

Headteacher's Update

2020 has been a very difficult year in so many ways. We have suffered with uncertainty, anxiety, isolation and challenges with our financial situation, health or relationships. One thing that can hold us together and help us get through is **kindness**. Although we can't change the current situation, we can choose to respond to others (and ourselves) with kindness. Our December Kindness Calendar is attached to this Newsletter for you to look through.

I can't believe that it is going to be December next week and the days are flying by. The work on the roof is rapidly taking shape and the new tiles have started to be fitted.

Assembly

Our Assemblies this week looked at the true story of the man who moved a mountain, which is a glimpse of how the power of daily effort can accomplish something momentous. Dashrath Manjhi carved a canyon through the rocky spine of the Gehlaur hills. The passage he carved was 360 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 25 feet high.



He was a landless labourer who had to trek across an entire mountain every day, just to reach the farm that he worked on. It was a treacherous trek, and led to accidents often. One day he decided, if no one would help his people, he would. Then, without pausing for a thought, he went ahead and did just that with his bare hands. After 22 years of missing hardly a day on the project, he finished moving the mountain.



Celebrating Success

On Thursday, during my meeting with the Chair of Governors, Miss Watson brought down two children who wanted to share their 'Just So' stories. One of the stories was about a giraffe called 'Bob' (who was named after Mr Barrett) who had a long neck. The other story was a detailed adventure about a leafy sea dragon creature. Spending time with the children and celebrating their many successes is one of the many highlights of being the Headteacher 😊

Attendance this week was 96.1%. Well done everyone!

Santa-grams

The children have been spreading some Christmas cheer this week and have written cards, jokes and letters which are going to be quarantined and then sent to people in care homes over the Christmas period.



Stars of the Week

Ash Class Bluey for having a good attitude to learning this week.

Maple Class Lacey for amazing reading and trying hard at everything she does.

Elm Class Ollie for trying his best in phonics

Rowan Class Nursel for super focus and writing up of her explanation

Cherry Class Isabelle for trying really hard with my Maths . A fantastic attitude!

Pine Class Taliyah for her incredible improvement in all subjects

Willow Class Caitlyn for always having a fantastic attitude to learning.

Oak Class Miia for always being kind and helpful to others.

Sycamore Class Tymon for super effort in his maths and his recipe writing.

Hazel Class Ellie for always trying really hard, always putting her hand up & always being really enthusiastic.

Beech Class Ruby for being an amazing pupil, kindly helping others and showing the perfect work ethic. A superstar!!!

Class News

Ash Class

We have been reading 'Stickman' this week and have been doing many stick activities such as threading on sticks, creating our own Stickmen/ladies and building stick hedgehogs..... What floats? sticks? stones? feathers? We also enjoyed the bus game

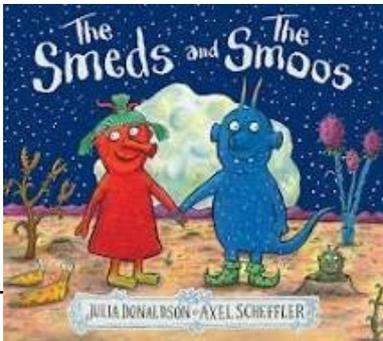


Elm Class



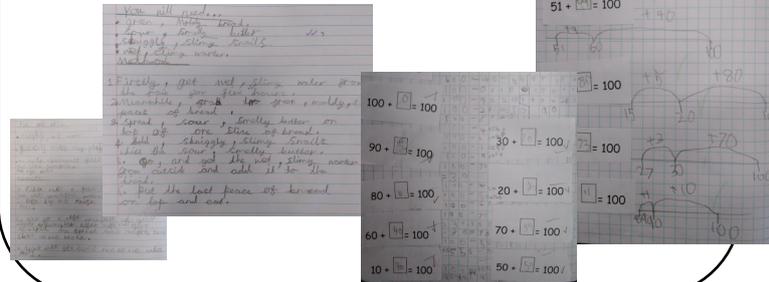
Cherry Class

Our story this week is 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. We have designed our new characters and planets for the story. This week in Maths we have been subtracting numbers by counting backwards on a number line. As always Mrs Blewett is very proud of us!!!



Sycamore Class

This week Sycamore class have been looking at instruction writing and have been writing recipes for disgusting sandwiches. In maths we have looked at using our bonds to 10 to make bonds to 100. We have also been looking at how sound waves travel along string for science and literacy.



Willow Class

In science we have been planning an experiment to grow our own rainbows! We had to use imperative verbs and time words to sequence our instructions. In maths we have been working on coin recognition and finding the totals of coins.

