

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks we have been talking about kindness as part of the Anti-bullying week theme 'One Kind Word'. Ms Buckley introduced Anti-bullying week with an online assembly for the whole school, and classes took part in a range of activities.

Read on to find out about what else we have been learning!

Remember we have an occasional day on Monday so school will be closed – we hope you enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing pupils back on Tuesday!

The Oakwood Team

Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge. We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books!

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

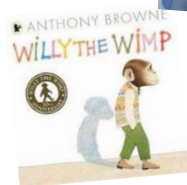
Reception

Topsy and Tim – Safety First
By Jean and Gareth Adamson



Key Stage 1

Willy the Wimp
By Anthony Browne



Lower Key Stage 2

Me and Mister P: Joe's New World
by Maria Farrer



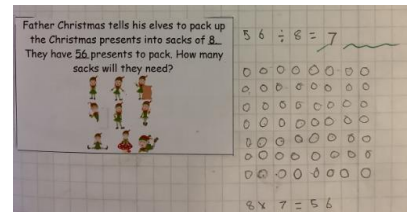
Upper Key Stage 2

Wonder by RJ Palacio

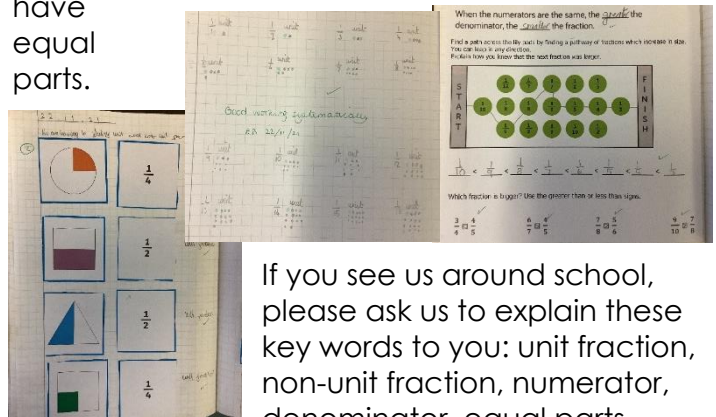


Learning around Oakwood: Maple

In Maple Class, maths is one of our favourite subjects. Recently, we applied our division knowledge to word problems. We used RUCSAC to sequence our problem solving, with a particular focus on checking our answer using a different strategy. Can you see two strategies for solving division calculations in our work?



We have started our new maths unit, which is fractions. So far, we have learnt what a unit and non-unit fraction is, fractions of shapes and writing fractions in order. What Maple Class have been successful in is working systematically. Working systematically means working in a logical order to make sure you do not miss something. We have also developed our skill of drawing fractions as bars which must have equal parts.



If you see us around school, please ask us to explain these key words to you: unit fraction, non-unit fraction, numerator, denominator, equal parts.

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 29th November	Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 3rd December	Year 5 & 6 visit to Silverstone Museum
Friday 3rd December	Acorns visit to St Paul's church
Monday 6th December	Non-uniform day for PTA £2 Room donations

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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 - Willow and Sycamore



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



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

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

Ash – Olivia

Beech – Keir, Johnny and Xanthe

Cherry – Orestis, Emily and Evie

Lime – Hamish and Ishan

Maple – Harry S and Megan

Poplar – Ted and Zara

Rowan – Ellen and Henry L

Sycamore – Dani and Issy

Willow – Ameera and George

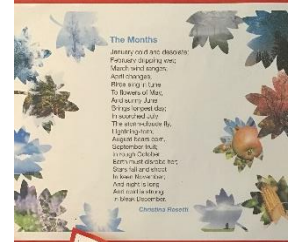
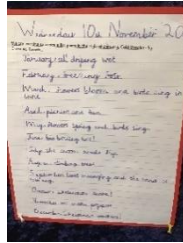


Work of the week!

Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. When restriction have eased, we would encourage you to come and have a look.

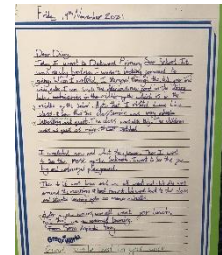
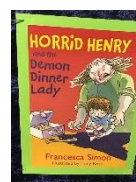
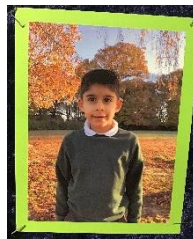
Eva in Cherry Class

Cherry Class have been reading, discussing and ordering the list poem 'The Months' by Christina Rossetti. Cherry class then wrote their own list poems. Eva worked really hard to present her poem neatly, to use appropriate vocabulary and to give an impression of the changes that happen throughout the year.



Ishan in Lime Class

Lime Class have been exploring the books by Francesca Simon, noticing how she uses different vocabulary to portray a scene that the reader can visualise. The class have written a diary extract from the viewpoint of Horrid Henry visiting Oakwood school. Ishan has worked really hard to present his work neatly and has included many of the features of a diary extract within his work.



**Well done
Eva and
Ishan!**

Learning around Oakwood: Willow

As part of our PSHE learning, UKS2 were visited by the police to talk about how to keep ourselves and others safe online. The children were reminded that they are responsible for their actions when using their games or telephones. The best rule is if they would not like their parents, carers or teacher seeing what they have written or photos they are sending, then they should not write it. They were also reminded of the ages children have to be before getting accounts on social media – if you have to lie about your age then you should not be doing it!

Our learning in UKS2 has been based around the Second World War and this week we were lucky to be joined by a local volunteer, Stephen Potter, from St Albans Museum who talked to us about life in St Albans during the war. Did you know that the population at the beginning of the war was just 40,000 yet St Albans housed 12,000 evacuees from London? Ask your children where the local shelters were during an air raid? What was the Morrisons building used for? How many bombs were dropped on St Albans and where? (One was very local in Beaumont Avenue). Where were the local land girls housed? How did the evacuees fit into the schools? What happened to all the gardens during the war?



In art we looked at the effects of lines in drawings and paintings. We looked at the stained glass window in Coventry Cathedral and discussed how the window was a symbol of hope. Then using tissue paper and glue we created our own images of hope.



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!