

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 11th March 2022

Let Girl's Play

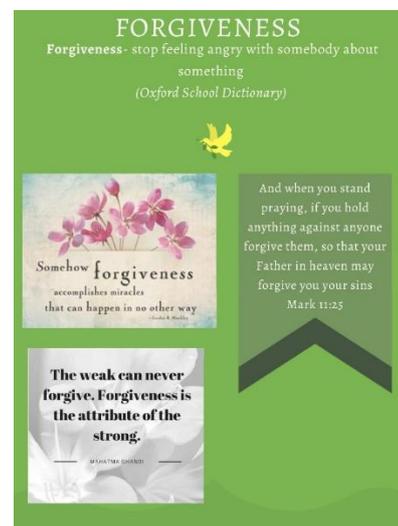
On Wednesday, it was fantastic to take part in the FA Let Girl's Play initiative regarding getting more girls playing football. It was lovely to hear and see all the girls taking part. Well done everyone!



Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March 3:45pm-5:50pm. We have decided that our appointments will remain virtual for this time. Teachers will post the booking forms on Monday after school. We look forward to seeing you all.

Our Christian Values



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 want to take part in Red Nose Day and thought about dressing up in a wacky way for the day! But this doesn't work on a Friday,

with Swimming and PE lessons. So, on Thursday 17th March, 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.

Church Services

9.00am Wormington – HC for Lent

10.30am Alderton – HC for Lent

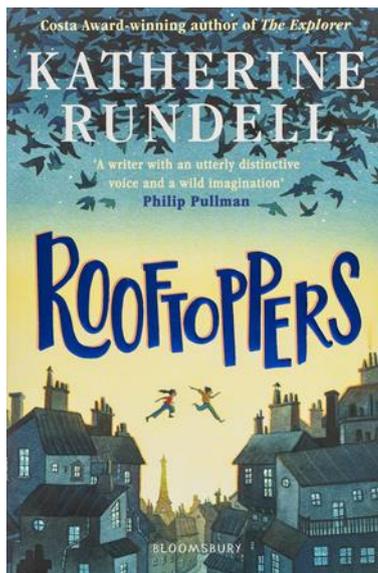
Love of Reading: Book Review

Rooftoppers

By Finn (Year 6)

The Rooftoppers is an excellent book, written by Katherine Rundell, about a girl called Sophie. She survives a shipwreck as a baby, and is adopted by a scholar called Charles. Sophie doesn't believe that her mother perished in the shipwreck though, and teams up with a boy called Matteo who lives on the rooftops of Paris.

The book is an adventure book, ranging from ages 9 - 14.



Internet Safety

Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and flimsy age gates.



Maple Class

This week in Maple Class, we have been continuing to learn more about dinosaurs, in particular the difference between a carnivore and a herbivore and the characteristics of some of the dinosaurs. We used this knowledge of their characteristics to recreate some of the dinosaurs using 2D shapes. We have created

our own moving part dinosaurs, using split pins and we have been on a dinosaur trail where we had to read the clues to locate the next step in the trail. We then created our own maps of an island for dinosaurs to live on, and wrote directions for the dinosaurs so that they could find the mountains, lakes and forests on the island.

In English, we have been reading nonfiction books about dinosaurs to discover more about them. We have been developing our comprehension skills by answering questions about what we have read and using this information to write our own fact files about dinosaurs.

We have been exploring measuring in Maths this week, using different manipulatives to measure the length and height of different objects. We compared and organised from tallest to shortest, as well as creating our own tall towers using different materials from our outdoor classroom. We have been learning about time too, focusing on the days of the week.

Our enthusiasm for dinosaurs has been infectious, as the Year 1 and 2 children have been creating their own dinosaur stories to add to our library, which the children in Maple have loved reading! This has led to some children in Maple creating their own dinosaur books too! Our library is growing every day, and the children spend a lot of time reading these stories to each other.

