal to kill pandas in China, leading people with ten years in jail and a fine, a life sentence or even a death penalty. But that does not mean that people still do not kill them.

Habitat

Pandas live in jungles and forests in China where they are very efficient at climbing trees and swimming. They live in the South-Central part of China, mostly in mountainous regions.

Food

Pandas rely on bamboo. Without bamboo, pandas would already be extinct. 90% of a panda's diet is bamboo. They have six fingers to help them better grasp the bamboo. They have large and powerful jaws to help them to eat. But, we humans have been using bamboo as a building material and a food source, which is decreasing the amount of food for the pandas.

Conclusion

We need to protect the bamboo forests and habitats as we only have 1800 pandas left. This animal is precious and beautiful. I don't want to see it go. It is a very distinctive animal. I would hate for humans to be the reason they became extinct. They have been roaming around our planet for about ten to thirty million years. Do you really want to see them disappear?



snow poem.

I want to stamp my
feet in the icy crispy
white deep snow.

I want to make a
frosty snowman in the
hard cold snow.

I want to lie in the
sparkly white snow

and make snow angels.

I want to pick a
snowdrop from wet
snow.

Written by Arthur after reading the RWI book 'Snow'.



Niamh's and Immy's painting of an Arctic Scene, inspired by Canadian artist Linda Lang.



Written by Harry after reading the RWI book 'Snow'.

22-1-2021

I want to crunch my
boots into the fluffy white
snow.

I want to slide on my sledge
on the crispy snow.

I want to throw icy snowballs
at Izzy.

I want to crunch my
wellingtons into the deep snow.

Music 21-1-21

Harry's Beat



Madeleine learning about squeezing and twisting in science.



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week – on Thursday 4th February all children will take part in a 'screen-free' afternoon. A choice of activities will be set which siblings of different ages can do together. More information will follow shortly.



International Learning

Please do take time to look at our new International Learning page on the school website.

This can be found [here](#).

School reopening for all children

I am sure you have heard the government's announcement earlier in the week that schools will not reopen fully to all children before 8th March. Originally, the government were aiming for this to happen directly after half term. The prime minister has said "it will not be possible" to reopen schools in England after the half-term break but he hopes they can resume from 8th March. He said a final decision would depend on meeting vaccination targets, and schools would get two weeks' notice.

Dear Lord,

Help us to remember the Jews who died in the war
and to keep supporting the monkeys to make them more
common. I hope the 'Ocean Cleaner' will some day
exist to boost our chance of beating plastic pollution.

Amen

Maizie's prayer and Olivia's
description of the Twits.

A Description of Mr and Mrs Twit



Mr Twit has a noted,
grubby beared. Also when he
eats his food he wipes the
big bits on his sleeve then on
his top and then on his muce trousers
with he wipes on. He can be very rude
and unkind to his wife and other
people because he doesn't like anyone.
Mr Twit hasn't washed his discurten
bered in years because he's a twit.
Sometimes he get's his tong out and finds
some food in his noted beared.

Mrs Twit has a long stick
for hitting ^{the} children.
She is no better than her disquid
husband because she is more mean.
So Mrs Twit can see everywhere because
she has a big glass eye.
Mrs Twit is as rude as her unkind
husband.
She plays tricks on her rude husband.

Parent Questionnaire

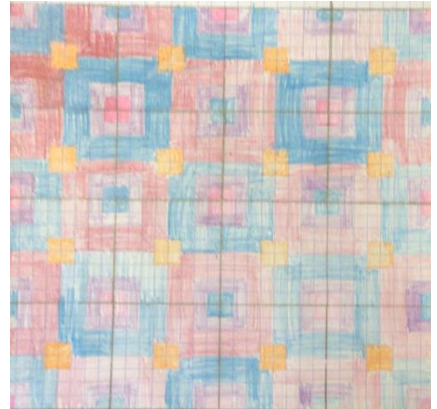
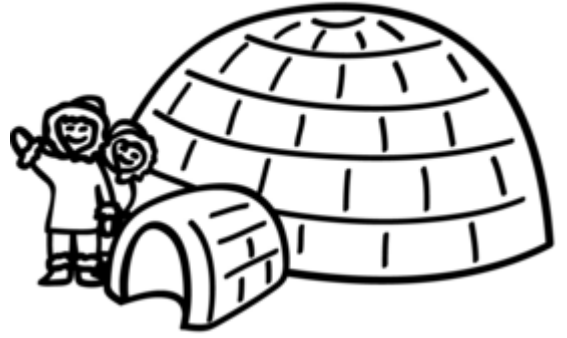
Our annual Parent
Questionnaire was sent out
earlier in the week. We look
forward to receiving your
completed questionnaires by
Monday 8th February.
Questionnaire templates can
also be found on the school
website here:

