

### Headteacher's Update

#### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break and that you are enjoying the sunshine. I am looking forward to seeing the children back enjoying their learning as the term goes on and as we all gradually return to some of our usual routines!

The one-way drop off system has been a real success and I am grateful for your support regarding the changes. Once we enter the further lifting of the restrictions, we can continue to resume further aspects of normality.

Also, the news over the last few weeks has been very encouraging, with cases of COVID continuing to fall. I am really hopeful that as the Summer Term progresses, we will see a gradual easing of more of the restrictions, both socially and in school. However, until then, we must all remain vigilant to ensure that the positive trajectory continues over the coming weeks and so that children can remain in school.



#### Safety in School

We are continuing to remind the children to wash and sanitise their hands when they come in and out of the building or move around the school. Please do make sure you continue to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child and that you avoid standing around chatting to other parents outside the school gates. Children should continue to wear their PE kit to school on their PE Days.

## Stars of the Week

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| <b>Ash Class</b>      | Colby for having a really good week with his Maths activities.   | <b>Maple Class</b> | William for his excellent contribution during group work.                                                        |
| <b>Elm Class</b>      | Emilia for trying hard with her reading.                         | <b>Rowan Class</b> | Filip for star of the week for being very engaged and willing to answer lots of questions in all lessons         |
| <b>Cherry Class</b>   | Josie for her hard work in phonics.                              | <b>Pine Class</b>  | Iris for her outstanding attitude towards her work.                                                              |
| <b>Willow Class</b>   | Chase for being kind to others and working really hard in class. | <b>Oak Class</b>   | Felicity for working hard and helping others.                                                                    |
| <b>Sycamore Class</b> | Archie for an outstanding effort in everything this week.        | <b>Hazel Class</b> | Kieran for working really hard and asking for help when he needs it                                              |
|                       |                                                                  | <b>Beech Class</b> | Dexter for an amazing return to school after Easter and a pleasing start to his work, especially with his Maths. |

# Class News

## Ash Class

### JASPER'S BEANSTALK



Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen

We have all settled in nicely back at school in Ash class! We have read the story 'Jaspers Beanstalk' and are learning what a plant needs in order to grow. We are planting our own beans and can't wait to see them grow over the next few weeks.

## Elm Class

Elm class have listened to Jasper's Beanstalk and planted beans this week. We are learning about what they need to grow.....and waiting!

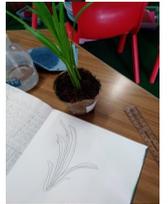
## Cherry Class

This week we have been listening to a Percy the Park Keeper story called 'The Rescue party'. We have been trying really hard to show our teachers how amazing we are at writing. Our focus is to press our turbo button and write as much as we can. We have designed our blankets ready to sew next week! We have enjoyed lots of outside learning and enjoying the nice weather! In PE we practised travelling in different ways including, walking, jogging, skipping, running and sprinting.



Things have been a little bit twisted this week in Sycamore Class - we've been looking at tradition tales with a twist! We've been writing letters, from 'Just the one bear', to Goldilocks, apologising for eating cat biscuits, sitting on a cactus and trying to have a sleep in the bath! 2, 4, 6, 8, what do we appreciate? Learning our times tables! This week multiplication has been the name of the game and we've learnt about arrays, grouping and times tables! Parents - any practise on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables would be really useful. Youtube has some fantastic videos! We've also been observing our plants and how they've grown, looking at Georgia O'Keeffe in art and the power of yet in metacognition!

## Sycamore Class



I can't run fast but I can try every day

## Willow Class

What an absolutely wonderful start to Term 5! Willow Class have been learning about traditional and modern fairy tales by reading Goldilocks and Just The One Bear. We have then been using Venn diagrams to compare the features with Goldilocks and the Three Bears! In maths we have been learning to count efficiently using 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Finally, in art, we have begun learning about the American Artist Georgia O'Keeffe and we're really looking forward to creating artwork in a similar style later in the term.



## Maple Class

Maple class have had a great first week back - we're especially excited to have Mrs Baker back with us 😊. Our Geography this term is to compare Wiltshire to California; in science we're learning about flowering plants so have planted some beans and peas which we hope will grow over the next few weeks. We also have some other fruit and vegetables to plant next week. PE this term stays as a Tuesday and Wednesday and we will be doing some athletics and tennis.



