

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 4th March 2022

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We hope everybody had a restful half term.

World Book Day

Maple Class – On Monday, Maple Class joined in with a sing along with Julia Donaldson, singing songs about the characters from her books. On Tuesday we learned how to illustrate a book cover with Sara Miller. On Wednesday, Nick Sherratt showed us his new book where we drew the queen with a quiff! On Thursday, we brought in our favourite books so we could use the cover illustration to create our square on the reading quilt. We also heard a special story from Axel Scheffler. It has been a very exciting week!

Willow Class - In Willow Class we have had a week jam packed with reading! On Tuesday, we joined Sara Miller who showed us how she created the front cover of her book 'Party Parade'. On Wednesday, we joined Nick Sherratt who shared his new book 'Drawing Super Silly Museums'. We all agreed that this was a very funny book and we loved learning how to draw some of the illustrations alongside Nick. On Thursday, as well as making our Dumbleton World Book Day Quilt, we also heard Axel Scheffler's new book 'Fairy Tales and Animal Stories'. Today, we are very excited to meet 'The Doodle Boy' who is going to share his new book with us and hopefully teach us how he turns his

doodles into illustrations! What a brilliant week!!

Hawthorn Class - The children took part in a range of activities this World Book Day and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the event the children created their own drawings of their favourite books which are going to be sewn together to make a colourful Key Stage blanket. The children also had the opportunity to get creative and write their own stories around a theme of their choice. The children were given 20 minutes to write a story and I was impressed with how well they used their imagination in a very short space of time. The children took part in two World Book Day Live lessons and we also shared our favourite books. At the end of the day on Thursday the children shared an extract from their favourite book and it was great to see a range of genres.

Juniper Class - To celebrate World Book Day this week Year 5 and 6 took part in four live lessons. The children explored two graphic novels (linking into our English stimulus), letter writing and explored a number of different fiction books on Wednesday too.

On Thursday, the children recreated their favourite book cover on a material panel. They worked incredibly hard to create detailed accurate books covers which will make a beautiful quilt when combined with the other classes. The children discussed their books, sharing recommendations too.



Cross Country

I am immensely proud of the Oak Hill Cross Country team who have done the school really proud. All of the children who were involved received a certificate for their efforts. An extra shout out to Corin who came first in all of the boys (year 3-6) races and won a trophy. He has also been selected for the Tewksbury District team to compete in the Gloucestershire Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships at St Edwards Prep School on Saturday 12th March.

Miss Garrett



Ash Wednesday

Rev Hook led services at both Alderton and Dumbleton on Wednesday to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The children were given the opportunity to receive an ash cross on their foreheads.



Church Service in Alderton

Our Services are as follows:

9.00am Washbourne – HC for Lent

10.30am Dumbleton – HC for Lent

Covid Rule Changes

As you are aware, the Government changed the national guidance for dealing with Covid from the 24th February.

Routine asymptomatic testing is no longer advised in mainstream settings.

All settings may be advised by their local public health team to recommend lateral flow device (LFD) tests to manage an outbreak.

From 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.

Adults and children who test positive on a PCR, or LFD test, will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.



For staff or children who have any of the main symptoms, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They should order a PCR test and are advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

We are asking that children who display symptoms to please follow the guidance listed above. Staff will no longer be wearing masks in school.

We will continue to monitor and respond to any outbreaks and may be asked to put other precautions in place by Public Health if we were to experience a further outbreak.

Radio Superstar

"Alana and her mum appeared on Radio Gloucestershire this week for World Hearing Day supporting the charity AVUK's campaign #hearusnow. The campaign calls on the government to invest so that all deaf children can access the auditory verbal therapy Alana benefited from."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0bmpvk3>

If you want to help please write to your MP - more information here <https://www.avuk.org/hearusnow>

Main section with Alana and AVUK from 1:14:00

School Photographs

Individual and class photos will take place on Wednesday 9th March. The photographers will visit Dumbleton for 10:30am and will be at Alderton at 1:30pm.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th we are planning a Red Nose Day menu as a change from the normal meal plan. Details have already been sent to parents.

