

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1st October 2021

HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning this week please continue to enjoy sharing the story that your child has chosen to bring home.

A gentle reminder that all books that are read by your children, and shared by you, should be documented in the reading journal that is sent home in your child's book bag. There is an allocated space at the bag for books to share and at the front for independent books to read. Bug Club books will be sent home on a Wednesday and Friday, and books to share changed on a Monday and Friday.

Thank you for supporting your children's independent reading and please remember that you can also access Bug Club e-books alongside any hard copy your child brings home each week.

Maple children can continue to access a special story recording on Tapestry.

Year one parents, thank you for supporting your children to count in two's last week. This week please can your child record the two times table using their careful number formation to ensure that each numeral can be read correctly.

For an extra challenge, please can they record their answers in words.

Dear Parents

As the end of another busy week approaches us, we would like to sit back and reflect with you on all the amazing learning your children have done again this week.

Phonics has been inspirational! All your children love to learn new sounds and apply their learnt skills to read words, captions and sentences matched to their reading ability. It has been a joy to hear them all read independently and see their love of reading blossom. You will have all received an email, sharing details of how you can log on to Bug Club and use the e-books alongside any that are now being sent for independent reading. For reception children, the books that are being sent home today cover all the sounds that your child has learnt so far. We have been practicing how to decode sounds and blend them together to read simple words so please support this area of your child's reading this week. For example; cat would be decoded c-a-t and then blended as "cat".

In maths we have all been practising our subitising skills to become pacy and fluent when recognising patterns of numbers that are represented in different ways. Alongside this we have also been exploring place value to 10 and using number tracks to help us to count on or back from any number in steps of 1 and 2. To help support our maths learning you will receive log in details to NumBots, a self-paced educational platform combined with an interactive, robot-immersed game, The aim of NumBots is to ensure children develop a core understanding of maths from an early age in a fun way. If you have any questions about NumBots or Bug Club please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team.

We are all very excited about Forest school beginning again next Wednesday morning for Maple and Willow class, with the incredible Mrs Twelvetrees. Please ensure that all your children have appropriate clothing to be able to access this amazing opportunity as we can never rely on the weather! On Thursday morning we have Tempest on site to take individual and family photographs. Please ensure that all your children are wearing full uniform that day.

Reception children, please continue to 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?

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 98.52%.

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.



To help us to stock up on our Harvest treasures, if any of you are out and about at the weekend and stumble across any amazing things please can you send them in for our curiosity and Autumn theme activities?

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

Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Nuala. Nuala has worked incredibly hard since returning to school to apply all her phonics skills so that she can read independently. What an amazing Stickosaurus you are!

Our Maths champion this week is Quinn. Quinn has shown excellent mathematical skills as he quickly identifies patterns of numbers during his subitising session! Wow Quinn what a fantastic Solvesaurus you are!

Our Reading champion is Evie who is always spreading her love of reading with everyone. Evie adores any opportunity to be able to look at books or to tell everyone about her favourite stories and tales. What a super Shareonyx you are Evie. Thank you!

Our Kindness award goes to Noah! Noah is always checking in with all his friends to make sure that they are happy and safe at school. He is also great at asking the adults if they are okay too! Thank Noah, we know that we are in safe hands with you. What a super Askaraptor you are!

Maple Star of the week goes to Ottie for really engaging in her learning. Ottie has been exploring independently different ways to use her environment to challenge her learning. She has been trying out new ways to do things. Well done Explorosaur!

Maple Reading champion this week goes to Temperance for sharing her stories on bears in the bear cave. Temperance was re telling stories using the bear stories in the bear cave to her friends and adults. Temperance I have really enjoyed your bear stories and they were told with such confidence and humor. Well done Shareonyx.

Maple Maths champion this week is Otis for joining in with his Willow friends subitising challenge. Otis repeated and called out the numbers his friends were saying in a very confident voice. He also got to count with his friends too. Amazing Otis and you kept trying to count on your fingers too. Well done Tryatops!

Our Kindness award in Maples goes to Hamish for looking after his friends. Hamish likes to make sure everybody has their water bottles and will help to hand them out to the right friends. Also, at the end of the day Hamish likes to help his friends get ready to go home making sure they have their right bags and coats. Hamish you are so helpful and caring and you are amazing at remembering all the different water bottles and who they belong to.