

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



21st January 2022

HOME LEARNING

We hope that you are continuing to enjoy 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**.

Story telling week begins the week of 31st January so watch this space for more information about this exciting time.

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

Over the next few weeks leading up to half term we would like you all to continue the letter and number formation practice that we have asked all children to complete.

The resources that we sent home are for you to keep so that you can refer to them anytime.

Formation of letters and numbers is a crucial skill that needs to be practiced every day to ensure that your child can reach the required milestones that they need to, both in reception and year one.

Dear Parents

Another week has whizzed past and what a lot of learning we have achieved in Maple and Willow classes.

In literacy, we have enjoyed sharing many stories linked to postcard and letter writing alongside our Favourite Five books that we love to hear over, and over, again. We have also practiced orally composing sentences before holding them in our heads and then using our fingers to **pinch and blend** the sounds together that form the words we need. Year one children are becoming remarkable letter writers as we consider what information we can include when asking an expert all about whales.

Our problem-solving skills of investigating one more and one less have required us all to think about the mathematical language of greater than, less than and equals to, when explaining the answers to our number sentences. We have also thoroughly enjoyed using lots of practical maths activities to continue to practice recognising and ordering numbers within 5, 10 and 20.

Our history focus on the Teign Valley Railway has become very exciting and all your children have enjoyed learning about Dunsford Halt. History is certainly proving to be a favourable subject with so much discussion led learning and amazing questions for us all to think about and research. Next week we will be learning about how railways have changed over time.

Please can we remind you 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

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with this, alongside your children's reading task.

Attendance

This week's attendance for Willow class is 87.50%

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 Zoe. Zoe has blown us away this week with her independent writing as we continue to learn more about ***“writing to inform”***. Zoe is also an amazing Askaraptor for always checking that she has remembered her perfect sentence rules. Thank you, Zoe. You are a super star!

Our Maths champion is Alfie. Alfie has shown amazing maths skills this week when thinking about one more and one less, and the mathematical language of greater than, less than and equals to, when describing how he has solved his number problems. Well done, Alfie, are an amazing Thinkodocus!

Our Reading champion this week goes to Angus and Nuala for their incredible independent reading during phonics and when reading aloud to Mrs Wilson.

Thank you both for being terrific Tryatops!

Our Kindness award goes to Florence Northan. Florence has been very busy during tidy up time ensuring that everything is set up, and ready to use, for when we chose our learning. She has also been exceptionally kind towards all the adults, making sure that we are okay and making pictures for us. Thank you Florence, you have spread so much happiness around our classrooms this week.