We also want to take part in Red Nose Day and thought about coming to school dressed wackily! But this doesn't work on a Friday, with Swimming and PE sessions, so, on Thursday 17th we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed in a wacky way; think fun! We are happy to see face paints, wacky hair styles, clothes etc. All we ask is a £1 donation to Red Nose Day.

Phones

Over the next few weeks, we are hoping to update our phone system with the addition of an additional line into school. This should help with your ability to communicate with school, and allow us to make more than one phone call at a time.

Home Start Support

Expecting a baby or just become a new parent? We offer FREE friendly group support to help you find out how your baby is developing while you make time for yourself. Being a parent is easy – said NO-ONE EVER! Come and share a cup of tea and let's discuss pregnancy, birth and parenting. Our non-judgemental and informative groups will help you feel more confident about being the grown up. Spaces available now for our **FREE** in-person or online Bump & Me groups.

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or visit our website

www.homestartnwglos.org.uk/volunteering/:

We'd love to hear from you!

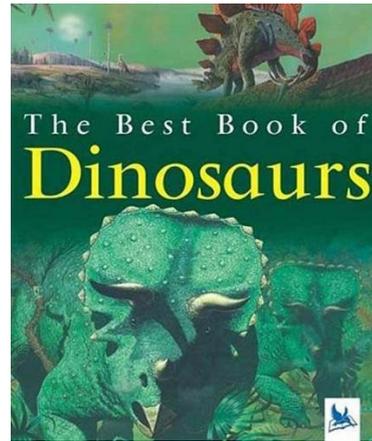
Class Dojo

Due to the success of Class Dojo in reaching parents and promoting interaction we will be using it for all communication. Texts from Teachers to Parents will not continue due to its rising costs. Please make sure that you are

signed up for Dojo and notifications are turned on. Thank you.

On Your Mind Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire NHS have created a new website to support young people and children in accessing the correct help to support mental health. We have sent some details home. You can find out more by visiting www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk or texting 07984404388



Internet Safety

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, strangers and location sharing.

Our Christian Values

Love of Reading: Book Review

My Best Book of Dinosaurs' by Christopher Maynard.

This information book is very helpful, because you can learn facts about dinosaurs, like what they eat. There are lots of drawings of the different dinosaurs and it tells you all about the different dinosaur names.

By Maple Class

Maple Class

We have started our new topic 'Dangerous Dinosaurs' this week where we have been having a wonderful time digging for dinosaur fossils so we can learn all about these exciting creatures. We have learnt that some dinosaurs are carnivores and some are herbivores. We practised our dinosaur moves in PE, where we stomped, swished, stamped and trudged in time to music.

In English, we have been focusing on using finger spaces between words when writing and continuing to use our phonics knowledge to sound out words carefully, as well as including our tricky words.

In Maths, we have been exploring different compositions and representations of number, using these compositions to combine amounts effectively. We have also been making pairs and started to count in 2s.

Our home corner has been transformed into a café, where we have been busy making delicious meals for each other! The children have been very good at organising who will be the customers, waiters and chefs, and it has proven to be a very popular place to be! Lot of very important skills are being used in the café, from writing orders, taking turns, and using money to pay.

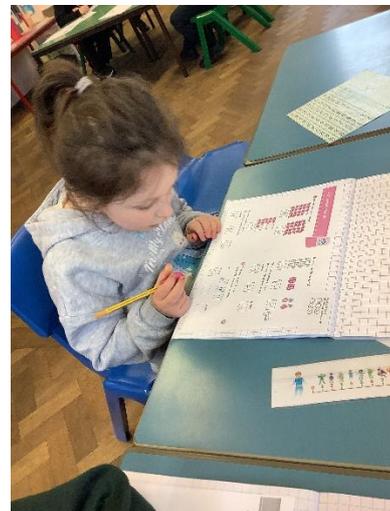


Willow Class

This week in English, all children in Willow Class have been learning about the usefulness of conjunctions and how we can use them to make our sentences more interesting to read. Year 1 have been going into more depth and using 'because' for reasons why things happen! Year 2 have been going further and using 'when', 'if' and 'that' to write some fascinating facts about sharks, which we have learnt about from the book 'Swim, Shark, Swim' by Dom Conlon.