[https://www.kingslandceprim
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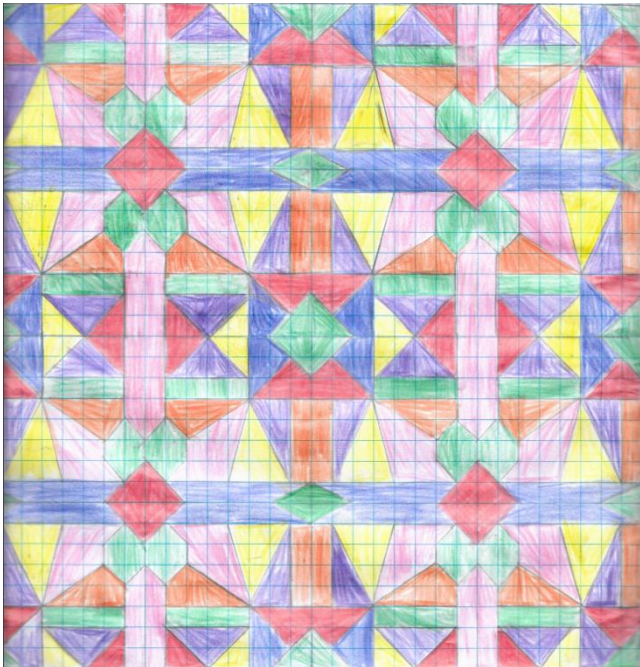


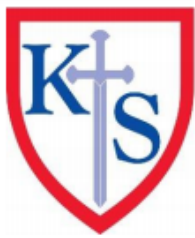


Class 1 igloos ... how fantastic!



Class 5 have been doing reflective art this week – this is Jack's design.





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(Matthew 5:16)



This half term's Christian value is:

JUSTICE

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for JUSTICE

Father God, You take care to listen well to people, especially those that are vulnerable. You are passionate about seeking JUSTICE for everyone. Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions. And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry. Amen.

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **JUSTICE**

A reflection on JUSTICE by Wendy Maddocks, Foundation Governor, Kingsland Church

It's not fair! It's not fair that I have to go to bed first just because I am the youngest. It's not fair that my friend finds reading really easy but it takes me half an hour to read a page. It's not fair that she always gets picked for the football team but when I kick a ball my football boot comes off and goes further than the ball ever does! It's not fair!

We all feel injustices in our everyday life and sometimes they are just because we are impatient to grow up or we want to be good at everything. We may be feeling that it is not fair that, in order to protect us from Coronavirus, our schools have had to close or that we can't hug our grandparents.

I want to remind you about a girl called Malala. She was born in Pakistan and when she was 11 years old, new rulers took over in her region of Pakistan and decided that girls could no longer go to school. She spoke out, doing a blog to tell everyone how unfair it was. In 2012, when she was just 15, a masked gunman got on her bus and shot her. These are Malala's words:

'I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack — and that people around the world were praying for my recovery.'

We sometimes feel as children that nobody listens to us and we can't do anything to change things. But Malala spoke out about injustice. Even though she was just a child, people all over the world listened to her. In fact, BECAUSE she was 'just a child' it made her message even more powerful.