What a wonderful week we have had in Pine class. We started this term with a fantastic dress up day and creating our very own 'loot maps', 'wanted posters' and we learnt how to speak just like pirates.

Additionally, in English we have been looking at 'The Great Kapok Tree' and creating our very own magical trees. In Maths we have been working on our place value and rounding to the nearest 10 and 100.

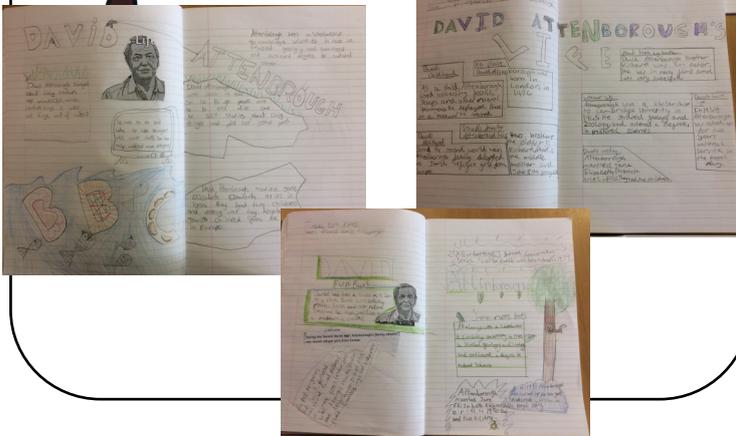
This term we are really looking forward to PE because we have Cricket and Athletics. We have enjoyed it this week and can not wait till next week.



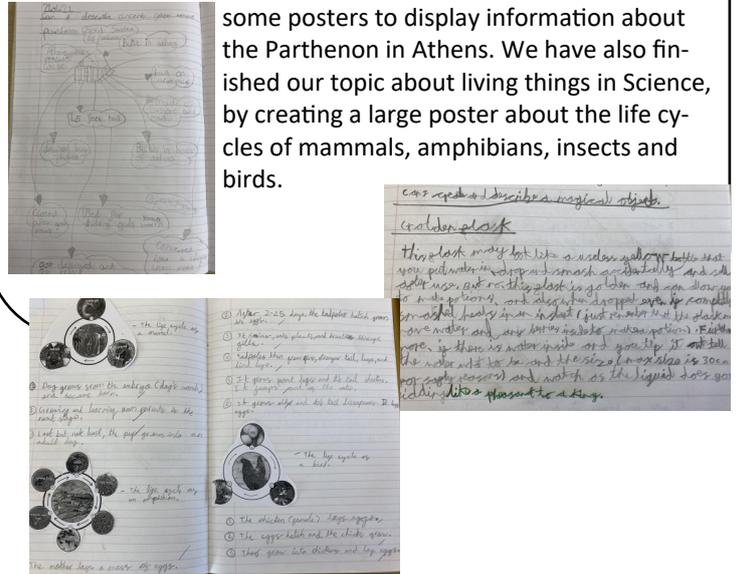
This week in Rowan class we've read 2 legends about Saint George and the Dragon and The Beast with 1000 Teeth. We've talked about the characters and how both stories have a hero who solves a problem. In maths we've done lots of fractions and decimal work with tenths, we've learnt about the features of the parts of plants, and we've located countries in North America and the UK on a map.



