

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 10th December 2021

HOME LEARNING

Thank you for continuing to support your children's independent and shared reading at home.

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

For home learning this week, please can we ask that your children bring in their favourite Christmas story to share with everyone.

We have our Christmassy Favourite Five but would love to add to these choices to enable us to hear lots of wonderful stories and tales.

Additionally, please remember to log in to numbots to practice your number skills, and Bug Club e-books that work alongside any hard copy your child brings home each week.

Attendance

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

It has been a very busy time in Maple and Willow again this week. We have been lucky enough to begin to enjoy the build up to Christmas as we enjoy role playing and acting out the Nativity story, writing our wish lists to Father Christmas, joining in with celebration songs and, of course, relish all the wonderful Christmas activities that we planned for our exciting party today. Seeing the delight in your children's faces was magical and we all hope that you enjoy listening all about their Christmassy adventures.

In maths this week, we have continued to embed our addition and subtraction skills using numbers to 10. Recording all our ideas as different representations has also allowed us to being to explore how to write number sentences for both adding and subtracting. What super mathematicians your children are!

The wider curriculum has given us the opportunity to continue to investigate our local area and learn about physical and human features. We had a lot of fun placing photographs of Dunsford village on an aerial view map and then creating our own version on big paper. In Science, we are coming to the end of our Autumn focus and have used the wonderful autumn treasures that we found in our forest this week, to make natural Christmas decorations. We are sure that they will look beautiful, displayed on your family Christmas trees at home. Next week we will continue our Christmas celebrations on Wednesday when we have our delicious Christmas lunch.

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 again! We hope you all have a wonderful family weekend together.

Miss Dann, Miss Farress, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gray

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 Florence M. Florence has been a super learner this week as she contributes 100% effort in everything that she is asked to do. Keep up the hard work Florence! You are a real Tryatops!

Our Maths champion this week is Angus. Angus has blown us away with his super quick number skills during our Number Sense session. Wow Angus what a fantastic Solvesaurus you are!

Our Reading champion is Felicity. During phonics Felicity always remembers to apply all the skills that she has learnt during her phonics sessions. What a super Tryatops you are Felicity. Thank you!

Our Kindness award goes to Austin who has been extremely kind to his friends this week. As you are aware we have had lots of children away, due to illness, but Austin has been the first to encourage anyone to join him when an adult asks everyone to share an idea with the person next to them. Thank you being so kind and thoughtful Austin. What an amazing Shareonyx you are!

Maple star of the week is Maddi for her growing confidence and resilience. Maddi you are exploring your learning and finding new ways to engage with your friends.

Our number champion is Otis for being a fantastic Tryatops and for trying really hard with his number challenges.

Our Kindness Award this week is going Flora for always including her friends in her learning and for helping our younger members of Nursery.