

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 24th September 2021

HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning this week please continue to enjoy sharing a story with your child every day.

A gentle reminder that 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!**

Thank you for supporting your children's independent reading through any Bug Club books that are being sent home. Excitedly, for Reception children, at the end of next week they will have learnt enough sounds to enable them to also consolidate their decoding and blending skills through independent reading books. Maple children can continue to hear a special story recording on Tapestry.

For Maths this week, please can Year One children practise counting in two's and recording their two times tables to develop their number formation. For an extra challenge, please can they record their answers in words.

Reception children, please can you practice counting in one's all the way to ten and back to zero again. Can you record your answers to practice your number formation too.

Dear Parents

Happy Friday! What a week of brilliant learning we have had again. There is so much to celebrate! In Phonics we are continuing to practise all the skills that we are learning daily to ensure that we are becoming confident and more fluent readers. It is amazing to see everyone not only thoroughly enjoy their Phonics sessions but also any opportunity to pick up a book to share with friends or come to the carpet to listen to a favourite tale. Our book corners have become idyllic spaces to enjoy quiet time and reflect on the selection of books we offer all your children.

Maths has focused on numbers to 10 and how we count forwards and backs. We have also been learning how to represent numbers in different ways and challenged ourselves through reasoning and problem-solving questions that enable us to use our greater depth of mathematical understanding. In English, we have continued to use the *'Going on a Bear Hunt'* story to encourage lots of language, discussion, and role play, and to also learn how to add description into our writing.

History has been so much fun as we continue to learn about the Gunpowder plot and how we celebrate this significant date each year and our Science has allowed us to explore the forest for Autumn treasure so that we can observe and identify their links to the changing season. If you and your child are able to collect any interesting objects whilst out and about, please share them with us. We love to listen about to all the exciting adventures you have together and how that links to what we are learning at school.

As always, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and to say what a pleasure it is to teach your children. Thank you! We hope you all have a wonderful family weekend together.

Miss Dann, Miss Farress, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gray

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 96.67 % 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 Cedar 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.



Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Felicity. Felicity is always ready to learn and always tries her very best to achieve everything that she sets out to do. Her positive attitude is a delight to see as she models our school values every day. What an amazing Tryatops you are Felicity! Thank you!

Our Maths champion this week is Jack. Jack has shown 100% effort this week when applying all his mathematical skills to his learning. Well done Jack you are a very determined Thinkodocus!

Our Reading champion is Zoe for not only sharing her love of books and stories with us all but for also helping her friends to read independently during their learning. What an incredible Shareonyx you are Zoe!

Our Kindness award goes to Archie. Archie has been a super brother as well as a super friend this week. He has made sure that everyone is feeling happy and ready to learn. Thank you for sprinkling your kindness over everyone Archie and being a super Shareonyx too.

Maple Star of the week is Meryn for her amazing learning. Meryn enthusiastically engages with her learning and is always asking lots of questions and will challenge herself by trying out new ways to do things. Meryn you really challenge yourself and ask lots of questions to find out things, you're an amazing askaraptor!

Reading champions are all of you for really engaging with your Bear stories and enjoying the Bear Hunt cave to quietly read and role play your stories. You're all fantastic Shareonyx and Explorosaurus and we enjoy listening and watching you re-enact your bear stories.

Maths champion is Mimi for her fabulous counting to ten. Mimi has been counting bears this week in our bear cave. She has shown us how confident she has become with her counting. Mimi has been sharing her learning and helping her friends with their counting too. Well done Mimi you're a super Shareonyx!

Our Kindness award is for Lex. Lex really engages with his Maple friends and will think of some wonderful ideas and learning to share with them. What a super Shareonyx you are Lex!