

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 26th February 2021

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second Spring half term. It has been lovely to have the sun shining over the last few days and to feel a little warmth on your face. Following the Government's announcement on Monday evening we have spent the last few days going over all the Department of Education guidance that has been published and preparing ourselves to open to all pupils on Monday 8th March. We will send out further information at the start of next week. It takes a lot of time and effort to prepare to reopen the two sites, as obviously you end up doing everything twice!! We are also proofing our curriculum so that we are able to run remotely if a bubble was forced to close. We are really looking forward to having all the children back and, on a personal level, I am really looking forward to being able to meet all the other children.

Support for Parents

A free webinar for parents – 8pm, 2nd March 2021

Join Tim and Shell from Imagine for Schools as they discuss emotional wellbeing & resilience in children.

How to be with your child in their emotions and encourage them to talk about them. Walking with your child as they encounter and deal with struggle and challenge. Helping your child to begin to control their emotions. Tickets are limited.

For more information and to get tickets for this webinar go to;

<https://wecanmove.net/event?slug=02-03-2020-emotional-wellbeing-and-resilience-in-children>

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day throughout the week next week. We won't be dressing up this year, but we are asking the children in school to bring in a plain t-shirt (preferably white) on Thursday 4th March along with their favourite book and we will be using fabric pens to decorate our t-shirts with characters and illustrations from our favourite book. We would love the children at home to join in with us and perhaps use felt tip pens to decorate their t-shirts if you don't have access to fabric pens.

Church Service in Alderton

Topic: Morning Prayer for Lent

Time: 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting for Morning Prayer on Sunday

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79812573605?pwd=V0w2MEhPcDZYQTJpajR1bm90dmUzUT09>

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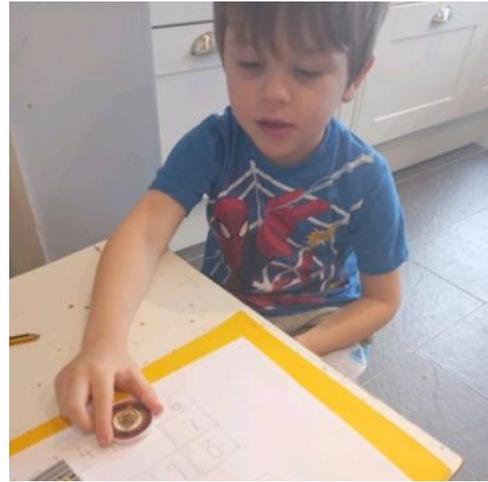
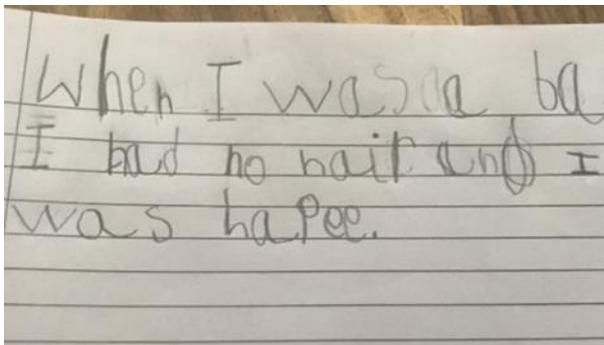
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Oak Academy

Oak Academy's free book of the week is 'Starfell: Willow Moss and the Last Day' by Dominique Valente

Maple Class

We have started our exciting new topic on 'Growing and Changing' in Reception. This week, we have been learning how humans change as they grow, and have enjoyed looking at photos of ourselves when we were babies! We have written about what we are like now, and what we think we will do when we grow up. In Maths, we have continued our work on odd and even numbers and have started to explore the number bonds to 10. We have also started to learn about Easter in our RE lessons. This week we made some fantastic palm leaves as part of our work on religious symbols and their meaning. All the children have had a great start back to home learning and I am very proud of their efforts and enthusiasm!



