

# Oak Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022



## Home Learning

Reading their own books or their school books **to be recorded in reading records please.**

At least 10 minutes Times tables practice on TTRS every day.

## Attendance

This week's attendance was 100%.

***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.***

## Dear Parents

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the Christmas break. I have enjoyed talking to them and hearing about how much they have enjoyed their time with family and friends. We have quickly settled back into our learning behaviours and have used our lesson time to complete some units of learning and begin new units.

In English we have begun our new unit of writing to persuade. We have done this through immersing ourselves with lots of examples of persuasive writing and looking to see what makes them successful so that we are able to use these techniques in our own writing. In Maths we have completed our unit of learning that was exploring position and direction using coordinate grids. We revisited our learning of coordinates and reflection and learnt how to translate a shape within a quadrant using our knowledge of coordinates.

We really enjoyed getting back to Forest School this week and were able to express ourselves artistically using natural paints and paint brushes that we made. We created large banners welcoming the new year and hung these proudly in the woodland. We also completed our final outcome in art by drawing an animal picture in charcoal. We used all the skills and techniques we had been practising and applied it to our final picture.

Homework this week is reading and TT Rockstars. All children have completed a reading assessment and have been given their reading range. I have asked all children to choose a book from the library that is within this range so that they can read it and complete a quiz on the Accelerated Reader website.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Wood



**Star of the Week**

Our star of the week is Harry. Harry has come back to school and settled back into routines and learning really well. He has engaged with his lessons, offering insightful comments and ideas to class discussion. A great start to the term. Well done Harry!

**Kindness Award**

Our award goes to Tamar. Tamar is always a joy to have in class. She is always kind and respectful to everyone in class and in the wider school community. She is thoughtful in her words and actions and is a real role model for everyone at Dunsford. Well done Tamar!

**Reader Award**

Our star reader is Barney. Barney has worked hard in his guided reading lessons this week. He has read aloud to the class, read with his partner, discussed the answers to comprehension questions and was able to write down his thoughts in his question answers. Well done Barney!

**Number Work Award**

This award goes to Evie. Evie found our current unit of learning tricky to begin with but showed our school value of resilience; working hard, listening to explanations and was able to complete her work successfully. Well done Evie!



**Important Dates**

PE is on **Tuesday and Thursday.**  
**Forest School** on Wednesday.