

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th September 2021

HOME LEARNING

We will be introducing weekly home learning tasks once your children are settled.

However, please make sure that you are sharing a story with your child every day as part of their gradual home learning experience.

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.

Reading will continue to be a vital part of your child's weekly home learning so watch this space for more information.

Thank you for your commitment to develop our 'Love of Reading' culture!

Maple class will have a story uploaded to Tapestry every week for you to share and enjoy with your children. We would love to hear what you think about the story each week and how you have enjoyed it together.

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 96.30 %.

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a very exciting Autumn term in Maple and Willow class. We have loved spending time with all your children this week and hearing about all of the wonderful things they have been up to, with you, their very cherished families.

This week, we have reminded ourselves (and learnt a lot more) about the rules and expectations that all the adults at Dunsford Community Academy expect from everyone. We have had so much fun practising how to use our words to share and explain our amazing adventures over the summer and our ears for listening to all our friends. Of course, we have also shared many, many stories and talked about why these are our favourites. This was a real treat for Mrs Hine!

Please note PE has changed to a Tuesday afternoon and will be held outside for as long as the weather permits. Please send your children into school wearing their school PE kit, which you can find details about on our website. It is imperative that we all follow the same uniform policy to enable all children to share a sense of belonging and common identity. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

Next week we will begin our Phonics sessions so books will begin to trickle home for those children that are able to read independently. We will also introduce our library books that your child will have chosen to share with you. More information will follow about this but please can we gently remind you that all books need to be returned to school after you have recorded how your shared, or independent reading, went at home.

As always, we would like to thank you for all your continued support and cannot stress enough the importance of contacting us if you have any questions. We hope you all have a very lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Hine, Miss F

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!

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.

Stars of the Week

The Characteristics of Effective Learning focus on how children learn rather than what they learn. These characteristics underpin learning and development across all areas and support your child to remain an effective and motivated learner:

Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things and 'have a go'.
arress, Mrs Wilson

Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties and they enjoy achievements.

Creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, making links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things.

During the year children learn in different ways. In Willow Class we talk about these ways of learning as if they were dinosaurs! These are our 7 different dinosaurs:

Playing and exploring - Askaraptor, Explorosaur,

Active learning - Tryatops, Stickosaurus

Creating and thinking critically - Thinkodocus, Solveosaurus Rex, Shareonyx.

Willow star of the week is Octavia for her amazing listening and modelling how important this skill is during carpet time.
Well done Octavia, you are a real Tryatops.

Our number champion is Hector for continuing to use all the amazing Math skills he learnt last year. What an amazing Thinkodocus you are Hector!

Our reading champion is Florence N. for embracing any opportunity to share a story with her friends. Well done Florence you are a super Shareonyx.

This week our kindness award is going to Olive who, by asking questions and checking in on everyone, has helped all her friends in Willow class to feel happy and settled. What an incredible Askaraptor you are Olive!

Maple star of the week is Otis for coming back to Nursery with a positive attitude and engaging in his learning with his Maple and Willow friends. You are an enthusiastic Explorasaur!

Our Kindness Award this week is going to Temperance for helping our new friends to Maples to settle in. She has made sure they are happy and helped them with their learning, making sure they know where everything is. Temperance, your

kindness and patience has really helped our new friends to feel part of our Nursery family. You are an amazing Shareonyx.

Our number champion this week is Lex for sharing his amazing counting skills and knowledge with us. Lex has spent time in Maples Math area exploring all the different resources and using them in his learning. Well done Lex ! Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us. You are a super Shareonyx

Our reading champion this week is Mimi! Mimi has been independently reading stories, in our book corner, to her friends. Fantastic Mimi your friends have truly enjoyed listening to your stories which you tell with such enthusiasm. You are a super story telling Shareonyx!!

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