

# Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 25th 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 98.40%.

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,

We have had another fantastic week of learning in Willow and Maple classes. In Willow, we have been particularly blown away by the children's reading. In fact, a number of the Year 1 children read to our Reception children during circle time on the carpet this week and this was truly fantastic to see. Thank you for the reading you have been doing with your children at home - this really does make a huge difference to their love for reading and their reading fluency. Thank you also to those of you sending in your child's yellow reading record book so that we can keep track and maintain good communication about their excellent progress and about which books have gone home.

In Maths, Year One have continued their learning on place value within 100 and we have also encouraged Maple and Willow children to explore currency in the ice-cream shop role play area. We have talked about the difference between coins and notes as part of this.

In Literacy, the year one children have explored different scenes from the fiction book "Flood" which is a story with no words. The children used their own amazing adjectives to describe different settings in the book. We have been really impressed with the calibre of their vocabulary and the emotion that they injected into describing the beautiful scenes.

We have also read a couple more chapters from our class novel "The BFG". This week, we delved into a particularly scary chapter called "The Giants" and the children went on to create their own giant which they recorded in their drawing journal.

Both Music and PE have been highlights from our wider curriculum this week. We were lucky with the weather again on Wednesday for PE and Mr Coup seized the opportunity to give the children the opportunity to practise sprinting for Sports Day. Everybody participated and ran as fast as they could. It was fantastic to hear the children cheering for each other and encouraging one another to participate; we are all very much looking forward to Sports Day.

We have also had a wonderful whole school music assembly this week. The children were exposed to different wind instruments and the older children performed some exceptional pieces. If you are interested in finding out more about your child learning an instrument,

**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.**

please do contact the office or speak to one of us about how to go about starting this process.

Finally, if your child is in Reception, please do take a look on Tapestry to see what they have been up to!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

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

### **Important Dates**

**School Photos - Thursday**  
**It is paramount that the children arrive at school on time for this.**  
**Children in Maple Class who don't normally attend on Thursdays are welcome to join Maple Class for the photo- please make sure to arrive at 9am and wait at the playground.**

### **Star of the Week**

Willow star of the week is Thomas. Thomas, you have put so much effort into all of your learning this week. You have gone above and beyond in Literacy and Maths, sharing your ideas and being a real Thinkodocus.

Well done!

Our Numbots champion is Evie for taking on a challenge and joining in with Year 1 maths (in fact, Evie has joined in with other Year 1 subjects too!). Evie you have been an Askaraptor, being inquisitive and asking questions to enhance your learning. Brilliant!

Our Phonics champion is Arlow for his confident reading during circle time. Arlow, you were determined to read each entire page in front of the class and you are a true Stickosaurus. Well done!

This week our kindness award is going to Angus for always considering others and helping his friends whenever he can.

Maple star of the week is Grace always thinking carefully about what she has learnt and her willingness to share her knowledge and ideas with others.

Our Kindness Award this week goes to Mimi for always including her friends in her games and learning. Mimi likes to make sure everyone is happy.