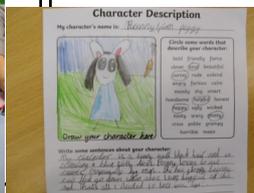
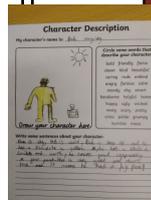


Maple Class

Maple class have been busy this week starting to look at character descriptions and setting descriptions. We've looked at the features of each and have written our own character descriptions; by the time you read this we will also have written a setting description.

In maths we're coming to the end of looking at times tables and will be starting to look at perimeter and revisiting addition and subtraction.

Our metacognition this term is about 'keep on trying when things get tricky' so we've been trying to make origami butterflies - we've made one each day to see if we get better.



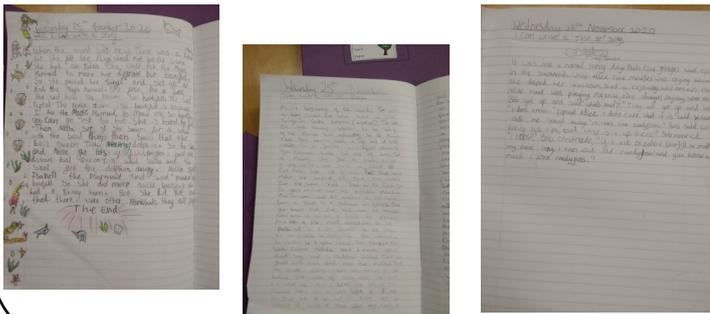
This week we have been having a lot of fun. In guided reading we have been looking at different scenes within our story 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We even got to act some of the scenes out to the whole class which was amazing. In Maths we have been working on our times table knowledge which we know as a whole we need to practise a bit more but we are enjoying the games that we play. Bullying has been a big focus for us this term to understand all the participants and how to identify if someone is being bullied.



In Rowan class this week we've been finishing off our explanations using the book 'The Street Beneath Our Feet'. We've talked about rocks, soils, minerals, alliteration, repetition, adverbial phrases and more! We travelled all the way into the extremely fiery core of the earth. We started making our own volcanoes too which is very exciting! We can't wait to watch them fizz and erupt next week!



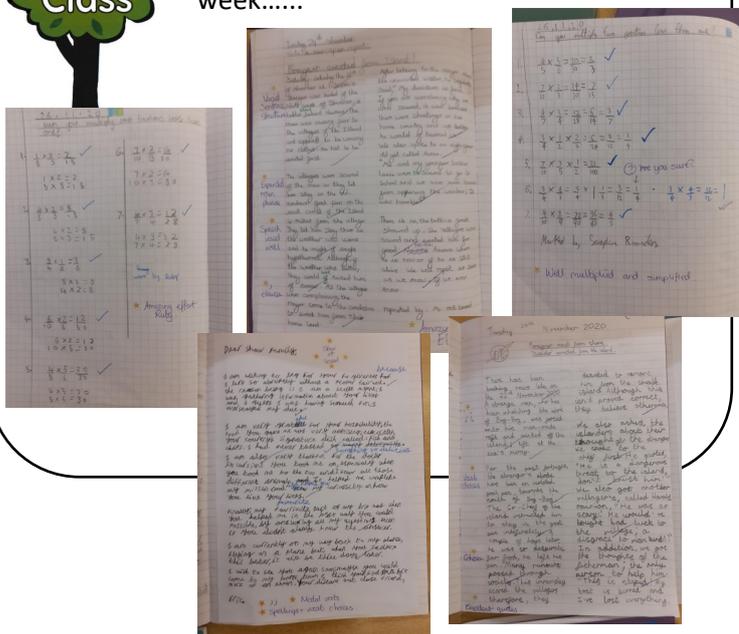
Oak class have been writing their own 'Just So' stories in the style of Rudyard Kipling. The children have really enjoyed writing them and Miss Watson is looking forward to reading them (although it is probably going to take her all weekend to do so).



Hazel class have been focusing on squared and cubed numbers this week in maths. Mia and Ashley have created a rather impressive cube that demonstrates 5 cubed (125cubes in total)! In English, we have written newspaper reports about Mowgli's return to the human village in 'The Jungle Book'. We have created our own friendship octopuses, who each have 8 characteristics of a good friend. The helicopter was definitely one of the most exciting moments of our week!



Beech class have been very focused and have produced some great work this week.....



And Finally...

We had an Air Ambulance land on our field this week ...

