

# Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 28th May 2021

## **HOME LEARNING**

For Home Learning over the half term, please can all Willow children practise reading their Bug Club and Epic reading book. We will be sending home two Bug Club phonics books this week so that the children have an additional opportunity to practise applying their phonics knowledge to their reading.

As always, it is crucial that your children practise reading these books as they are allocated to match their reading capability. Please do ensure that you send all of these books back to school on the

Wednesday after half term so that we can change them for a new one.

Please do encourage your child to practise their number skills on Numbots and their spelling techniques on Ed Shed. These skills are crucial for your child's continued development within literacy and maths.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you need any help logging in to these online platforms.

### **Attendance**

This week's attendance for Willow class is 95.26 %.

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!

Dear Parents

What a wonderful week we've had in Willow and Maple classes. As many of you know, Miss Dann got married and became Mrs Hine on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see her beautiful photographs and to be able to share the excitement of her wedding this week. A truly joyful end to the half term!

It will come as no surprise then that we have followed the wedding theme in Maple and Willow class this week. We have designed wedding dresses and listened to different music.

Aside from this, Maples and Willows have had another busy week of learning. In literacy, the children in Willow class have been putting together their own class recipe book. On Wednesday, we baked some classic Victoria Sandwich buns and the children then created their own recipe based on this. It was interesting to see what tastes they put together! Year One have written up their high-quality recipes, including their ingredients and their method, to place into a class book. We have been very impressed by their excellent writing. Reception children have also used their mark-making skills to record their recipes too.

In maths, we have been learning about capacity. We have engaged in lots of practical weighing activities and have explored the mass of different objects. The Year One children have tackled some really tricky questions this week and they have really used their resilience to overcome these. Well done to everyone!

It has been brilliant to tie our Science curriculum in with Forest School this half term. Mrs Twelvetrees and Adam have provided the children with lots of opportunities to explore, forage and sort various man-made and natural materials. They have also created some intricate crafts too.

In areas of our wider curriculum, we have continued our exploration of significant individuals in History and followed the space theme. We have talked about Helen Sharman and considered historical sources of information.

We have continued to reflect on the Creation in RE and the children have had more opportunities to explore their fundamental movements in PE.

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

Within all of that, it has also been e-safety week. We have spoken about how to keep safe on the internet and we have been impressed with the children's mature approach to this.

Finally, thank you very much to those of you that have returned your child's reading record book to school this week. We really do like to see the comments you make on your child's reading.

As always, thank you again for your continued support and we hope you all have a fabulous half-term.

Mrs Hine, Miss Farress, Mrs Wilson and Miss Wakeham.



### **Star of the Week**

Willow star of the week is Zoe for her fantastic writing. Zoe really has gone above and beyond, using her phonics knowledge as much as she can to record her fantastic ideas. Well done Zoe!

Our Number Champion is Cressida. We have been really impressed by Cressida's approach to her learning in maths this week- well done!

Our phonics champion is Olive. Olive has been a true Stickosaurus! Both this week and indeed throughout the whole half term Olive has consistently put the effort in with her learning and always works hard to apply her sounds. Brilliant!

This week our kindness award goes to Evie. Evie, as always, has been polite and caring towards all of her friends. She has been a true Shareonyx, sharing resources with others and looking out for other class members. Thank you Evie!

Maple star of the week is Lennox for settling in so well and making new friends trying new things and sharing his learning with us. What an amazing Explorosaur!!!

Our Kindness Award this week is going to All the children in Maples. We are so proud of how you all help each other at Nursery. You take great care and pride in your learning environment from tidying up to looking after equipment, For producing fabulous artwork especially your van Gogh Sunflowers and for helping to make decisions on how to set up and present your learning environment. Well done to you all, you are all such sensational Shareonyx !