

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 23rd April 2021

Welcome Back

Welcome Back to Summer term 2021. I hope that you all had a relaxing and happy Easter break and that you were able to make the most of the dry weather that we had. It would be fair to say that all the staff hope that we will be able to return to some levels of normality as this term progresses and we are beginning to make tentative plans ready for the next unlocking scheduled for mid-May.

Diocesan Visit

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome two visitors from Gloucestershire Diocesan Board of Education to the school. Jo Munn, Deputy Director and Linda Rolfe, Strategic Lead for Governance, came to see our efforts over the Covid crisis and to learn more about us, as a school, and our developmental plans for the future. They commented on how fantastic the children were, how smiley and well behaved. It was lovely to hear and made me very proud of them.

Some Young Visitors to Hawthorn

On Monday we had a very special visit from some furry friends. Mr Ball brought in two ewes and their lambs from his farm. The children were able to stroke the male lamb, and Mr Ball explained how to care for the sheep. We were amazed to hear these lambs were only weeks old and already bigger than some small dogs! The children asked some

good questions about how friendly sheep are and how long they live for.



Drainage

Thursday proved to be one of those days as a Headteacher where you never stop learning. I spent a couple of hours learning about the sewerage and drainage systems of the school in order to sort out a blockage from a set of the toilets. As you can imagine for such an old building, it wasn't very straightforward. I'm delighted to say that it is all sorted now and I have a very good knowledge of the pipes that run under the building!!



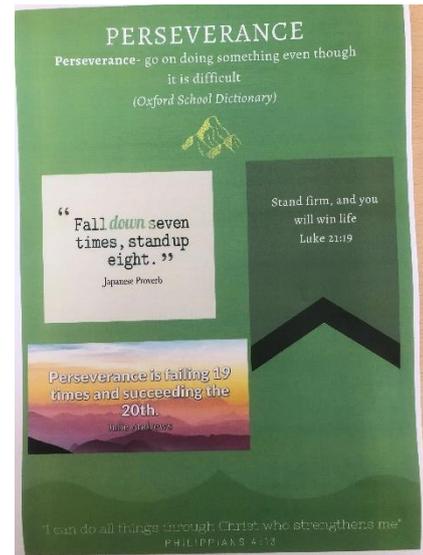
Swimming

Just a reminder that swimming will commence for the children in Juniper next Friday.

Parents Evening

You should all have received a Dojo message from me and an email link to a Google form from your class teacher to book a slot for Parents Evenings' next Tuesday and Wednesday. I know that the teachers are looking forward to virtually seeing you all. If there are any problems then please contact your class teacher in the first instance.

Half Termly Christian Value



Church Service in Alderton

HC for the Easter Season at 10.30am Alderton

BCP HC 6.00pm Great Washbourne

Technology allowing, you are able to Zoom and listen into the 10.30am Communion Service being held in Alderton

Join Zoom Meeting

Topic: Holy Communion

Time: 10:30 AM London

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82052149954?pwd=N3NDQnJ3eVNWVGE3N2c4c3pCalg4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 820 5214 9954

Passcode: 203355

Maple Class

It has been a super first week back in Reception, as we have started our new topic called 'Once Upon a Time'. We are exploring fairy tales and traditional stories, starting with learning how to retell and act out the story of Goldilocks. In Maths, our focus this week has been on composition of teen numbers and we have enjoyed using lots of different resources to explore these numbers, including the dienes. We noticed that Goldilocks kept breaking

things in the story, so we did some fantastic STEM work this week and made a real chair to sit on and a miniature bed. We even tried sitting on the chair and it supported us all, even Miss Tarling! (Until she broke it, just like Goldilocks!)



Willow Class

We have begun our new topic this week called 'How Will I Get There?'. We have already started to explore transport in the past and compare it to the transport we use now. On Wednesday, we learnt about the invention of the wheel and during DT we had a go at creating a wheel ourselves to see if we could get them to roll! In English, we have been learning about contractions and how words can be shortened with an apostrophe. In Maths, we have begun our unit on measure. Year 1 have been measuring in non-standard units of measure and using the balancing scales and cubes to compare the weight of objects. Year 2 have been taking measurements in grams and kilograms and have enjoyed using the weighing scales.





Hawthorn Class

We have had a great week in Hawthorn and it was lovely to welcome all the children back after the Easter break.

We have started our new topic and the children have explored the water cycle learning all the scientific names for the different stages of the cycle. In Geography, we have learned about the lines of latitude and longitude.

In English, we have started our unit of work on *The Mousehole Cat* by Antonia Barber. The children started the week by exploring the village in Cornwall the book is based on. In Maths, we are ordering, comparing and adding decimals and fractions. We have one more week developing these skills before we move onto time.

In Art, the children used watercolours to recreate some of the beautiful illustrations from *The Mousehole Cat* and then in French the children were explaining what the weather was like.



Juniper Class

We have had a great start to the new term and the children have been really engaged with learning about the Titanic in English. This week we began by finding out more about the Titanic and we have learnt how we can create a persuasive leaflet using a variety of different figurative language techniques.

The children started their cricket sessions with a coach from Dumbleton cricket club this week on the school field and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. In DT we started our 'Great Savoury Bake Off' topic by learning about food miles and where different produce comes from.

We have also been taking part in a mini mindfulness moment each day which has given us time to reflect. In PSHE we have been discussing the future and where we want to be in 10-15 years' time (there were some very interesting responses!)

In Juniper class we were very excited to hear that Corin and Cameron have been selected to play tennis for county. Only four people from the whole county were chosen so this is

fantastic news to hear. They will be travelling to tournaments as far away as Cornwall!



Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the week: Edie Hill, for fantastic work in Literacy and using fantastic vocabulary to describe the story settings

Value of the week: Logan Payne, for demonstrating perseverance in all he does

Willow Class:

Value star of the week - Mark: For being a compassionate friend and always being willing to help others

Star of the week - Archie: For always

persevering to ensure his handwriting is the best that it can be

Hawthorn Class:

Value: Harris for perseverance with decimals.

Star of the Week: Betsy, fantastic adventurous vocabulary when describing the Storm Cat.

Juniper Class:

Value: Jacob - For always being a polite and caring friend, considerate and helpful.

Star of the Week: Jake C - Working consistently hard this week, especially in maths

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

April

27th Juniper Scholastic Workshop with Stuart Lawrence

Parents Evening

28th Parents Evening

30th Swimming Year 5 and 6

May

3rd Bank Holiday

6th KS1 Trip to GWSR

RNLI Virtual Presentation Yr3/4

7th Swimming Year 5 and 6

13th Life Education visits whole School

14th Swimming Year 5 and 6

18th KNex Challenge

21st Maypole Dancing

Swimming Year 5 and 6

28th Break up for half term

Swimming Year 5 and 6

June

- 7th Return to School
- 9th Yr R Height, Weight and Vision
- 11th Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 18th Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 21st ISing POP
- 25th Swimming Year 5 and 6

July

- 2nd Swimming Year 5 and 6
- 9th Swimming Year 5 and 6