

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

On Wednesday evening, the School Governors hosted a parent consultation to explore and develop the school vision and values. Thank you to those of you who joined us for this important event. The Governors will next consult staff and pupils and will then start work on formulating the vision and values ahead of the next academic year.

Your views and feedback are important to us and we hope you are able to complete the online Parent/Carer Questionnaire that was sent earlier this week.

The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Beech

In Beech Class we are learning about giving instructions and controlling devices in our computing lessons. We have been using a Bee-Bot programme on the iPads and have been learning skills such as predicting and running commands. We have had great fun practising these skills on our class friends and giving clear commands for them to follow. We had to ensure that our instructions contained clear language which included vocabulary such as *right turn, left turn, forwards* and *backwards*. We had great fun!

"I liked making the Bee-Bot follow a route on the iPad."

"It was hard to make the Bee-Bot go the right way. I had to press how many times it should go forwards."

"It was funny telling my partner how to move round the room."

"We had to give clear commands so they would do what we wanted."



Recommended reading...

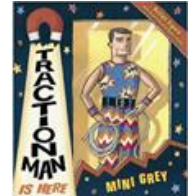
At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge and one of life's key pleasures!

We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books.

Reception

Traction Man is Here

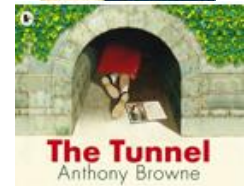
By Mini Grey



Key Stage 1

The Tunnel

By Anthony Browne

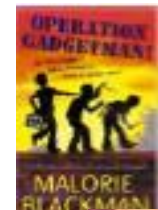


Lower Key Stage 2

Operation

Gadgetman!

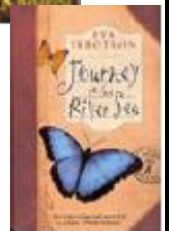
By Malorie Blackman



Upper Key Stage 2

Journey to the River Sea

By Eva Ibbotson



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...

Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 5 th May	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs week NO MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS THIS WEEK
Monday 9 th May 2:40pm	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents
Monday 16 th May	Walk to School Week

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Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly is held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. We have welcomed the opportunity to begin Key Stage Celebration Assemblies once again.

We will announce the 'Person of the Week' for each class in the next newsletter.

The following awards are given each week to a whole class. Last week, these awards were awarded to...

'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Poplar



Poplar class are to be commended on how well they are looking after their new class toilets – well done Poplar!

'Golden Clock' for the class with the best attendance and punctuality – Willow



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



Oakwood Ducks

The ducks have grown a lot in the last 4 weeks and are enjoying living outside in their new home behind Beech and Cherry classes. Each key stage has named a duck. They are called 'Buzz', 'Shadow', 'Puddles' and 'Lady Ruffles Quackling'.



The teachers have named the other two ducks 'Blackout' and 'Pip'. We can really see their individual characters coming through. The classes are taking it in turns to help look after the ducks, making sure they have clean bedding, clean water and lots of food.

"I like how it feels when they eat out of my hand" Dylan R

"I loved stroking them and playing with them" Bethany



Learning around Oakwood: Lime

This week we have had an exciting start to our new Vikings unit with an extraordinary visit from History off the Page. The children took part in lots of different activities



within a Viking village set up in our own school hall including making medicines from the Viking ages, making a wax candle and making clay pots which Vikings used as a mould for a pendant. In the afternoon the children became archaeologists and went digging for artefacts and discovered their

purpose. We look forward to learning more about the Vikings and building on this inspiring experience. Thank you to our parent helpers who helped to make the day happen!



Work of the week!

Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. Please do come and have a look.

James in Acorns 1

Acorns 1 have been thinking about asking questions. The children thought about different question words such as 'How?' 'Who?' 'When?' 'Where?' and 'What?'



The children used these question words to find out what each other did over the holidays. James wrote about his holidays and used a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

Well done James!

Please remember if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak to a member of staff. We are always very happy to meet with you. Don't let a little worry become a big one!