

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



7th January 2022

HOME LEARNING

We hope that you are enjoying sharing the stories that your children chose to bring home during the week.

We cannot thank you enough for your commitment in helping us to continue to develop our **Love of Reading**. It is an absolute joy when we see how much your children love to listen to an array of stories.

We would also like to thank you for supporting your children's independent reading through any Bug Club books that are being sent home.

For writing home learning this week please can the reception and year one children practice the letter formation, for all the letters in the alphabet, using the resources that we have sent home today, to help them.

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 93.42%

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

Dear Parents

What a wonderful few days we have all had back together again. It has been amazing to hear all about your Christmas adventures and to welcome our new friend Jacob into Willow class.

We have been busy consolidating our maths learning from last term as we continue to explore place value, addition, and subtraction within 5 and 10 and begin to dig deeper and consider how to apply these skills to numbers within 20. Your children are very confident mathematicians and love to unravel problem solving questions using a range of resources to help them. Alongside maths, our purpose for writing this half term is to inform an audience and so we have been sharing lots of different texts and stories that portray postcard writing, letter writing and instructions. Our Willow class Office role play area has been buzzing with excitement as everyone takes messages, writes postcards, and posts letters.

Next week we will begin our history focus as we learn about the Dunsford disbanded railway line. If anyone has a personal connection or would like to share some of their knowledge about this topic, please let a member of the team know. We would love to invite a guest speaker into our learning space so that we can discover more about this amazing historical railway station.

Please can we remind you all that you are able to order your child's school lunch through School Money. If you have any questions concerning this, please direct them to Mrs Sinton in the school office.

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 Lennox.

Lennox has bounced back into class this week and what an incredible learner he has been. He has blown our socks off with his amazing sound

attends school every day. Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost. We are aiming for 100% attendance in each 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.



recognition and has put 100% into everything that he has done. What an amazing Thinkodocus you are! Thank you, Lennox!

Our Maths champion is Noah. Noah thoroughly enjoys maths and this week has seen him, once again, apply all his amazing maths skills to the number problems he has worked on. Well done Noah you are a very committed Explorosaur!

Our Reading champion is Lizzie for her wonderful independent reading during phonics. Lizzie has also been an incredible Shareonyx as she helps her partner to blend sounds together to read words. Thank you, Lizzie

Our Kindness award goes to Harry. Harry has been very kind and thoughtful towards everyone this week, as we all settle back into our daily school routine and remember the rules that help us to be the very best learners. Incredible Harry! Thank you!

Maple Star of the week is Molly for coming back to Maples with a positive attitude to her learning and also really engaging with her friends. Molly we are so proud of the way you explore your learning and include your friends. Well done Explorasaur!

Our Maths champion goes to Clara for all the amazing math skills she has shown us this week. Clara shared her learning with the adults and counted out compares confidently to 10. Fantastic Clara, what an amazing Shareonyx!

Our Kindness award goes to Grace for helping and looking after our new friends who have joined us in Maples. Grace you are always very kind to you friends and make sure they are happy and have something to do when they feel a little unsure. Grace we thank you for your kindness, you're a fantastic Shareonyx!