

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we love reading at Oakwood and this week we celebrated World Book Day. We were thrilled to come together in Key Stage assemblies, following the lifting of COVID restrictions, to see each other's costumes. Mrs Roche gave an inspiring talk about the advantages of reading, especially to develop our vocabulary, and we took plenty of opportunity to 'drop everything and read' throughout the day.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the other highlights from our learning over the last two weeks.

The Oakwood Team

### Recommended reading... World Book Day Special!

#### Reception

*Stick Man*

Author: Julia Donaldson

Illustrator: Axel Scheffler



#### Key Stage 1

*The Cat in the Hat*

By Dr Seuss



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
By Roald Dahl

#### Upper Key Stage 2

*Northern Lights*

By Philip Pullman

*Witch Wars*

Author: Sibéal Pounder

Illustrator: Laura Ellen



### Learning around Oakwood: Maple

Recently we have been learning about the Romans in English, history and art. To prepare for writing our own Roman myths, we have been reading a collection of myths. Some of our favourite characters, gods and goddesses are Venus, Mars, Perseus, Medusa and Aneas. Myth writing is very descriptive so we have been learning to include similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases in our writing. Here are some similes and metaphors we have written. Can you spot which is a simile and which is a metaphor and why?

*"Vulcan was fiercely angry; his eyes were snake eyes."*

*"His laughter was a lion's roar."*

*"As bright as the sun."*

*"Mars and Venus lay tangled like fish in a net."*

*"His heart beat louder and faster than hail on a house's roof."*

*"She was flesh pale as a winter's morning."*



On Monday, to enrich our learning we went on an educational visit to Verulamium. This was an exciting opportunity to learn how St Albans was shaped by the Romans. We explored the hypocaust and Roman wall, as well as touring around the museum. An exciting part of the day was when we got to carefully hold Roman artefacts. We made sure we were very careful!

### Important dates for your diary...

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	LKS2 Laughology Well-being Workshops in school
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm* and 6pm	Metacognition Workshop for parents (via Zoom)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 4pm – 7pm	Parent consultations
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm – 7pm	Parent consultations

\* please note this is a change to the originally published time

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## Celebration Assembly

Over the last two weeks, the following prizes were awarded to...



'Golden Dustpan and Brush' for the tidiest classroom – Rowan and Maple



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

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



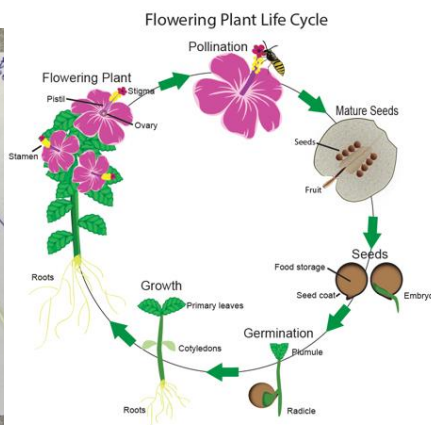
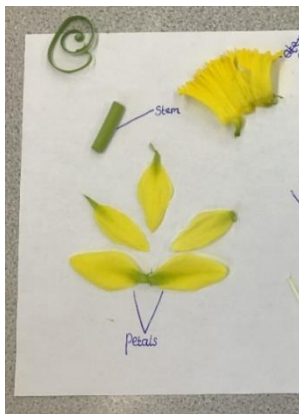
'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are highly valued in our school:

- Ash – Joseph and Rosa
- Beech – Charlotte and Gabriella
- Cherry – Frank and Imogen
- Lime – Elsie and Olivia
- Maple – Oxley and Arya
- Poplar – Noah and Olivia
- Rowan – William and Sienna
- Sycamore – Jasmine and Elizabeth
- Willow – Mia and Alexander



## Learning around Oakwood: Sycamore

This half term, Sycamore have been learning about the life cycle of plants. We studied how pollinators such as bees transfer the pollen from one plant to another, which enables fertilisation and the production of seeds.



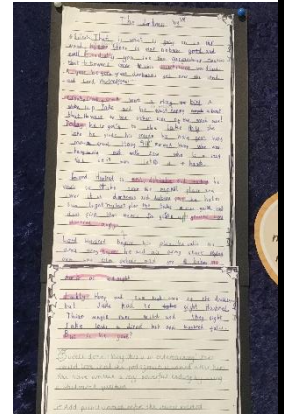
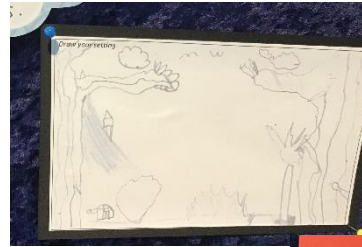
We used a paint brush to try and pollinate some flowers, dissected a flower to study the different parts and created our own video explaining how the life cycle of flowering plants works. We learned lots of new vocabulary and became excellent teachers!

## Work of the week!

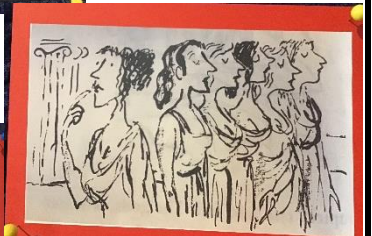
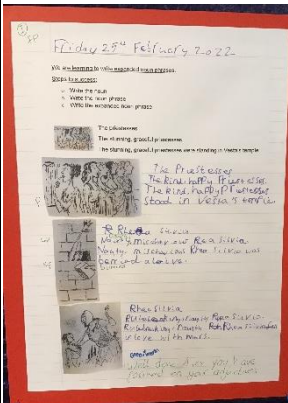
Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall.

### Harry in Maple

Maple class have been learning the technical terms for hero and villain in stories: protagonist and antagonist. The class drew sketches to visualise settings to aid the descriptive writing. Harry wrote an entertaining story and used a rhetorical question to make the ending powerful.



### Alex in Lime



Lime class have been exploring different Roman myths and have used pictures from a Roman myth collection to inspire their writing.

Alex has expanded his nouns using 2A sentences (using two interesting adjectives). This helps to conjure up an image or to describe what someone or something is doing.

Alex has also showed impressive editing skills by identifying and correcting spelling mistakes in his work.

**Well done Harry and Alex!**

## Staffing Update

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March we will be saying farewell to Miss Rawlings who is leaving us to become a midwife. We wish her all the best in this exciting new journey. We are pleased to announce that Miss Dawson will be joining the EYFS team. We have also welcomed Mrs Protsyuk in KS1 and will be welcoming Mrs Kireeva in KS1 and Mrs Jordan in KS2 later this term.

**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!**

