

Maple and Willow Weekly Newsletter



Friday 28th 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

Happy Friday everyone! What a beautiful week of learning we have had again.

In literacy this week, we have been finding out facts about blue whales as we come to the end of our writing sequence. We have learnt some amazing facts and have started to think about our final writing outcome: a letter to an expert relating to our favourite animal. With this in mind please can all reception and year one children research four facts about their favourite animal? This can include where they live, what they eat, what features they possess and something distinctive about them. This information will be used to support our writing over the two weeks, and we cannot wait to hear all the amazing facts you find.

In maths we have been practicing how to count on and how to find and count number bonds to 5, 10 and 20. We have thoroughly enjoyed consolidating our learning through Numberblocks using videos, resources and activities too!

We have had lots of fun continuing to focus on how Winter effects the environment around us and our experiment this week enabled us to explore how evergreen leaves survive the winter months. We will be observing the results next week. Please can we also remind the year one children that their science home learning will be due in on Monday 14th February, ready for us to observe the data we have collected.

Next week is "Story Telling" Week and we are inviting all children to bring in their favourite book to share. We will be doing this throughout the week and will asking your children to either leave their books at school or return with them every day.

Thank you to all parents that have remembered to order their child's school lunch through School Money. If you have any questions concerning this, please direct them to Mrs Sinton in the school office.

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 98.40%.

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.



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

Star of the Week

Willow Star of the Week is Octavia. This week Octavia has confidently shared lots of ideas with her friends, particularly during carpet time. What a super Shareonix you are Octavia - so many of your friends have enjoyed learning from you.

Our Maths champion is Flora for persevering with all her new maths learning. What an incredible Thinkodocus you are Flora. Thank you!

Our Reading champion this week Hector. Hector has shown how important it is to always remember how to apply all the phonics skills that he knows when reading independently.
Thank you both for being terrific Tryatops Hector!

Our Kindness award goes to Margot. Margot is always incredibly polite towards all the adults, remembering to say please and thank you, helping to tidy up, opening door and sitting beautifully on the carpet.
Thank you Margot for being a such a wonderful Stickosaurus.

Maple Star of the Week is Rowan. Rowan is always challenging her learning by taking risks, engaging in new experiences and showing a 'can do' attitude. Rowan we are proud of your resilience when persisting with an activity, even when challenges occur. Well done Tryatops

Our Kindness award goes to Flora M.. Flora always shows a warm, friendly behaviour towards her peers and familiar adults. Flora always includes her friends in her learning a shares her ideas and knowledge.

Our Maths champion this week goes to Oattie for her amazing counting and number recognition.

Oattie likes to join in with Maths especially with her Willow friends. She enjoys finding different ways to count, sort and order. Well done Oattie, you are an amazing Solvosaurus and work hard to solve your Maths.