In Maths, Year 2 have had a busy week, finishing their unit on Statistics and completing their Oak Task. They even started their unit on Fractions! They started the week drawing and interpreting block diagrams, and finished it using concrete resources to physically show a half, a third and a quarter of different numbers. Earlier in the week Year 1 were busy comparing and ordering numbers to 50! They then moved onto counting in 2s and 5s. They used a 100 square to help and did very well to spot patterns between the 2s and 5s.

This week in topic, Willow have been continuing their topic of London by labelling aerial photographs of different parts of London on Monday. They did some great work noting which features were human features and which were physical! On Tuesday, they started using maps to tell each other how to get around London using simple maps. They even grabbed themselves a bear and helped 'Paddington' get from place to place in the capital city!





Hawthorn Class

We have had a super start to the term this week. We began our week by making volcanoes out of recycled materials which links closely to our Rocks, Relics and Rumbles topic. I was very impressed with the children's efforts and we will hopefully get to paint them next week.

In Maths, the children began their fractions unit and this week we have focused on understanding unit and non-unit fractions, finding the whole and fractions on a number line. Please can children continue to practice their times tables daily.

In English, the children completed their diary entries about the eruption of Pompeii. They used a range of senses, co-ordinating, subordinating and fronted adverbials to write a range of exciting diary entries. Next week, we will be moving on to looking at traditional African stories before writing our own tales.

The children really enjoyed PE this week where we played a spot of table tennis. Next week we are going to develop our tennis skills.

KS2 also visited the church this week as part of Ash Wednesday. The children took part in a service taken by Reverend Hook and children were given the opportunity to receive an ash cross on their forehead.



In English, the children presented their final non-chronological report. They worked incredibly hard on these and were able to bring in topic work, DT and some of the nonfiction work we explored in VIPERS to create informative pieces.

In PE the children have started a Rugby unit and have been working with a partner to pass the ball accurately at different speeds, always passing backwards.

In Music, the children are going to be exploring a new song, another slow ballad, You've Got a Friend by Carole King. The children will learn about the song, other similar songs and learn to play part of it too.

In Art, the children are learning about Expressionism. They started by drawing self-portraits using different mediums. It's going to be an exciting unit; we do have some fantastic artists!

In Computing, the new focus is database. In the first lesson the children made their own paper database learning the drawbacks of this process. Next week we will see how computers make this simpler and make it easier to organise information



Juniper Class

It was lovely to welcome the children back after half term; we have had a lovely week. The children took part in lots of live lessons as part of our world book day celebrations.

In Maths, the children have started an algebra unit. We started by developing our understanding of what algebra is and by the end of the week the children have been forming expressions and solving simple equations. Next week will be solving further problems using algebra. The Year 6 children have also been completing daily SATs questions.





Stars of the Week

Maple

Star of the Week: Rory - for fantastic sounding out when writing, and use of finger spaces

Value of the Week: Lyla - for showing compassion towards others

Willow

Star of the Week: AJ - for brilliant work drawing and interpreting block diagrams in maths

Value of the Week: Logan - for showing compassion when helping others with their work.

Hawthorn

Value of the Week: Lottie - for her perseverance with her book drawing

Star of the week: Paige - for her fantastic effort with her volcano. I was very impressed

how sensible she was whilst making her volcano.

Juniper

Value of the Week: Max - persevering when the task was daunting, producing something really wonderful!

Star of the Week: Alana - being a fantastic role model, always working hard and producing high quality work always.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

March

- 4th Swimming Year 3/4
- 11th Swimming Year 3/4
- 17th Red Nose Day Wacky Day
- 18th Swimming Year 3/4
- 22nd Draft Parent's Evening
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- 25th Swimming Year 3/4
- 29th Reception - Height, Weight and Vision
- Year 6 – Height and Weight

April

- 1st Swimming Year 3/4
- 7th Break Up for Easter
- 8th INSET Day

House Points

- Diamond – 257
- Sapphire – 185
- Emerald – 176
- Ruby - 137