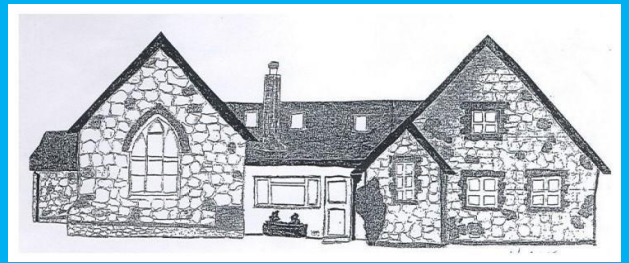




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MAPLES



This week, we have been investigating the changes we can see in the winter. Together we have talked about what we can see, hear, smell and touch when we are outside - encouraging the children to think about and describe the signs of winter, such as frosty surfaces or being able to see their breath.

In Maples outside area, we have started preparing for our Big Bird watch: setting up our very own role play hide and wildlife shop. The children have thought about what the birds need in winter and how they sometimes find it difficult to find food. How can we help the birds?

Our favorite stories this half term will include ‘Owl Babies’ by Martin Waddell, ‘Fly By Night’ by June Crebbin, and ‘100 Birds’ by Michael Whale.



Attendance

92%

WILLOWS



Otis



SPORTS STAR:

Merryn

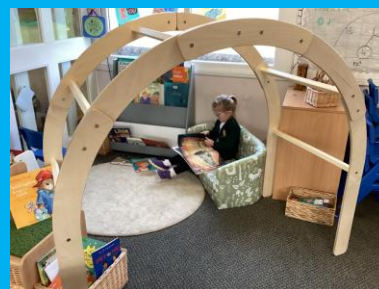


STAR of the WEEK

It has been a busy first full week of term with some new routines and lots of learning! We're so pleased that Year 1 and Reception children are bringing their book bags every day - different 'phonics' groups will change their books on different days, and it's important to put these books somewhere safe for reading each evening.

On our learning journeys this week we have looked at the countries which make up the UK (Geography) and Judaism (RE). While in art each child has created a beautiful blackbird collage in the style of Clover Robin - we'll be using her techniques for more creations as the term progresses.

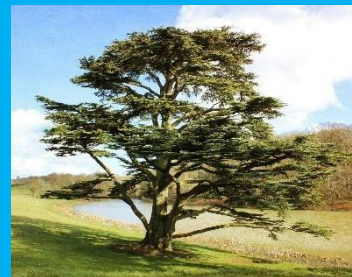
Circle Time this week gave us the chance to talk about the importance of sleep; a good sleep improves our mood, ensures we're ready to learn and even helps us to grow!



Attendance

90%

CEDARS



Ida



SPORTS STAR:

Harvey



STAR of the week

We've had a super week in Cedar Class!

We've kicked off all our new topics and the children are loving them so far! In History, we are learning about significant people from the 20th and 21st century and learning about why they are significant to so many people around the world. In their computing lessons, the class will be learning how to programme a sequence of sounds using the programming tool Scratch.

Finally, in our Design and Technology lessons, the children are exploring the structure of buildings in particular homes. Thank you for all the cardboard boxes and bottles! Pictures will be on Seesaw!

Next week, we will continue to write our persuasive letter to our felt tip pens, who have decided to quit! We have spent time exploring persuasion and the children loved role playing persuading their peer to do something!

In Maths, we will be finishing our learning on multiplication and division. It would be fantastic for the children to continue this learning but regularly accessing Times Table Rock Stars. Year 2s should learn 2,5,10s and Year 3s 3,4,8 as well as recapping their 2,5,10s. The login details are the same as Numbots.

Indoors PE -

Yoga!



Attendance

92%

OAKS



Bryn



SPORTS STAR:

Thomas



STAR of the WEEK

It has been a busy week in Oak class as children began their new units of learning in the wider curriculum. They have been very excited about the 'topics' they will cover this half term and have made a very positive start in all their lessons. In writing, the children began their sentence stacking lessons learning how to write a persuasive pitch. This writing is focused on the impact that single use plastic has on our environment, particularly the oceans, and the children have written some amazing sentences.

In Maths, the children are continuing learning how to work with fractions. This week the focus has been on ordering and comparing fractions and mixed numbers. The children have been able to work through these problems and have shown their deeper understanding of this area by tackling reasoning problems.

The children have nominated and voted for our new class reader and have selected 'Wonka' by Sibeal Pounder. We are looking forward to getting lost in a world of chocolate!

Oak class will continue to attend forest school every Thursday. Please ensure that they have suitable warm, outdoor clothing to enable them to enjoy the sessions fully. A pair of waterproof trousers, a waterproof coat and a pair of wellington boots would be ideal in this wet and cold weather. Hats, scarfs and gloves would also be a good idea.

Please encourage your child to read every evening and to complete one of their comprehension activities. All children know how to do this and are very capable of completing independently. It would also be good to allow your child to access TT Rock Stars regularly. We are currently focusing on the 8 times table multiplication and division facts.