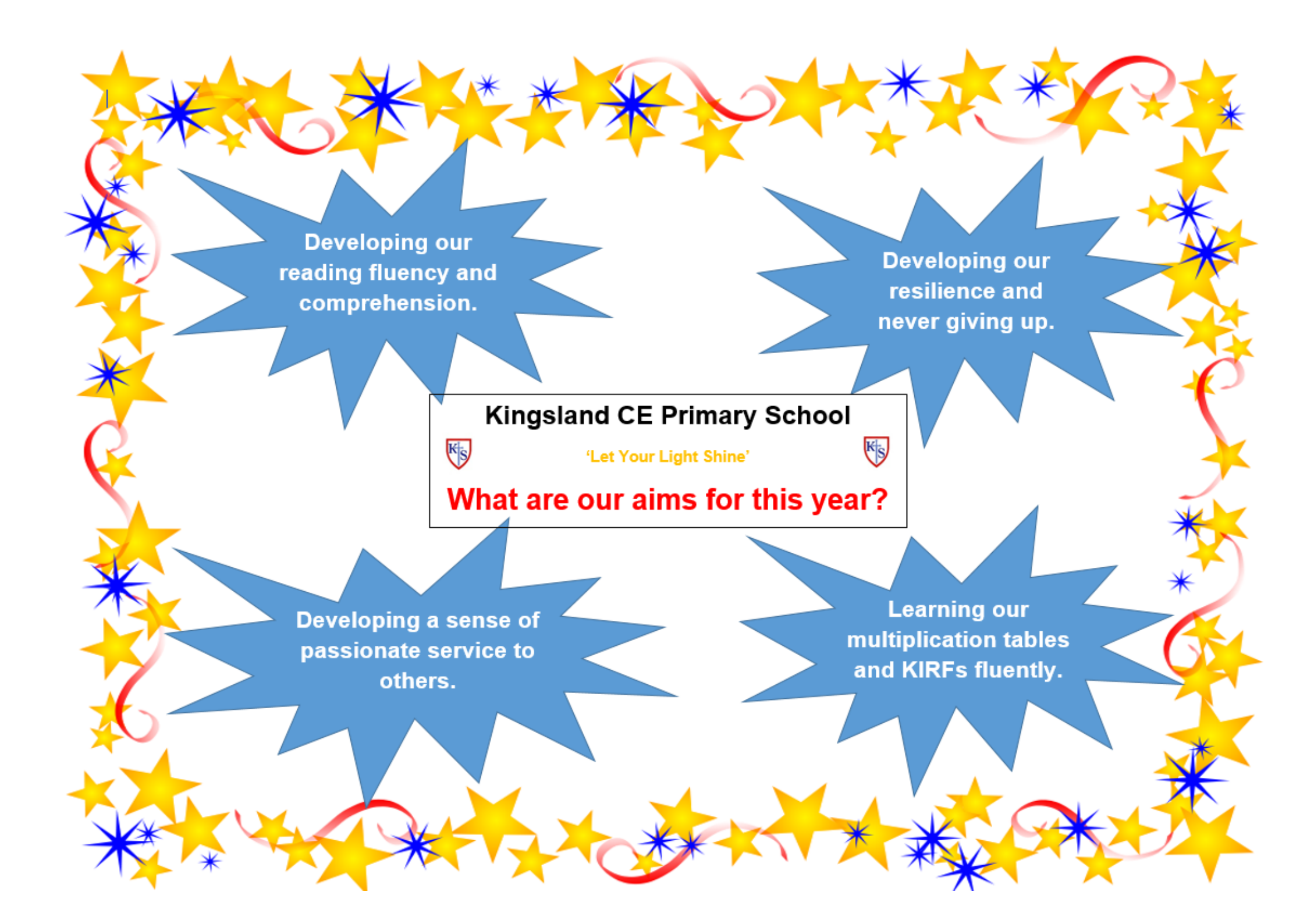
We read a story in Mark's gospel in the Bible of people bringing children to Jesus:

'... the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them'.

God hates injustice, as these verses in Psalm 82 remind us:

'You must stop judging unjustly. Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless'.

Brave people all over the world stand up for JUSTICE. Men and women, black and white, rich and poor, old people and children. Never think that your voice will not be listened to because you are not the right type of person. From local things, like someone being bullied in the playground, to global things like animal cruelty, we all have a voice and need to speak up if we see things that are unfair. Malala's actions changed the law in Pakistan. What will you change today?



Developing our
reading fluency and
comprehension.

Developing our
resilience and
never giving up.

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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

Developing a sense of
passionate service to
others.

Learning our
multiplication tables
and KIRFs fluently.