

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 12th November 2021

HOME LEARNING

For Home Learning

Please continue to practise shared and independent reading with your child using the books and the videos we send home and upload to Tapestry.

The Maths and Phonics online platforms, Bug Club and Numbots, are available to use at your leisure. For those children accessing Phonics Phase 2, 3 and 5, we have allocated a variety of games for your children to access. These are all matched to the sounds that your child has been taught and the skills they are working on at school. **Please can you support your child to access these as much as possible.**

This week, please can we ask that your child draws a picture of their favourite book character and labels it with some words or sentences.

Please scribe for your child if you feel this is appropriate.

All pictures will be displayed in our whole school reading scrapbook, which we know your children will be very proud of.

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 95.13%.

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

Dear Parents

Happy Friday! How do these weeks continue to whizz past us? Everyone has been very busy again in Maple and Willow classes as we continue to do all our fabulous learning in every area of our development. Alongside our Maths and Writing focus' we have been hardworking Geographers, super investigative Scientists, and broadening our understanding of RE.

On Monday we will be holding an Interfaith day. Interfaith day is an opportunity to strengthen Interfaith relations, increase awareness of different faith communities and the contribution that people make within diverse societies, and increase understanding between religious and non-religious people. The focus of our day will be about immersing the children in knowledge and experience relating to **Sikhism** and showing another element of diversity within the world. We will be working across the Teign Hub to plan together a broad and balanced day of learning opportunities.

As you are aware, within our beautiful community school we are constantly striving to develop a culture for 'a love of reading'. Listening to stories is a childhood pleasure that is never spent, and we want to help your children treasure every shared reading opportunity offered to them. As we roll out whole school stories, introduce Silver Stories and unveil our weekly Mystery Reader, we would also love to hear from any of you that have a personal connection to books and stories, and can share this exciting experience with our children. Please speak to Mrs Hine if you are interested.

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.

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.



Mrs Hine, Miss Farress, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gray

Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Ed. Ed has blown us away with his brilliant listening and participation in carpet time discussion. He has loved sharing his ideas with everyone and asking questions too. Thank you, Ed, for being an amazing Askaraptor.

Our Maths champion is Harvey who has shown incredible problem skills as he independently works through his Math questions and challenges himself to think of another way to represent his answer. What a terrific Thinkodocus you are Harvey!

Our Reading champion is Kit. Kit is amazing at remembering how to use his decoding and blending skills to help him read the words in his independent reading book. What a tremendous Tryatops you are Kit.

This week, our Kindness award goes to Charlotte for being so helpful towards her friends and all the adults. Charlotte never waits to be asked, always offering her help to pass on messages across the school, support anyone with a challenge they are faced with and to remind the grown-ups of things they may have forgotten! Thank you for being a super Shareonyx Charlotte!

Maple Star of the week is Mimi for showing a fantastic attitude to her learning. Ottie is always willing to have a go and will persevere when challenges occur. Ottie your determination is lovely to see and you never give up you are a super Stickosaurus

Maple Maths champion is Temperance. Temperance has been using her counting skills to sort and count, showing us great determination and never giving up. Well done Temperance you are a terrific Tryatops!

Our Kindness award in Maples goes to Ottie who is always polite and thought full towards everyone. Throughout the day Ottie is always helping her friends and adults with a fantastic smile. Well done Ottie, you are an amazing kind friend!!!