

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 11th February 2022

Ofsted Report

Our Ofsted Report has been issued to parents today via email accompanied by a letter from myself and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Leather. We are delighted that it recognises the progress and changes that we are making as a school.

Thrive Update

We are delighted to say that Miss Attwood and Mrs Edwards have completed their training and have passed to become recognised Thrive Practitioners. The qualification takes an enormous amount of work with assignments, essays and weekly online training. They will now begin to focus their work at both whole class and individual level. It is our firm belief as a school that unless we support children's social and emotional health then we can never see them achieve their full potential.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day which focused on exploring respect and relationships online. All children took part in an appropriate collective worship that spoke about these issues. One of the interesting things that the children spoke about was the number of them who are playing age inappropriate computer games including; Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto and Huggy Wuggy horror game. We would urge parents to think very carefully about the appropriateness of these games, especially for younger children.





Mental Health Week

It has been fantastic to have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week at Oak Hill. We started the week by joining the Place2Be virtual assembly, where we heard from some of our favourite celebrities and their strategies for growth. Key Stage 2 children thought about their support network and created wonderful hot air 'support balloons' to show how they can support each other to grow together and to lift themselves up. Reception and Key Stage 1 children made goals for growth such as being kind to themselves. They also learned the hand method for breathing which they can use whenever they need a moment of calmness.



Life Education Visit

On Tuesday 15 February, Life Education will visit and give interactive talks to each class on the following:

Reception – All About Me

Year 1 and 2 – Feelings

Year 3 and 4 – It's Great to be Me

Year 5 and 6 – Decisions

Sport's Week

Unfortunately, due to Covid we are having to postpone our Sport's Week until the Summer Term. We will use that postponement to tie it in to the Commonwealth Games that is happening in Birmingham in the Summer. Our Sport's Week will take place in June.



PE Curriculum

We are delighted to say that our next phase of curriculum development will see an entirely new PE curriculum coming in from the Summer term onwards. We are adopting the Real PE approach. Real PE is, first and foremost, a philosophy and approach which aims to transform how we teach PE in order to include, challenge and support EVERY child. It develops the key abilities children need to be successful within PE and Sport and across the curriculum. The staff will be undertaking training on the INSET day in April.



Cross Country

On Thursday 10th February four children from KS2 took part in the cross country race held at the Vineyards in Tewksbury. It was a great turn out and great to see the determination on their faces, with Corin taking the win. Well done boys! Once again you have made all at Oak Hill very proud.

Morning Registration

Please can we remind all parents that school starts at 8:50am. We are seeing an increase in children arriving late to school. This does have an adverse effect on their ability to settle quickly and on their learning.

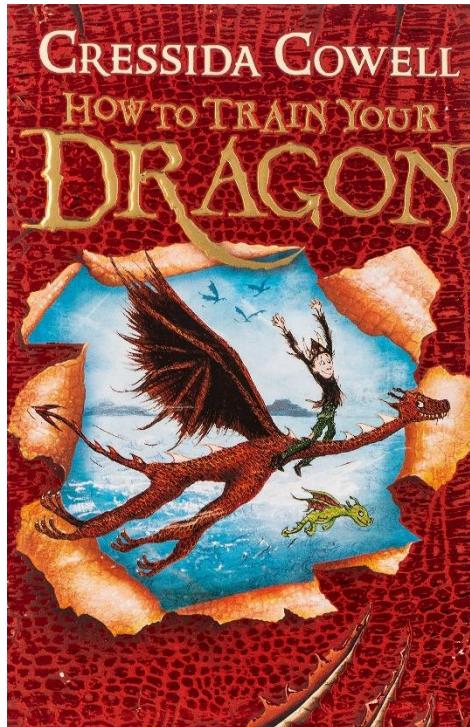
Love of Reading: Book Review

How To Train Your Dragon

A funny, exciting adventure! Join Hiccup and his friends on a quest to find the King's lost things. We recommend this book because it's part of a series, but the books can be enjoyed in any order. In book 2 you discover Alvin the Treacherous and he reappears in all the remaining books. He is an evil character and

he is also on a quest to collect the King's lost things. The book is full of dragons as they visit a dragon's nursery and that is where Toothless is introduced to the story. We hope you enjoy reading it!

