



Headteacher's Update

January 21 was a tough month all round. The staff are really missing all the daily interactions which makes life in a busy school so rewarding. A pat on the back to the whole school community for getting through it. These very dark and challenging times will pass, so try not to lose hope.

Lockdown Extended

Recently, the Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national Public Health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

Ultimately, this means that we will continue with the remote learning and school provision for our key worker and vulnerable pupils until we have a further update from the Government. Our pupils are working so hard to complete their home learning and we are aware that their parents and carers are supporting the home learning whilst juggling work and other commitments at home.

SCHOOLS REOPEN



HALF TERM DFE Update

The DFE have now confirmed that schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. Just to remind you that we have a Training Day on Monday 22nd February, so the school will not be open for the pupils and there will not be any remote learning.

9th February – Safer Internet Day



Next week on the 9th February is the UK, Safer Internet Day which explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan:

Together for a better internet.

Due to the amount of time the children are now spending online to access 'remote learning' accessing the internet safely is of even more importance.

Helping children to sleep well

I am aware that many parents are struggling with their child's sleep during lockdown Please find below four videos to help parents support their children to get a better night's sleep. The videos are all relatively short (between 7 and 12 mins long), and are all live on YouTube – links below.

Parts 1 - 3 are directed for the parents of primary school aged children

Part 4 is about supporting adolescents with sleep.

Part 1 link - <https://youtu.be/Xm3-tMDymtA>

Part 2 link - https://youtu.be/_itInF1xgU

Part 3 link - <https://youtu.be/9U8SCH1272w>

Part 4 link - <https://youtu.be/OKJNTNuu0JO>



Stars of the Week

Ash Class

Lincoln for trying really hard with his learning at home even when he doesn't want to

Maple Class

Nikola for working hard at everything she does and producing excellent work.

Elm Class

Alex M for completing all of his home learning activities and singing our days of the week song really well.

Rowan Class

Victoria for a brilliant effort in all of her online learning.

Cherry Class

Isabelle for her enthusiastic attitude to learning.

Pine Class

Theo for his outstanding attitude and commitment to his work whilst being at home on teams.

Willow Class

Ferne for always sharing her fantastic personality and sense of humour with the class!

Oak Class

Delpreet for working so hard with fractions this week and for reading beautifully.

Sycamore Class

Ela for being a model pupil with outstanding behaviour and impeccable manners, who always tries her hardest with all of her work.

Hazel Class

Logan T - for working hard to produce some good pieces of work over the past few weeks.

Beech Class

Isaac B - for great participation in all sessions and producing some good quality work.

Class News

Ash Class

This week Elm class have been having lots of alien adventures in space and playing addition games in maths.



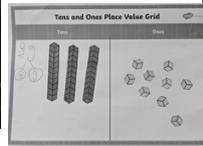
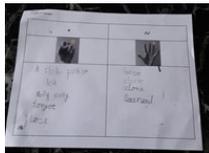
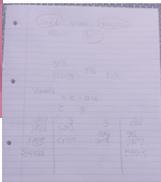
In Ash class this week, we have continued with our space theme. The children have designed and created their own aliens and have built a space rocket. We have used these to create our own stories too.



Elm Class

Cherry Class

Cherry class have been working hard this week! We have been practising our excellent phonics skills and finding alternative sounds in words. In English we have started to 'mix up' the Traditional stories that we have been listening to, ready to start writing our own stories next week! In Maths we have been partitioning numbers to 50. Our teachers have been very impressed with how hard we have been working!



This week Sycamore Class have continued looking at George and the Dragon and have thought about what animals their dragons might be scared of, which included frogs, pandas and even the children and their stinky feet! In Maths we've been learning about Tally charts and in school we have done a walk and made a tally chart of all of the trees, birds, benches and hills we can see in our school grounds. In Computing we have continued to learn about binary trees and answering simple yes/no questions for databases. We have worked incredibly hard this week and made our teachers very proud.

Sycamore Class



Willow Class

It's been another very busy week in Willow class! We have continued our work on data handling in maths. We have looked more at pictograms and have begun looking at block diagrams too. In Science we have been investigating slope steepness on how far and fast a toy vehicle may travel. We really enjoyed this science activity in school and at home! For RE we have been learning about Shabbat and what happens in Jewish homes in preparation for this.



Maple Class

This week Maple class have produced some excellent designs for their own roundhouses - I'm really looking forward to seeing photos of them when they are made next week. We've been reading a spooky story and I hope everyone's looking forward to finding out what happens next week. We're also looking forward to Mrs O'Daly's PE challenge as we're really hoping we win.

