



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

The past few weeks have felt the most intense and chaotic time, with Covid and illness impacting so widely on our whole school community. I cannot thank the staff enough for their flexibility, understanding and managing to keep the school open.

On a more positive note, today we supported the NSPCC Number Day which was fantastic. It was brilliant to see so many inventive costumes, well done Oaklands Infants. Thank you to Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux for organising this.

Half-term will soon be upon us so I hope you all have a lovely week.

Mrs H O'Neill

Head Teacher

SOLO LEAF

Children who have received a Solo leaf
(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Ash: Nancy, Conor, Myles and Mia

Willow: Charlie H, Edward, Heart and Zack

Chestnut: Stanley, Isla G, Abigail and Kiran

Silver Birch: Poppy, Malik, Riaan, Emilia and Ruby

Beech: Arthur, Jemima, Abigail and Kian

Elm: Sophia, Lache, Ciana and India

Additional Goldie awards for children around school,
from different members of staff:

Ash - Jenson

Chestnut - Thea

Silver Birch - Luca

Beech - Theo and Arthur



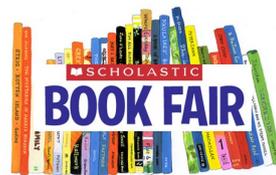
SPRING BOOK FAIR

23 FEBRUARY—4TH MARCH 2022

Celebrate reading books and earn free books for your school! Books start at just £2.99. This will be in the Year 2 library after school all week from 3:10pm.

Coupons and World Book Day vouchers can be used at the Book Fair. These vouchers will be handed out after half term. The voucher entitles you to £1 off the purchase of any book at the book fair.

There will also be 'pocket money' items available to buy, should you wish. The school benefits hugely from the commission generated by these sales (we get 60% off on all sales). At the last book sale this resulted in £614.59 worth of 'free' books to the school. This makes a huge difference to the school's library and topic resources, so all your support is much appreciated.



CHESTNUT CLASS ASSEMBLY

We are pleased to tell you about Chestnut class assembly. This will be held in the hall. **ONE** parent is welcome to come and watch.

Chestnut - 9am, 11 February 2022

Please be aware that it will not be possible to ensure social distancing while you are at this event. We do ask, however, that you wear a mask while in the school hall, LFT beforehand and hand sanitize on entering the school building. The hall will be ventilated as much as possible. If you have any symptoms, please can we ask that you do not attend. Please come through the school office entrance.

GARDEN PAINT DONATION

A Bracknell based company called Boehringer-Ingelheim have very kindly volunteered to do some work around the school site.

They will be on site during March. They will be gardening or outdoor furniture painting or general tidying up after the cold winter months in preparation for our Summer Term.

If you have any spare wood paint— Colour or natural we would be very grateful for the donations.

Please could the school office by email:
admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

COSTUME SWAP

In preparation for this year's World Book Day, we are organising a costume swap on:

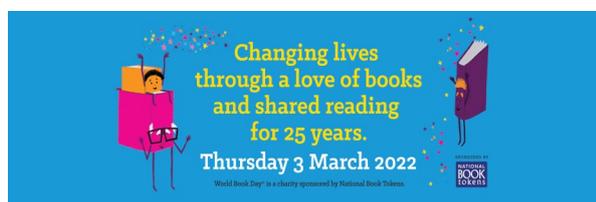
Wednesday 9 February

This will take place after school on the Junior playground weather permitting, or in the hall as a backup.

If you have a costume/s that no longer fits your child, please can they bring it in to school on the Wednesday morning. At the end of the day, once they have met with you, they will then get priority in choosing a new costume before we open up to everyone else.



WORLD BOOK DAY



THURS 3 MARCH 2022 DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We will be celebrating World Book Day 2022 in school with many fun activities that we will share after the event. On **Thursday 3rd March** we would like to encourage the children to dress up as a book character.

LOST KEY

If you recognise this key please come to the school office.



HAIR REMINDER

Please can parents be reminded that hair should be tied up in the classroom and especially for PE.

COVID REMINDER

As a hygiene measure, school remains ventilated as much as possible with doors and windows open throughout the school day. Children are permitted to wear additional layers as school may be colder than normal. Wearing masks when coming onto the school site and social distancing, to protect yourselves, children and staff.

MATHS AND ENGLISH PARENTING WORKSHOPS - NEW DATES

We have needed to postpone our reading and maths parent workshops. More details to follow.

Year 1 reading workshop - Monday 21 March 2022 at 2pm
Maths workshop - Thursday 31 March 2022 at 2pm

PARENTS EVENING

We will be organising parent's evening virtually – please look out for details.

YEAR 1 WINDSOR CASTLE TRIP

The postponed Y1 trip to Windsor Castle will be on Monday 28th February – as long as guidance permits and we have no Covid cases.



