



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families remain well and are managing with home schooling. You are doing an amazing job and remember what we've said before, do what you can but don't put any added pressures on yourselves. If things can't get done, don't worry. As long as you are happy at home, that is all that matters - we appreciate how hard it is to be juggling work, family and home learning.

All the children have received Teams calls with their teacher, which I hope they enjoyed.
School feels very strange at the moment and I have to admit, it is far too quiet!

Keep safe and keep in touch. Say hi to all the children from all of us. A big well done from me, to all the children and to you parents, for all your hard work.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill, Head teacher



If I've learned
anything from life,

it's that sometimes, the darkest times
can bring us to the brightest places...
I've learned that no matter how
powerless we feel or how horrible
things seem, we can't give up.
We have to keep going. Even when
it's scary, even when all of our
strength seems gone, we have to
keep picking ourselves back up
and moving forward, because
whatever we're battling in the
moment, it will pass, and we will
make it through. We've made
it this far. We can make it
through whatever comes next.

—Daniell Kopeke



CLASS EMAILS ADDRESSES

In order to provide a bit more personal contact we have class emails where pupils will be able to communicate directly with classes and share some of the work they have been doing. We will also be able to communicate messages or tips through the emails. These emails are primarily to share all the brilliant learning going on at home, however if you have any queries or concerns please use this channel to contact us. We will endeavour to respond within school working hours as soon as we are able to.

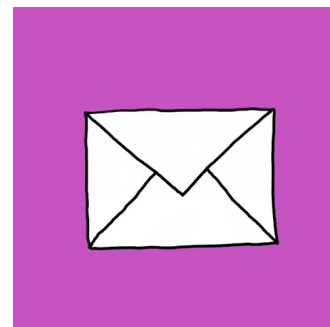
Ash + Willow - [Via Tapestry](#)

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Silver Birch - silverbirch@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

Beech - beech@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

Elm - elm@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk



Year 1 Book Recommendation

We have been reading *The Trouble With Dragons* by Debi Gliori

The world is populated by some beastly dragons who care nothing for how much they pollute the oceans, chop down the trees, gobble up all the food and use everything up without stopping to think. This book is filled with beautiful pictures, full of colour and detail to discuss with your family.

The party was a
good end **Darcey**

When they tidied
up, it felt fantastic
Ciana

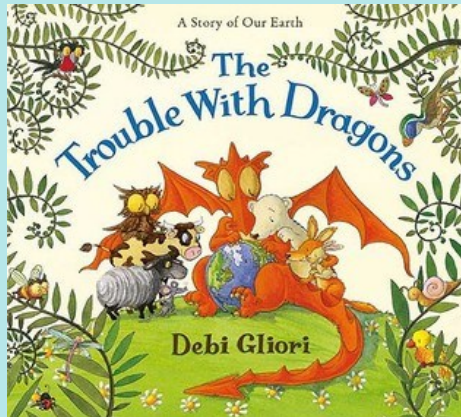
I liked it when the
animals said, 'Stop
chopping down the
trees' and I liked the
lights that look like
eyes
Bronwen

The part with the fire
was exciting **Isaac**

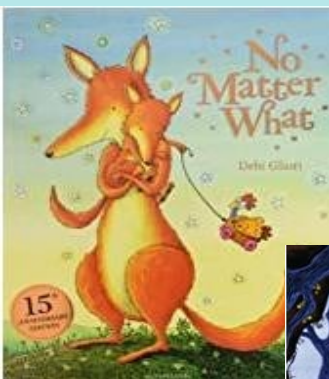
I liked the polar
bears with Santa and
the bright colours
Theo

I was happy
when the
dragons said,
'Sorry' **Lache**

My favourite part
was when they said
to the animals,
'Don't go!' **Toby**



Other books by Debi Gliori



MENTAL HEALTH + WELLBEING

Many of us are struggling to maintain our mental wellbeing during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. These pages have tips to help yourself cope, including ways to support yourself during winter.



<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/talk-us-phone/>

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/twinkl-partnerships/mind-partnerships/teacher-wellbeing-during-school-closure-mind-partnerships?utm_source=referral&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=partnerships-ourfrontline

https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wellbeing-week-daily-resources/?fbclid=IwAR23LCrOAX3ehP6E2_gCXKqQkEWJn30-0vQcj_vkVuSYAotWEqtHoG-ZaoE

LOCAL LIBRARIES

Please see the links below for local libraries virtual events.

[Virtual library events | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](#)

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/whats-on-in-our-libraries/>

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Half term: 15 - 19 February 2021

End of term: 31 March 2021 (1:30pm)

Inset Day: 1 April 2021

Summer term starts: 19 April 2021

Bank holiday: 3 May 2021

Half term: 31 May - 4 June 2021

End of term: 20 July 2021 (1:30pm)

Inset Day: 21 July 2021

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a belated birthday to:

Maria in Willow, Iris in Chestnut, Libby T in Ash,
Archie in Willow, Ciana in Chestnut and Alex in Silver Birch.



Many happy returns to:

Lache in Chestnut, Felix in Willow, Ethan in Elm,
Harrison in Chestnut, Theo in Chestnut, Freya in Ash,
Amelia in Willow and Libby W in Ash.

CONTACT US

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GOVERNING BODY

The governing body is a committee that is in place to steer the school's strategic direction and to make sure that the school remains accountable. If you have a concern about your child, normally it is best to speak to their teacher or Mrs O'Neill first as they know them well and will probably be able to deal with it quickly. However, do get in touch if you feel this isn't working or you have other things you wish to discuss - we are happy to hear from you! Thank you. Chris Rossiter (Chair of Governors)
governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

Or via the school office

If you have any feedback about our newsletter please email

admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk