

# Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 23rd April 2021

## **HOME LEARNING**

For Home Learning this week we would like your child to practise their reading book on Bug Club or Epic, 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 94.74%!

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!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! What a wonderful week we have had in Maple and Willow this week. With lots of stunning learning and opportunities to share what we did over the holidays, we have all been thinking about our school values and what we need to consider to enable us to achieve our very best at all we do. As a team, we are incredibly excited to plan a full term of learning opportunities that illuminate our distinctive curriculum. On Tuesday, our morning session of Forest school allowed us to explore how our outdoor environment is beginning to change and the impact this has on what is happening around us. It was glorious to hear lots of tales about the lambing season and how passionate your children are about helping you, and those around them, to make this incredible experience as memorable as possible.

Alongside this we had the amazing Mr Coupe who is now planning all our weekly PE sessions outside. Again, we all enjoyed taking part in learning opportunities that involved sharing our ideas and helping each other to succeed.

In literacy we are turning our writing skills into factual recording as we explore how to inform our readers of what we have been doing. We will be writing postcards and letters to post in our Post Office role play area, observing and recording the life cycles of plants, making lists and writing instructions.

In maths, we are looking at multiplication and division so that we can learn how to break parts and group numbers together. We have been busy counting up to 50 and making groups of 2's and 5's with resources both indoors and outside. Our favourite thing has been to march around the field counting our steps as we go! What incredible mathematics we have! All the adults were having to work really hard at keeping up with all your children!

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to having a full term back at school and

**If your child is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, then please contact the office before bringing them into school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.**

welcoming our new nursery children to our amazing Early Years unit.

We hope you all have a fabulous weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Miss Dann, Miss Farress and Mrs Wilson.



### **Star of the Week**

Willow Star of the Week is Elliott for striving to work as independently as possible.

Our numbots champion is Bryn for all his continued hard work in Maths.

Our Phonics champion is Jack for trying exceptionally hard in Phonics this week.

Maple Star of the Week this week is Jasper for coming back with a positive attitude to his learning and self care.