By Arwen and Mark



HUMILITY

Humility- humble attitude of mind
(*Oxford School Dictionary*)

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less."

C.S. Lewis

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love

Ephesians 4:2

HUMILITY
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"BE LIKE THE BAMBOO
THE HIGHER YOU GROW
THE DEEPER YOU BOW"

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Our Christian Values

Church Service in Alderton

Our Services are as follows and will be led by our dear Revd Michael Hand.

9.00am Wormington – HC

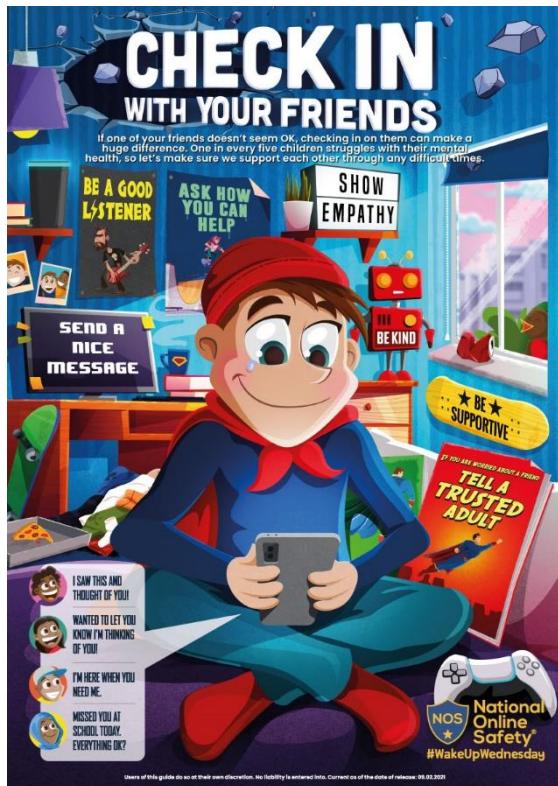
10.30am Alderton – Valentine's Day Service with HC

Internet Safety

According to the Office for National Statistics, 12% of British children who don't use any social networking apps or sites on a normal school day exhibit symptoms of mental ill health. When those parameters are extended to include young people who spend three or more hours on those platforms in a day, however, the proportion with mental health difficulties leaps to 27%.

Many of the stanchest challenges that children face in modern life are encountered online – but they don't have to overcome those obstacles alone. To tie in with Children's Mental Health Week, our poster has tips for how young people can also use the digital

world to support any friends who may be enduring a tough time.



Maple Class

Maple Class have caught the writing bug this week, and have been taking every opportunity they can to write letters and cards to each other, as well as lots of signs for our home corner. The children have continued to practise using their sounds to write words and captions and this week we have been focusing on using our finger spaces between words.

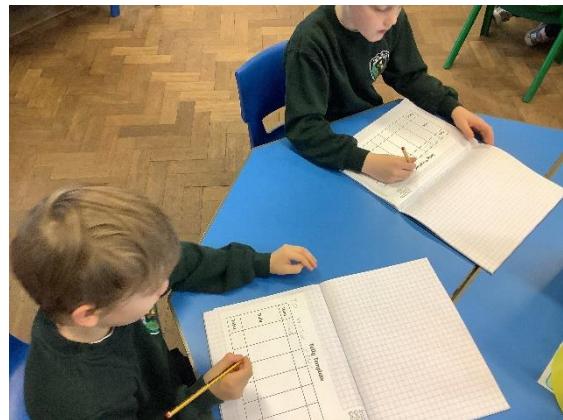
In Maths, we have been exploring the different compositions and representations of 6, 7 and 8. We have used counters, dice faces, our hands, ten frames and Numicon to explore these numbers.

We have been researching what it might be like to be an astronaut in our topic lessons this week, and thinking about what it must be like to visit the moon. We made our own space rockets, complete with showers, toilets and even a moon buggy! We have started our Innovate task this week by helping Teddy bear get to sleep and helping her learn more about night time.





