

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



14th 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 continue to practice the letter formation, for all the letters in the alphabet, using the resources that we sent home last week.

We have sent home a number formation resource this week, so please support your children with this too.

Please keep these resources at home so that we can ask you to practice letter and number formation with your children each week, alongside their reading task.

Thank you – we really appreciate your support in developing these crucial key skills.

Dear Parents

Happy Friday! Goodness knows how our weeks pass us by so quickly, but what a wonderful week it has been again. Our classrooms have been bursting with a “buzz” for learning and we have thoroughly enjoyed our first steps into History and RE. As mentioned last week, if any of you have any personal information linked to Dunsford Halt, please share this with us. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Govier, who has kindly offered to provide us with some material.

In writing, we have continued to focus on postcards and letters as we explore “the journey of a letter” and the features of both these forms of communication. Linked to our text Dear Greenpeace, Year one children have delved into how to write a salutation and which expert they would like to write to, whilst our reception and nursery children share the wonderful story of Emily and how she believes that a whale lives in her garden pond.

Our problem-solving skills have involved us all investigating one more and one less. We have been able to use lots of practical methods to resolve our maths problems and practice our number recognition within the place value we are working within.

This term in RE our focus is Judaism. We will be considering the importance and value of the Jewish faith alongside the beliefs that Jewish people hold about God, and how they celebrate these.

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.

Mrs Hine, Miss Farress, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gray

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 98.80%

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 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.



Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Florence. Florence has blown us away with her attitude to learning this week as she demonstrates the importance of listening and completing all her work that she is asked to do. What an amazing Stickosaurus you are! Thank you, Florence!

Our Maths champion is Jacob. Although new to our beautiful school, Jacob has settled quickly and has shown us how much he enjoys maths and how amazing he is at independently applying his problem-solving skills. Well done Jacob you are an amazing Thinkodocus!

Our Reading champion is Felicity for her wonderful independent reading during phonics. What is more, Felicity is proving to be an incredible friend as she helps others to decode and blend their sounds. Thank you for being a superb Shareonxy Felicity!

Our Kindness award goes to Ed. This week Ed has been brilliant during carpet time, offering wonderful ideas to his friends and helping them to remember how we follow our school values and rules during our learning time. Well done Ed, what a terrific Tryatops you are.