

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021



HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning this week please continue to enjoy sharing a story with your child every day. We have started to send books home this week for family enjoyment, and also for Maple children, a special story recording has been uploaded to Tapestry for you to listen to throughout the week. We have also rolled out Bug Cub books for all year one children to enable them to practise and consolidate all the sounds and blending skills they developed during their reception year.

As we become more settled, we will be sending home spellings, handwriting and maths tasks for Year One children to practise at home.

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!**

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!

Dear Parents

What an amazing week it has been in our stunning Early Years Unit. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed all of the incredible activities that have been on offer in our continuous provision and for the Year One children, we have enjoyed experimenting with 'choosing our learning' alongside more formal lessons.

As a cohort we have listened to and recalled the wonderful story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* to help us to create story maps, sequence the story from the beginning to end and use our phonics skills to write words that name and describe features of the characters. The hard work and sense of pride that all your children exhibit during their learning really is mind blowing. We are so proud of them all! In Maths we have been learning how important it is to be able to sort and count objects. We have had a wonderful time choosing lots of different things from around the environment to sort and group, and then count to make sure we have only collected the amount that we need.

Our wider curriculum this week begun with History and Guy Fawkes! We were able discuss how we have celebrated this commemorative event in the past and make wonderful firework pictures, which also came with sound effects from everyone. We can't wait to find out more about Guy Fawkes next week and compare how he looks to a modern-day man. We also had our first PE lesson with Mr Kirk. We had so much fun and loved meeting Mr Kirk who has lots of brilliant things planned for us to do.

Please remember that next week Nursery and Year One parents are invited to our Meet the Teacher sessions. These will last 20 minutes each with a chance for us to pass on more information about what to expect for your children this academic year. Please ensure that you are muted throughout the session and any questions you have, please direct to the office where Mrs Sinton or Mrs Guntrip will be pleased to respond. Reception parents, we have already met during the transition events so these sessions will be for Nursery parents and Year One parents only.

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.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to say how marvellous all your children are. Thank you for choosing us to be their teachers!

Miss Dann, Miss Farress and Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gray

Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Lennox.

Lennox has had an amazing week ensuring that he is always ready to learn. Well done Lennox and thank you for being such a great Stickosaurus.



Our Maths champion this week is Wilfred for being an incredible Mathematician. He has thoroughly enjoyed sorting toys into their correct places at tidy up time. What a super Thinkodocus you are!

Our Reading champion is Harry for his hard work and determination to practice his reading and blending skills. He has also been busy reading at home too. What a fabulous role model you are Harry and a tremendous Tryatops.

Our Kindness award goes to Charlotte this week for just being so thoughtful and helpful throughout the day. Everyone knows that they can ask Charlotte for help. What a wonderful Shareonyx you are!

Maple Star of the week is Grace.

Grace has shown us a positive attitude to her learning. She is always seeking out challenges to deepen her learning. Grace asks lots of questions and to find out things and always tries her best. Great work Grace, you're an amazing Askaraptor!

Reading champion is Rowan for sharing her favourite books with us in Maples. Rowan enjoys being in the book areas in Maples and willows. She enjoys listening to stories and telling us stories to. Well done Rowan, you are a super Shareonyx.

Maths champion is Otis. Otis has been building towers with the bricks making them taller and bigger. He has also been counting frogs onto lily pads, starting car races with 3,2,1 GO! Great maths skill Otis, you are a Thinkodocus and have thought carefully about what you have learnt.

Kindness award for Otilie for looking after her younger Maple friends- making sure they are always happy, helping them and showing them new ways to learn and engage. Otilie you are an amazing caring member of Maples. Well done, you are a super Shareonyx.