During our art lesson we collected textured materials and arranged them on card. We then used paint in the primary colours to cover our collage before placing another piece of card over the top and rolling it hard to create collagraphy



Willow Class

This week has been another busy week in Willow class. In English we have continued with our non-fiction text called 'Funny Bums and Freaky Beaks'. We started the week looking at features of a non-fiction text. We then created our own top trump cards after learning lots of fascinating facts about the different creatures in our book.

In Maths, Year 1 have been counting forwards and backwards up to 50! They have been able to fill in missing numbers on a 100 square and jump back along their number lines. Year 2 have begun a new unit on statistics. They have had lots of fun learning about tally charts and pictograms. They thought of a question that they would like to collect data on and asked all the children and adults in the school and created their own tally chart.

In PSHE, we tasted lots of different yummy fruit as part of our Healthy Living unit. We tried blueberries, mango, orange, apple, pear and kiwi.

In our topic lessons this week we have been writing about our favourite London landmark! We then had a go at sketching some of the landmarks! We looked at Steve Wiltshire's famous London sketches which sell for lots of money and that inspired us to have a go ourselves.



Hawthorn Class

We have had a great week in Hawthorn Class. In Key Stage 2, we began the week by taking part in Children's Mental Health week. As a Key Stage, the children watched a video about mental health, with a focus on 'growing

together'. The children created growth balloons and wrote down at least three people they could trust. We also took part in a yoga and dance session this week. The children very much enjoyed this activity and it was lovely to see everyone working together and taking part.

In English, the children finished their newspaper reports about the eruption of Pompeii. I have been really proud of how hard all of the children have worked this week during English and their perseverance has been fantastic.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on division this week, with a focus on dividing 2-digit by 1-digits. The children are really starting to see how their times tables can be applied to different mathematical contexts. Don't forget to keep learning all of your times tables. I have encouraged the children to practice every day at home for at least five minutes to help consolidate their knowledge.

As part of our Science unit on forces the children tested frictional forces on a variety of different shoes. The children were intrigued to find out the lighter the shoe, the less Newtons/force needed. They also explored magnetism including a discussion and investigation of the differences between repulsion and attraction. Next week the children will be creating a bar chart and discussing the results from their shoe investigation.



Juniper Class

This week the children have been exploring non-chronological reports in English. They have collected information about life on an allotment using their topic knowledge too.

In Maths, they have been converting fractions and decimals to percentages and finding fractions of amounts, teaching the children how to work out how much money they could save when shopping! Life skills.

In Art, the children have been using white chalk to create images on black paper. The

children used shading and different types of lines to create their images.

In computing, the children have applied their skills in Scratch to create multi choice quizzes. They have had to create the code for with outcomes and controls. In PE, the children have been choreographing more of the dance to Pharell Williams' 'Happy'.

This week the children have also taken part in Safer internet activities and lessons based around Children's Mental Health Week.



Stars of the Week

Maple

Star of the week: Katie, for fantastic work with counting and recognising amounts in maths

Value of the week: Teddy, for being a kind friend to others and always being enthusiastic

Willow

Star of week - Lila, for working hard to learn all your new phonic sounds and apply these to your writing

Value of week - Ollie, for persevering with your number formation and recognition

Hawthorn

Value of the Week: Betsy - for persevering in maths this week.

Star of the week: Henry - for creating a fantastic, detailed newspaper report about Pompeii

Juniper

Value of the Week: Lola- having pride in her work and presenting it to a higher standard especially in maths.

Star of the Week: Lily- developing her understanding of decimals and fractions applying them independently with confidence!

House Points

Ruby – 158

Emerald – 163

Sapphire – 167

Diamond - 199

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

February

15th Life Education Bus

17th Cross country @Vineyards in Cheltenham 4-4.45pm

18th Swimming Year 3/4

Term Finished

28th Term Starts

March

4th Swimming Year 3/4

11th Swimming Year 3/4

18th Swimming Year 3/4

25th Swimming Year 3/4

29th Reception - Height, Weight and
Vision

Year 6 – Height and Weight