

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 7th January 2022

Happy New Year

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to our Spring Term. We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We have really enjoyed the children telling us about the presents they received and the special times that they have had over the break.



INSET Day

All the staff joined together on Tuesday to receive training in the principles and approaches of Thrive. They learnt about the developmental stages of children and how interruptions in these developments can affect a child's emotional and social development. They learnt about the types of 1-2-1 and group work that our practitioners carry out with the children and its positive impact on the children. We are looking to run a parents' session, as soon as we are able, to share with you the Thrive Approach and support you further in understanding the developmental changes that children go through from birth all the way up to they are 25.



Thank you to Miss Attwood and Mrs Edwards for running the session.



Thrive Update

Mrs Edwards and Miss Attwood are now entering the final four weeks of their Thrive training and will be qualified Thrive Practitioners by February half term.

The school is officially registered with Pets as Therapy and Cookie, the therapy dog, can now start to work with more children within the school which is of great benefit for emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Buildings Work

We are delighted to say that, finally, after almost seven months of waiting, the repairs have begun to the outside of the Year 3/4 cloakroom space. Renovations are expected to last about a week.

Love of Reading: Book Review

As part of our love of reading, we would like to start posting reviews of books that children in school have read and want to share with their friends and community. For our first review, we asked Bryony in Year 6.

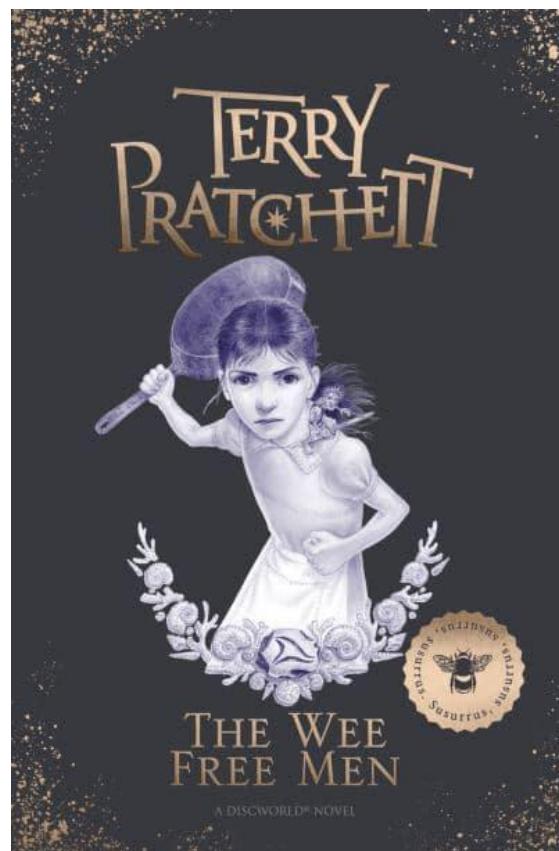
The Wee Free Men

Terry Pratchett

Genre: fantasy, fiction, humour

Age range: 8+

The Wee Free Men was a book that I found quite funny. The main character was a fearless nine-year-old called Tiffany who makes brilliant cheese. When her little brother (who she thoroughly dislikes) goes missing, she meets some small, blue, 6 inch men, known as pictsies, to help her save her little brother from the Queen of the Pictsies. Armed with only a frying pan Tiffany meets the dromes, headless horsemen and scary wolves. But will she survive?



Sports Report

In the sporting world this week, world number one tennis player Novak Djokovic is currently being held in a quarantine hotel after he was denied deportation when he allegedly refused to have the Covid jab and claimed a medical exemption which infuriated many Australians.

