

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are nearly at the end of the first half term already? What a lot of exciting learning we have done in such a short space of time!

Some highlights from this week include a wonderful science assembly delivered by pupils from Beaumont School. The pupils talked about their 'CANSAT' project – where they will be launching a satellite in a can! Oakwood pupils were enthralled by this interesting and informative presentation and asked some great questions.



Miss Bird and the staff team have been busy preparing for Safer Internet Day next week. In advance of this, we held our parent workshop today which was very well attended – thank you to those parents who took the time for this very important workshop.

Have a great weekend  
The Oakwood Team

### 'Who's who?' Miss Morley

Hello Oakwood Parents/Carers! My name is Miss Morley. I am the class teacher of Acorns 1 class and I have the pleasure of teaching reception pupils. I thoroughly enjoy developing positive relationships with all pupils here at Oakwood, built on mutual trust and respect, and I find it incredibly rewarding watching them flourish into lifelong learners. I have a real passion for design and creativity, so I love to express my teaching methods through creative means. It is my belief that cultivating a creative, welcoming and safe environment is essential to fostering children's highest learning potential. There really is never a dull moment in Acorns 1! If parents/carers have any questions or queries you are welcome to speak to me at pick-up or you can arrange an appointment via the school office.

### Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures. We hope you and your children enjoy this fortnight's selection of [internet safety](#) themed books.

#### Reception

*Once Upon a Time Online*

Author: David Bedford

Illustrator: Rosie Reeve



#### Key Stage 1

*Chicken Clicking*

Author: Jeanne Willis

Illustrator: Tony Ross



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*But It's Just a Game*

Author: Julia Cook

Illustrator: Michelle Hazelwood Hyde

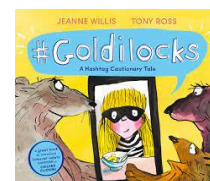


#### Upper Key Stage 2

*#Goldilocks A Cautionary Tale*

Author: Jeanne Willis

Illustrator: Tony Ross



Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

### Important dates for your diary...

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February, 9:15am	Maple Class recorder assembly to parents
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm	Girls' & Boys' football matches against Mandeville (at home)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 9:15am	Poplar Class recorder assembly to parents
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 9:30am	Y1 Parents - Helping your child with reading and writing (online)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 9:15am	Lime Class recorder assembly to parents
21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Acorns height, weight, vision and hearing checks
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Girlguiding Thinking Day – Rainbows, Brownies & Guides can wear Girlguiding uniforms to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	UKS2 Planetarium Workshop

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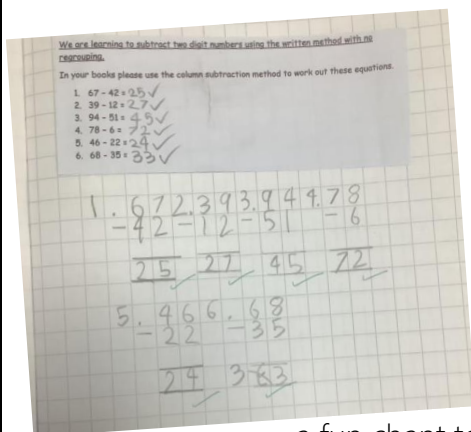
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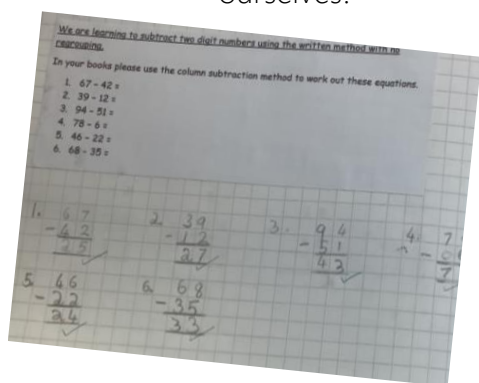
## Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

This week in Cherry during our maths lessons the children have been learning about column subtraction. This is building on our previous learning about column addition. We have learnt about how subtraction, unlike addition, is not commutative so the order of the numbers within a subtraction calculation is very important.

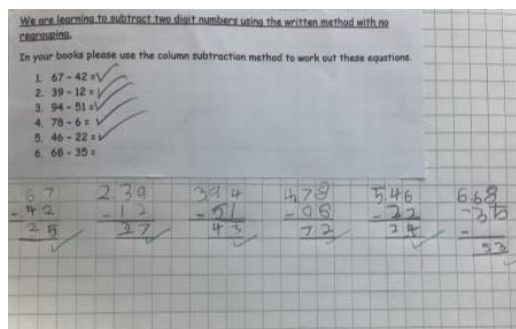


We have also built on our knowledge of place value, learning how important it is to add the ones column first, we even came up with

a fun chant to remind ourselves!



Finally, we have worked a lot on our presentation. We have learnt how important it is to line our up numbers correctly so that we know if they are in the tens or the ones column.



## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class.

Over the last week, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Acorns 1 and Ash

'Golden Toilet' for the cleanest and most looked after class toilets Acorns 2 and Rowan



'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Acorns 2 and Acorns 1

'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime – Ash and Willow



**'Person of the Week'** for demonstrating values which are important to everyone in our school:

Ash – Aarvi and Finn  
 Beech – George and Gabriel  
 Cherry – William J and Evie  
 Lime – Kian and Xanthe  
 Maple – Emily and Jayda  
 Poplar – Max and Karson  
 Rowan – Dylan R and Harry K  
 Sycamore – Dominic and Callum  
 Willow – Isabella and William D



## 'Who's who?' Mrs Taylor

It is hard putting in words such a varied role! My job involves everything from organising clubs, paying school invoices and ensuring all medical records are up to date to updating our website and Twitter, booking meetings and lots of liaison with our whole school community.

My job keeps me extremely busy and no two days are the ever the same but I always try to have a ready smile and a 'happy to help' ethos.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns, including concerns about bullying, please email [safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguardingteam@oakwood.herts.sch.uk)**