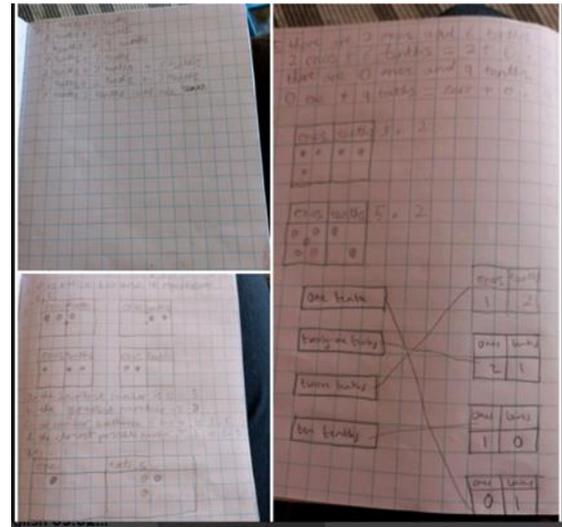
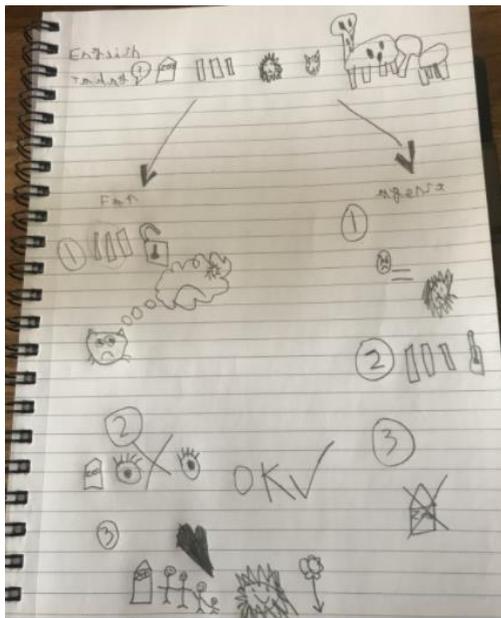
Willow Class

This week in Willow Class, we have started our new topic called 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!' In History, we are going to look at seaside holidays in the past and in Geography we will be exploring the human and physical features of the Seaside and using our geographical vocabulary. In English, we have begun a new unit on discussion and have been sharing our opinions on whether animals should be kept in zoos. The children have thought really hard about the pros and cons of zoo life and were really confident in sharing their thoughts and opinions. In Maths, Year 2 have continued to look at statistics and have made some brilliant pictograms to show different data they have collected. The children in school looked at the ways in which the children of Oak Hill travel to school and used their computing skills to create a pictogram online. Year 1 have started a new Maths unit on measure and have been busy measuring objects around the classroom or around their house. We started off using 1p coins to measure objects and then went on to look at metres and centimetres and what estimate meant. What a busy first week back! Well done Willow class for working so hard.

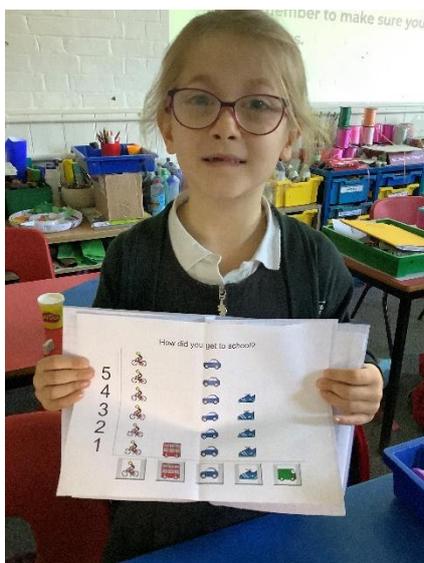


Hawthorn Class

In Hawthorn Class this week the children have been continuing their creative writing using *How to Train your Dragon* as the inspiration. The children have been working hard on this topic and I am excited to see the pieces of work develop. In Maths, Year 4 are learning about decimals and Year 3 are finishing their unit of work on perimeter. Next week Year 3 will start fractions.



In Science, the children have started a new unit, States of matter. This week the children explored the different properties of solids, liquids and gasses, as well as the properties of the particles in these three states.



We have started a new half termly topic 'A World of Colour' and the children are going to be learning about different artists and art styles each week. This week we have learned about

Pablo Picasso. The children drew their own self-portraits in a Picasso inspired way.



In Music, the children used different household items to follow a rhythm, they then used these techniques to create their own rhythm.



Another wonderful week of learning in Hawthorn. Next week is World Book Day and

we will be taking part in lots of exciting activities all week!

Juniper Class

We have started off the term in English by learning about The Lego Story. Next week, we will be writing up our reports. In Maths Year 5s have been focusing on reading and interpreting timetables and Year 6s have been learning how to construct pie charts. Next week we will be moving onto perimeter. In topic we have continued to learn about climate change and the impacts on the environment. We have looked closely at online safety this week and how we can keep safe whilst using a range of different devices. The children took part in a music class where they used 'readymade' instruments from everyday objects they could find around the house.

I also wanted to include some items that some children have created during half term, pictures below.

I am really looking forward to World Book Day next week and have booked lots of exciting online English lessons for us to watch. Keep up the fantastic work everyone!