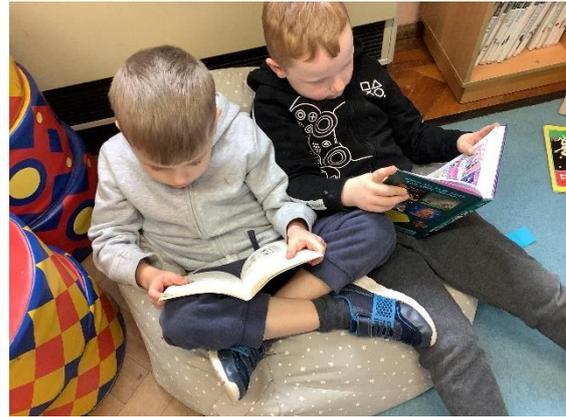


Willow Class

This week in Willow Class, Year 1 and 2 have been working hard in English to draft a blog post on how we can help animals and the environment. We have researched different ideas such as making wildlife ponds in our gardens or even creating hedgehog houses to help them find shelter! We built on this to use our knowledge of conjunctions so our sentences became even more exciting.

In Maths, Year 1 have been very busy counting in 2s and 5s and applying this to some problem solving. They have now begun a new unit on fractions! Similarly, to Year 1, Year 2 have been continuing their work on fractions. They followed on from their Acorn task to begin working on finding equal parts and recognising and finding half.

In Topic this week, Year 1 and 2 have been demonstrating their knowledge of London. They worked together to look for all kinds of things to do in London! From tea with the Queen to visiting skateboard parks, Willow Class found out about it. This week we also went overseas and learnt about Kuala Lumpur and all of the similarities and differences it has with London.



Hawthorn Class

The hall floor resembles the Ring of Fire in the Pacific Ocean this week after the children did a fantastic job completing their volcanoes! They will remain at school until we cause their eruption later this term. As a start to the DT topic Machines and Mechanisms, the children learned about simple mechanisms and made a picture with a moving part. In English the focus has continued to be on alternative Fairy Stories and the children have enjoyed hearing some rather bizarre tales. They particularly enjoyed 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' which tells the story from the wolf's point of view. Do ask your children how the houses really got blown down!

Everyone has worked brilliantly in Maths this week where they have been finding equivalent fractions. This looked tricky to start with but

everyone got the hang of it and we are moving on to adding and subtracting fractions.



Juniper Class

This week in Juniper Class the children have been writing from different viewpoints capturing the thoughts and feelings of the different members of the family. When writing the children are really considering their vocabulary choices and their role as an author.

In Maths, the children have been exploring algebra, understanding the difference between expressions and equations. The children have been applying their understanding to reason and solve problems.

In Music, the children learnt how to read music notes and then composed their own short pieces of music which they played on the glockenspiels and a saxophone.

In Geography, the children discovered what life as a farmer is like. The children then used the information to explain the challenges and tasks farmers face through the year.

We celebrated International Women's Day on Tuesday when we challenged gender stereotypes, discussed significant women throughout history as well as considering women we want to celebrate in our lives.



Stars of the Week

Year 6 – Height and Weight

Maple

Star of the week: Teddy - for listening carefully and remembering important facts about dinosaurs

Value of the week: Megan -for fantastic perseverance when building towers and measuring them

Willow

Star of the Week: Sienna - for showing incredible improvements in her handwriting!

Value of the Week: Penny - for persevering and having a go with football even though she wasn't sure at first!

Hawthorn

Value of the Week: Jake Metz - for a fantastic positive attitude to learning.

Star of the week - Ellie Turner - for great Maths work

Juniper

Value of the Week: Lily- being kind and compassionate and being a good friend.

Star of the Week: Corin- capturing the tone and mood within a piece of writing.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

March

- 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

April

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

House Points

- Diamond – 145
- Emerald – 142
- Ruby – 119
- Sapphire - 118