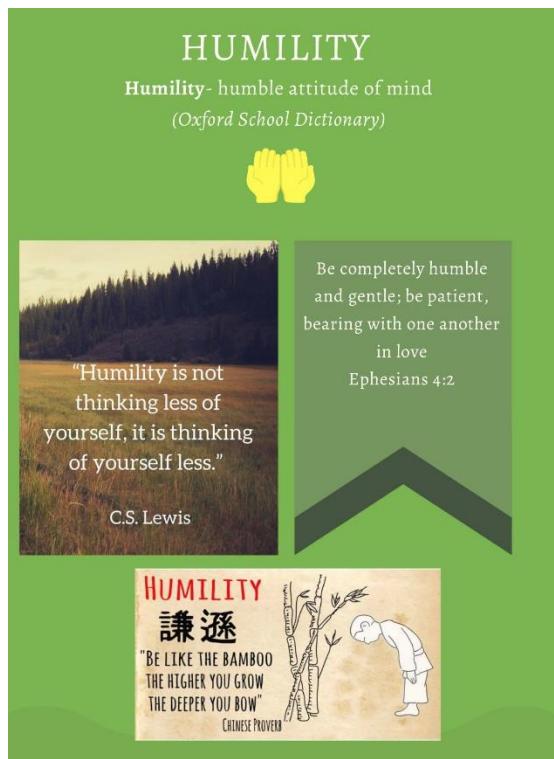
On Wednesday, he launched an urgent court challenge a week before the Australian Open begins (the Australian Open being one of four major tennis events, however with Covid, the

organisers are still unsure if it will go ahead). As you can probably imagine he has become quite unpopular among most players although Nick Kyrious (another professional tennis player) says “His treatment is really poor- Australia must do better.” Rafael Nadal commented “I feel sorry for him but he makes his own decisions,” when asked about Novak.

I am pleased to say former world number one English tennis player Andy Murray will be competing in Sydney as he has been given a wild card to compete in the event as his world ranking alone was not quite high enough. Sadly, Dominic Thiem has pulled out because of a wrist injury and says “I would love to compete however I don’t want to make it worse”. If you want to watch the Australian Open it starts on the 17th January and will be shown on Amazon Prime.

Written by Corin

Our Christian Values



Clubs

We are currently looking at what clubs we will offer over the next term. We will have the

letter out to you early next week with the clubs due to start the week beginning 17 January.

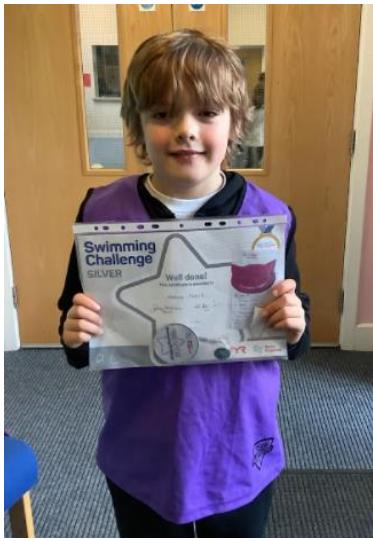
Internet Safety

As part of our support to parents, we will be sharing information on a regular basis about some of the challenges that our children face in the modern internet age.



Swimming

Henry has worked really hard during his swimming sessions outside of school and has earnt his silver badge. To earn his badge, he had to Swim 100 metres in less than three minutes using any stroke; tread water for two minutes with one hand behind his back; swim 10 metres, followed immediately by two surface dives into water and finally swim 800 metres! This is a fantastic achievement and as a school we are extremely proud of him.



Church Service in Alderton

Our Services are as follows:

9.00am Wormington – HC BCP

10.30am Alderton - HC

Maple Class

The children in Maple Class have settled back into school wonderfully and have been very excited to share their experiences of Christmas with one another. We have been writing about our favourite Christmas presents, as well as writing captions for pictures using the sounds we have learnt so far. The children have been recapping all of the Phase 2 sounds and tricky words in phonics, and in Maths, we have been busy calculating one more and one less. There has been lots of singing of 'Five Green Bottles' to help us calculate one less! We have also managed to paint and decorate our clay Diva lamps which we started at the end of last year, but they took quite a long time to dry out. The children absolutely loved this, and have made excellent use of the glitter and sequins!