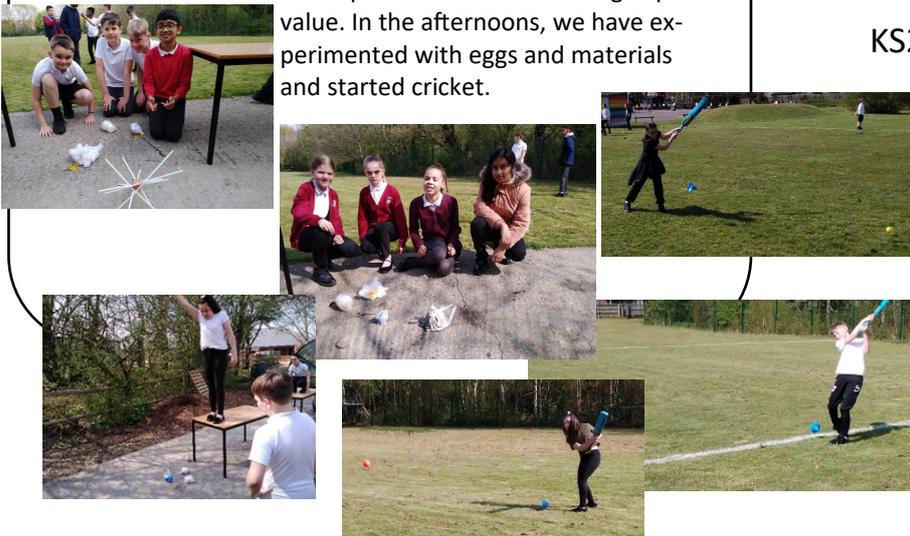
In science, Oak Class have been learning all about the life of David Attenborough. We have created non-fiction texts all about him. They all looked great, and the children worked so hard!



Hazel class have been finishing off most of our topics this week. We have learnt a range of Ancient Greek Myths and created our own magical objects; including the cupboard under the stairs, the magic fishing pole and the magical bed! We have also learnt about life and religion in Ancient Greece and created some posters to display information about the Parthenon in Athens. We have also finished our topic about living things in Science, by creating a large poster about the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.



This week, we have started our new novel - Journey to the River Sea - in English. It is a story about a girl called Maia, who is orphan. One day they find she has relatives, in the Amazon. So she is going to move there from London. In maths we have been developing the depth of our understanding in place value. In the afternoons, we have experimented with eggs and materials and started cricket.



## Reminder...

KS2 Parents Evening take place on

**Tues 27th & Thurs 29th.**

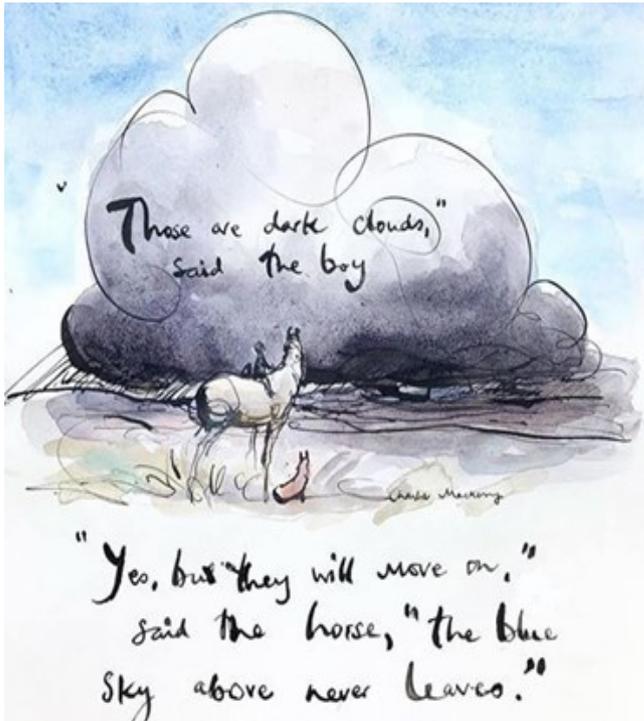
Please remember these will take place on **TEAMS** unless you have already agreed with the Teacher for an alternative.

Please call the Office asap if you require any help with Teams.

# IN OTHER NEWS....

## Assembly this week and Wellbeing Tip

The Monday Assembly was a reflection on what had happened in the world since we broke up on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Sadly, some things can be planned for, but many aspects of life catch us 'unaware when we least expect it'.



Therefore, the well-being tip and message to all is: 'Live in the Present' rather than dwelling on the past or being anxious about the future. The best thing for our mental health is to focus on the here and now. Sometimes we get stuck in the past or are preoccupied by problems that might occur in the future, which can lead us to experience anxiety and low mood. If we can appreciate what we have now, let go of the past, and focus on solving rather than worrying about things that haven't happened yet, this can increase our happiness and improve our wellbeing.

## Premier Sports clubs

After School Sports clubs will re-start from Monday next week (26th April).

These will run for 5 weeks.

Monday – Cricket 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6

Wednesday – Football 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4

Thursday – Tennis 3:20-4:15 Year 1 & 2



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