

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 26th March 2021

HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning this week we would like your child to practise their allocated reading book on Bug Club, their number skills on Numbots and their spelling techniques on Ed Shed.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you need any help logging in to these online platforms. All these skills are crucial for your child's continued development within literacy and maths.

Please make sure that you are sharing a story with your child every day as part of their home learning. All children love to listen to and jump into the imaginary world of stories and this is an amazing way for you to ensure that this is happening. Thank you for your commitment to develop our **Love of Reading** culture!

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 100%!

Attendance is so important to us at Dunsford Community Academy and we really value and appreciate your support with this. Each week we will inform you of the target that we have managed to reach as a class as we will be working towards attendance certificates!

Please ensure that your child attends school every day. Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost. We are aiming for 100% attendance in Willow class every week and we know that we can do this!

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19,

Dear Parents.

What a wonderful week we have had in Maple and Willow Class. We began the week with a virtual whole school assembly from Mrs Guntrip where we began to think about our School values, which are Responsibility, Respect and Resilience.

The children reflected on how they can work together to ensure everybody is able to learn effectively within school. Class and school counselors have been asked to collect ideas from the children about ways in which we can continue to develop our values and school environment and we are very excited to see where their ideas lead!

Willow and Maple children have continued their exploration of the forest classroom with Mrs Twelvetrees and Adam this week and found lots of different signs of Spring. It was fantastic to see Willow class using natural resources to represent the numbers 1-10 outside.

PE with Mr Coupe most definitely allowed everyone to run off lots of steam on Wednesday afternoon. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to practise their fundamental movements and channel their energy into different team games.

There has been a real Maths buzz in the classroom at various times throughout the week. Reception and Year 1 have worked together in Number Sense Maths on the topic of 'make and break 5'. Year 1 supported Reception children to represent the number 5 in different ways. What's more, Year 1 have learned how to use a ruler and have continued their fantastic work on length and height. Well done!

In Literacy, we have continued our work on The Three Little Pigs and have explored different versions of the story. We have also discussed that stories can have different endings and we had a real giggle creating our own nonsense stories!

then please contact the office before bringing them into school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We have linked our work on The Three Little Pigs to our scientific work this week too, exploring the different properties of the materials that the little pigs used to build their houses.

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions. We hope you all have a very lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for our final week of the Spring term.

Miss Dann, Miss Farress and Mrs Wilson.



Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Cressida. Cressida has strived to achieve her best in every lesson. This week, Cressida has shown her creativity and shared her imaginative ideas as she has planned her own story during our literacy lessons. Well done Cressida!

Our numbots champion is Eloise for earning over 1,000 coins this week! Well done Eloise.

Our Phonics champion is Lizzie, for working really hard on learning and embedding her sounds. Well done!

Maple Star of the Week, this week is Ottilie. We couldn't be more proud of you.