

Oakwood Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, pupils discussed climate change as world leaders met in Glasgow for COP26. This week, pupils have been thinking about Remembrance Day, which was commemorated in Key Stage assemblies across the school yesterday. Pupils have created some beautiful and thought-provoking work linked to Remembrance Day.

All this has been alongside the day-to-day school curriculum, so you can see it has been another busy fortnight of learning!

Have a great weekend.

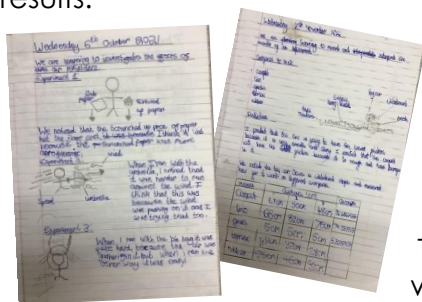
The Oakwood Team

Learning around Oakwood: Sycamore

In Sycamore Class, we have been learning a lot about Forces. This has included investigations into air resistance using falling cupcake cases, wind resistance with umbrellas and friction using jelly and chopsticks and testing different surfaces with toy cars.



The main skills that we have developed are creating fair tests and understanding how different variables can be manipulated to test our hypotheses. We have also worked on recording accurate results and analysing these results.



We look forward to expanding this learning further on our UKS2 trip to Silverstone Race Track in a few weeks.

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

Benjamin Zephaniah's Nature Trail

Author: Benjamin

Illustrator: Nila Aye



Key Stage 1

Binny's Diwali

By Thirty Umrigar



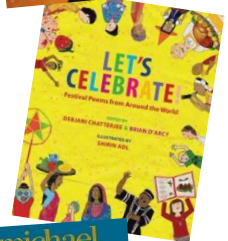
Lower Key Stage 2

Let's Celebrate! Festival poems from around the world

Edited by Debjani Chatterjee &

Brian D'Arcy

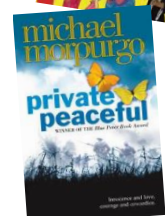
Illustrated by Shirin Adl



Upper Key Stage 2

Private Peaceful by Michael

Morpurgo



Important dates for your diary...

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| Monday 15th November | Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week |
| Monday 22nd November | Lancaster Model for Year 6 pupils (School Nursing Team) |
| Thursday 25th November | 6.00pm - Reception September 2022 admissions talk (online) |
| Monday 29th November | Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED |

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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 – Poplar and Maple

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



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

'Golden Knife and Fork' for the best manners in the hall at lunchtime - Rowan, Acorns 1 and Acorns 2



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

Ash – Anaya and Kaiya
Beech – Joseph
Cherry – Jacob
Lime – Suzy, Jessica and Orli
Maple – Dylan R and Dylan S
Poplar – Henry and Rakshanti
Rowan – Charis and Henry H
Sycamore – Darcy and Anna
Willow – Mila and Paloma



Half-term climb

During half-term, Dylan in Maple Class climbed Ben Nevis. It was really tough and the conditions were harsh, as Dylan encountered rain, hail and driving snow on the way to the summit. Dylan showed excellent resilience; he never gave up and kept going until he reached the top. Well done Dylan!

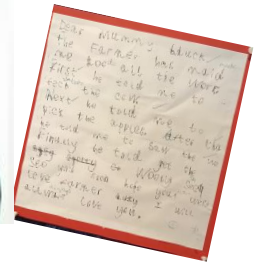
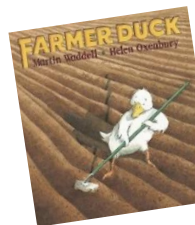


Work of the week!

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

Henry in Ash Class

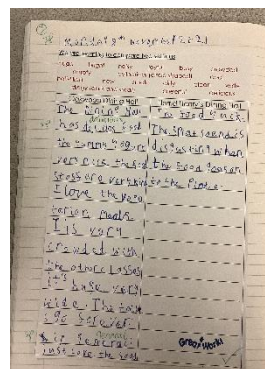
Ash class wrote letters recounting events, based on the book 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell. Henry made sure he started his letter with 'Dear' and wrote from the duck's point of view. He included the time words 'first', 'next' and 'finally' to sequence his ideas.



Well done Henry!

Learning around Oakwood: Lime

Lime Class have been learning about Diwali and Ishan brought in a book from home that he shared with the class. He explained all about why he celebrates Diwali and what he does to celebrate. The children decorated Rangoli patterns which Ishan brought in for the children to complete.



This week we have been exploring Horrid Henry and how Francesca Simon used different writing techniques to create a scene for the reader of her book. We have been looking at improving an extract of work and making the extract more interesting by adding in interesting adjectives and similes. The children have enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between Horrid Henry's school and Oakwood Primary School.

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!