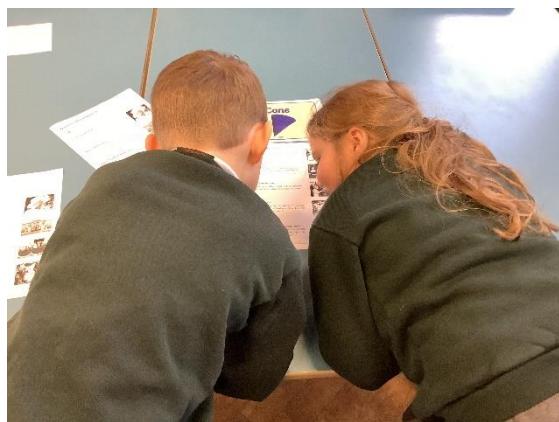
Willow Class

We have had a busy start to our new term and the children came in on Wednesday full of excitement. We shared our Christmas news and then the children completed an independent write telling me all about their holidays.

We had a look at our new topic for the term called 'Bright Lights, Big City' and found out that we were going to be doing lots of Geography this term and learning all about London and the Queen as well as the physical and human features of the UK. On Wednesday, we learnt a little bit about Queen Elizabeth II and then we discovered an invitation to attend one of the Queen's garden parties which was extremely exciting! The garden party will be held at Dumbleton which means we won't have to travel far, but we will need our smartest clothes and to be on our best behaviour! We are hoping the Queen will leave us some tea and cake.

In Maths this week, Year 1 have been working on their addition and subtraction and have been using a number line to help. Year 2 have begun to look at multiplication and have been recognising equal and unequal groups.

In English we have started a new unit looking at class fiction and will be using the Beatrix Potter book 'The Tale of Two Bad Mice' over the next few weeks.



Hawthorn Class

It has been so lovely to see the children back at school this week and excited to learn. This term we will be focusing on kindness and will have an extra Thrive session each week to develop this skill. This week we created hand drawings for our peers focusing on five positive things that make them special. This is something the children really enjoyed and it was great to see how kind they can be to one another.

This term our topic focus is 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' which we will be starting next week. The children are enthusiastic and curious to start our Geography based topic. Don't forget to check out the topic web which has been shared on Dojo to discover what we will be focusing on this term.



Juniper Class

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week. We have kick started our new Geography based topic Sow, Grow and Farm, that has very exciting links to food technology and Art.

In English, the children are exploring persuasive writing and had a go at using identified features to create an advert for a random object. Great rhetorical questioning and exaggerated language was used!

In PHSE the children explored five ways to wellness and looked at how being active, keep learning, give, take notice and connect can help us maintain our wellbeing physically, mentally and emotionally.

In Art with Mrs Kendall, the children created some single line drawings which is the start of their art unit this term.

We will be reading The Secret Garden this term and it will also be our VIPERS stimulus. We will be focusing on our love of reading and any good book recommendations would be greatly received!



Stars of the Week

Maple

Star of the Week: - Tallulah for fantastic work in writing.

Value of the Week - Louie for demonstrating our value of perseverance.

Willow

Star of the Week: Charlie - for showing a love of learning towards your Maths work this week.

Value of the Week: Lila - for showing friendship to everyone and working nicely in paired or group work.

Hawthorn

Value of the Week: Jake - for working really hard to improve his reading at school and at home.

Star of the Week: Ellie B - coming back to school with a can-do attitude. Really great resilience this week.

Juniper

Value of the Week: Cameron - an excellent attitude to his learning, persevering, and completing all of his topic homework last term.

Star of the Week: Bryony- being an excellent reading role model, sharing her love of books and recommendations with the class.

House Points

Ruby – 38

Emerald – 47

Diamond – 56

Sapphire - 64

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

January

17th Clubs Start

21st Swimming Year 3/4

28th Swimming Year 3/4

February

4th Swimming Year 3/4

11th Swimming Year 3/4

14th Sport's Week

15th Life Education Bus

18th Swimming Year 3/4

Term Finished

28th Term Starts