

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th October 2021

HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning

We hope you are enjoying the books that your children are bringing home to share. Your children have chosen these books from our class reading area and may be bringing home favourites that they like to hear over and over again.

It is very important the children have the opportunity to hear new literature but also revisit familiar texts to ensure that they develop a love of reading.

Thank you for continuing to support this and for remembering to add a comment in their reading journal beside each book you share.

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.

A gentle reminder that you can also access Bug Club e-books alongside any hard copy your child brings home each week. Please let a member of the team know if you are not able to log on.

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

For Maths this week, please can all reception and Year One

Dear Parents

Happy Friday!

We cannot believe how quickly this half term is whizzing past and how much learning we have been doing in Maple and Willow. Our reading has been amazing this week as we continue to learn new sounds and apply our blending skills to help us read and write words, captions and sentences. We hope you are enjoying the independent reading books and the opportunity to see the progress that your children are making on a daily basis. Letter formation and sentence structure has been another focus this week and as your children become more confident with their reading, their writing will also become more structured. The importance of being able to practise blending sounds together is crucial for early literacy and ultimately a skill for life. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child to practise this daily.

Also, this week we have been revisiting and exploring more about the Gunpowder Plot in History. Everyone is thoroughly enjoying being a Historian and it is wonderful to hear that this excitement has been shared with you at home. We know that Mrs Guntrip is looking forward to speaking to your children about their history learning next week.

This year we have been very excited about being able to come together to sing again. With our Harvest festival next week, we have been practising our chosen songs and enjoying every minute of it! Mr Blurton's lunchtime singing group has also been very popular, and a joy to be part of. Singing is a wonderful opportunity for children to express emotion and boost confidence, and it always creates such a sense of happiness. If your child would like to join Mr Blurton's lunchtime singing group, please let us know.

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

parents practise logging on to Numbots with your child and working through the first robot game. Again, any log in problems please let us know.

Please can nursery children continue to practice counting numbers to 10 and for an extra challenge begin to counting backwards.

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 89.88%.

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 Harry for completing his Maths home learning last week. Harry's sense of pride was incredible and we were so proud of how much he had completed. Thank you, Harry. Don't forget to continue to practise all your amazing Maths on Numbots. What an amazing Stickosaurus you are!

Our Maths champion is Flora! Flora has blown us away this week with her hard work and determination to do her very best in Maths. Wow Flora what a fantastic Solvesaurus you are and a great friend, helping everyone to remember how to be a marvellous Mathematician.

Our Reading champion is Alfie. Alfie is always remembering to use his amazing blending skills during Phonics to read words and practice his writing. What a super Tryatops you are Alfie. Thank you!

Our Kindness award goes to Kit who is always polite and thoughtful towards everyone. Throughout the day Kit is always modelling our school values and helping others to remember how important it is to be kind and considerate. What a super shareonyx you are Kit!

Maple Star of the week is Flora for showing a great attitude to her learning. Flora is always willing to have a go and will stick at her learning and persevere when challenges occur. Flora your determination is lovely to see and you never give up you're a super Stickosaurus !

Maple Maths champion is Rowan. She likes to sit with her Willow friends and learn all about numbers. She has been counting with them up to 10 and then back again to 0. Rowan really enjoys number rhymes too and loves to sing along. Well done Rowan, you're an amazing Explorosaur!

Our Kindness award in Maples goes to Meryn for being so kind to her friends and sharing. Meryn likes to make sure that her friends are happy and likes to share her ideas and learning with them. She always thinks hard to include them in her games and learning. Well done Meryn, you are a super Shareonyx!!!