

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a long and busy half-term! Thank you so much for all of your support over the last seven weeks.

This week, it was uplifting to bring the whole school together for our outside Harvest Assembly. We talked about where food such as bread and fruit comes from, and how important it is to be thankful for our food. Thank you for your incredibly generous food donations which have now been collected by St Albans Foodbank. You have also raised a fantastic £280 which will also go to St Albans Foodbank.

We hope you have a thoroughly restful and enjoyable half-term break!

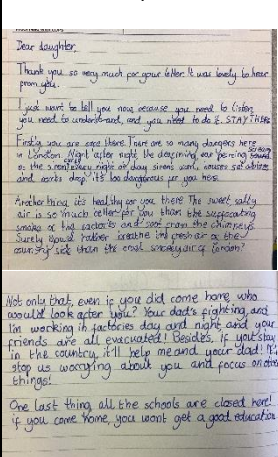
The Oakwood Team

### Learning around Oakwood: Rowan

This half-term, Rowan Class have been really busy learning about life in the Second World War. We learned all about dazzle camouflage where artists used their knowledge of pattern and line to disguise the shape of the ships crossing the Atlantic. We also looked at the work of the war time



photographer Herbert Mason and produced some silhouette pictures of London in the Blitz.



In English, we have been writing persuasive letters, imagining that we were having to persuade our child to stay safe in the countryside away from the bombing. This week, we enjoyed a great day out to the Lincolnsfield Second World War centre in Bushey where we spent a day living the life of an evacuee.

### 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!

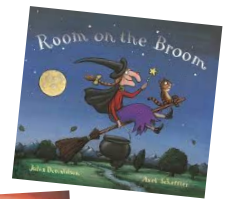
Libraries are now open following lockdown. Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

#### Reception

*Room on the Broom*

Author: Julia Donaldson

Illustrator: Axel Sheffler



#### Key Stage 1

*Pumpkin Soup*

By Helen Cooper



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*The Worst Witch*

By Jill Murphy



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*The Golden Acorn*

by Catherine Cooper



### Important dates for your diary...

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half term SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Nasal flu immunisations</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>6pm - Acorns parents' phonics meeting (via Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 visit to St Albans Abbey</b>

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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 Lime



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

We also have a new award: the Golden Knife and Fork which is awarded to the class who show the best manners in the hall at lunchtime.



Well done to Rowan class and Acorns 2 for being the first winners of this award!

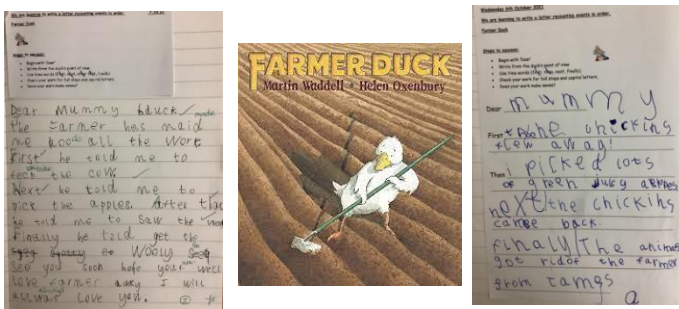
'Person of the Week' for demonstrating values which are highly valued in our school:

Ash – Isabella and Jolie  
 Beech – Humayra and Reham  
 Cherry – Seren and Olivia  
 Lime – Amber and Cameron  
 Maple – Jehaan and Bethany  
 Poplar – Iona and Theo  
 Rowan – Liliana and Emma  
 Sycamore – Oliver and Peggy  
 Willow – Lukas and Izzy



## Learning around Oakwood: Ash

In Ash class we have been exploring the story Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury. It's the story of a lazy farmer who makes the duck do all of the work on his farm. Our English focus has been on sequencing the story, predicting events and using sequential language (with actions!) to describe and retell events. We have learned to identify and use adjectives, nouns and verbs. The children particularly enjoyed using Miss Stubbs 'magic glitter' to turn themselves into a character from the story so we could ask them questions. We have even written a letter to Farmer Duck's mum, telling her everything that has happened!

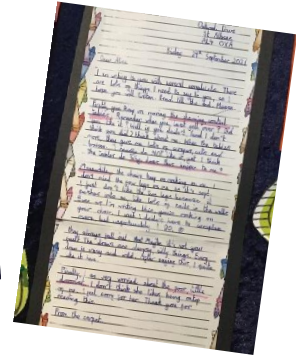


## Work of the week!

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.

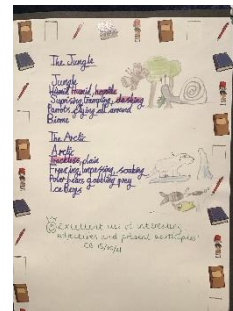
### Alice in Poplar Class

Poplar class have been writing letters of complaint from the perspective of their classroom equipment. Alice's letter expresses the concerns and emotions of the carpet. She has written in the first person and has included informative features of a letter such as paragraphs, prepositional phrases and rhetorical questions.



### William in Maple Class

For the last two weeks, Maple class have been performing and writing poetry, as we were inspired by National Poetry Day 2021. William chose to write his poem about three habitats: the jungle, the Arctic and the ocean. What makes William's poem special is his use of interesting adjectives, like humid, hostile and endless. Moreover, he has used interesting present participles.



Well done Alice and William!

## Diwali Display at St Albans Museum

Congratulations to Aditri from Maple class who is participating in a Diwali display at St Albans museum in early November, where her Diwali painting will be on view.



We wish all our families blessings in any festivals they will be celebrating over the half-term and the next few weeks.

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!