

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 21st May 2021

HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning this week please can all Willow children practise reading their Bug Club or Epic reading book.

It is crucial that your children practise reading these books as they are allocated to match their reading capability.

Please also ensure that you send each book back on a Wednesday and a Friday so that we can change them for a new one.

It is also very important that your children practise 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 of these skills are crucial for your child's continued development within literacy and maths.

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

Dear Parents

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by expressing my heartfelt thanks to you all for the incredibly kind and endearing presents that you shared with me yesterday. My enormous bouquet is beyond gorgeous. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and having all of your children with me when I opened my gift and card was perfect.

As many of you know, I will be getting married next Wednesday. This special day has had to be rescheduled, for obvious reasons, and as a result the ceremony will now be very small and intimate with a wedding celebration following later in the Summer. However, your kind heartedness has made this all feel very real and I can not thank you enough. With two amazing days to look forward to I will, as you delightfully asked, share lots of joy and photographs with you all.

Aside from this, Maples and Willows have had another wonderful week of learning. We have explored role play on the beach to support our mark making and writing and brought maths alive with practical activities that include weighing, measuring and estimating. In Science we have continued to care for our sunflowers and we have explored materials, and their properties, when considering what it means to be waterproof. Our wider curriculum of History, RE and PE has led us to investigate Tim Peake and his remarkable visit to the International Space Station, consider the wonders of the world as we learn more about Creation, and to practice our gross motor movements and spatial awareness. Everyone has also enjoyed listening and joining in with lots of stories and songs. Now that we are allowed to sing again it is propelling so much happiness throughout our Early Years Unit.

Please remember to continue to share favourite stories at home as we all love to hear the fun and magic that this special time brings to your children. Each child has a reading record book that they will bring home with their chosen story and, for Reception and Year One children, an opportunity for you to

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.

comment on how they are reading to you. If you have any questions about reading, or indeed anything else, please do not hesitate to ask myself or one of the team.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

See you all on Monday!

Miss Dann, Miss Farress and Mrs Wilson.



Star of the Week

Willow star of the week is Harry for listening very carefully to all the adults. Harry has been such a great friend too as he reminds everyone how important it is to remember our class and values. Well done Harry. You are a support Triatops!

Our Number champion is Eloise for her amazing problem solving and reasoning. Eloise is also always very keen to help her friends to understand and solve their number problems when they take part in their maths learning. Everyone agrees that Eloise is an amazing Explorasaurus!

Our phonics champion is Arlow for always remembering to use his phonics skills when sounding out words to read and write. What an amazing Stickosaurus you are Arlow!

This week our kindness awards are going to Florence for always being so polite and courteous.. Thank you for being a Shareonxy Florence and showing everyone what an important skill this is to remember.

Maple star of the week is Austin for his growing confidence and resilience.

Our number champion is Ed for being a fantastic Tryatops and always for trying really hard with his number challenges.

Our Kindness Award this week is going to Octavia for always including her friends in her learning and for helping our younger members of Nursery.