

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 18th June 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 96.84%.

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

Happy Friday everyone! We have had a very special week in Maple and Willow classes as we celebrate lots of learning together. On Tuesday we were able to welcome the new Reception children and their families into our outdoor learning space, where we explored Forest School together and made a memory to keep forever. We were joined by our CEO, Miss Cleverly and our Chair of the Local Committee Debby Forsyth who both spoke passionately about our Dunsford school family. We ended our beautiful afternoon with a picnic in the glorious sunshine and a piece of cake, kindly made by Debby.

Wednesday afternoon's spectacular weather also ensured that our Sport's day practice was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr Coupe built a wonderful activity circuit for us all to enjoy and, with siblings joining ranks, there was lots of fun and laughter along the way. With us now being a whole school bubble, we have relished the opportunity to spend time together on the field during lunchtime too which has been a delightful sight to see.

Within Maths and English, we have continued to embed our problem solving and number skills and share stories that immerse us into high level vocabulary to support our writing technique. Yesterday we were able to welcome colleagues from across the Trust to work alongside teachers and children within their English learning spaces. The feedback that we received was truly incredible and signifies the passion and enjoyment for English throughout the school. What an amazing celebration to end our week on!

Please can we gently remind you all that reading record books need to be completed by you following a shared read or your child reading independently. We love to see comments that identify the hard work and effort you and our child place on reading and we thank you for enabling us to monitor all the books that are sent home. Can we also remind you that as a team we are always available if you have any questions regarding your child and their time at school and, as always, we thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

See you all on Monday!

Mrs Hine, Miss Farress and Mrs Wilson.

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.



Star of the Week

Willow star of the week is Cressida for her determination to constantly improve her cursive handwriting. You are a true Triatops Cressida! Well done!

Our Numbots champion is Jack for being a super Mathematician and practising his number skills. What an amazing Thinkodocus.

Our phonics champion is Elliott for his amazing reading this week. Well done Elliott you are a super Stickosaurus.

This week our kindness award is going to Mabel for always considering others. Mabel loves to share with her friends and is always checking in with them to make sure they have everything that they need. What an incredible Shareonyx you are Mabel!

Maple star of the week is Wilfie for showing us what an amazing Shareonyx he is. Wilfie has shared his knowledge of minibeasts and brought in a fantastic minibeast book from home to share with us. Thank you wilfie.

Our Kindness Award this week is going to Temperance for making us all smile with her humor and caring attitude.