<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February.

At Oaklands Infants, we are aware that the internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. It is a wonderful place for children to explore, learn and be creative, but just like the real world, there are risks and dangers that they should be aware of, which we should all act to protect them from. As a school we encourage the use of technology as an important part of the children's development but always want them to spend their time online safely. We can all play a significant part in ensuring this.

The UK Safer Internet Centre offers the following top tips for parents and carers to share and talk about with their young children. It's never too early to talk about life online!

Enjoying all the amazing things there are to do online!

Talk with your child about the games they enjoy playing and the videos they love to watch. Doing these things together is a great way to explore how amazing the internet can be.

Always being kind and respectful to others online.

Explain to your child that being kind and respectful helps make the internet fun and safe for everyone. Yes, even their little brother if he's beating them on their favourite game! This is something you can show them in your own words and actions online too.

Making safe choices.

Your child will have to make lots of choices when they're using technology and the internet, so talk regularly about what they can do to keep themselves safe. This might be keeping personal information like their name or school private and never agreeing to meet up with someone they only know online. The earlier you start these conversations the better equipped your child will be as they grow older.

Remembering that it's okay to say no to people online.

Online friendships can be difficult to manage, but a simple step to help keep your child safe is making sure they know that they are in control. Discuss how they might respond if someone says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remind them that they never have to do something just because an online friend has told them to and that they can come to you for help and advice.

Always telling an adult if anyone or anything online makes you worried, upset or uncomfortable.

The most important thing you can do to support your child online is let them know you're there to support them.

Talk regularly about all the points above, and more! Make sure they know that if anything online makes them worried, upset or uncomfortable, then they can come to you for help – and a hug!



READING NEWS



This week we have been celebrating National Story Telling Week. We have been celebrating this event by every class reading a story remotely via Teams. The books chosen have been carefully selected by teacher or the class because they are a favourite.

The stories read were:

Ash: The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big hungry Bear

Willow Class: Rattletrap Car

Chestnut: Room on a Broom

Silver Birch: The Ravenous Beast

Beech: I Say Ooh, You Say Ahh

Elm: Funny Bones

To continue this celebration at home please look at the link below to view many stories coming to life by people you might know. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/world-book-day/z6nt47h>

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)



What are we reading?



Year 1 Book Recommendation

We have been reading Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss

‘Join the irrepressible Fox in Socks as he teaches a baffled Mr Knox some of the quickest, slickest, tongue twisters in town.’

This story features two main characters, Fox in Socks and Mr Knox. Fox speaks in hilarious rhyming tongue twisters and Mr Knox has a really hard time following Fox’s tongue twisters until the end. We laughed aloud listening to this story and it has become a firm favourite in our classroom!

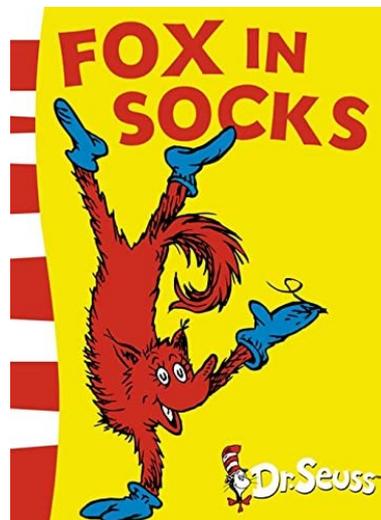
Fox in Socks really makes me laugh - **Alex**

My favourite part is when Fox asks Mr Knox if he would like to chew the gooey blue goo - **Ophelia**

Mr Fox wants to play ‘New socks, two socks, whose socks?’ in the garden - **Chloe**

It is a rhyming story - **Emma**

I like it when Mr Knox pushes Fox into the bottle where the tweetle beetles battle - **Ruby**

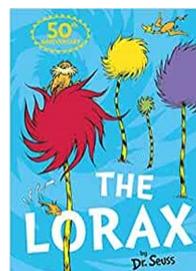
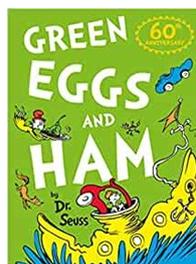
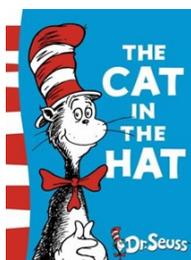


This book is really funny - **Luca**

It is funny when ‘the duck takes licks in lakes Luke Luck likes’ - **Poppy**

Other books by the same author:

Dr. Seuss



Marvellous Maths



What we have been learning this half term – Spring 1

Foundation Stage – Develop fast recognition of objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising'), reciting numbers past 5, linking numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, counting objects, actions and sounds, comparing numbers, recall number bonds for numbers 0-10

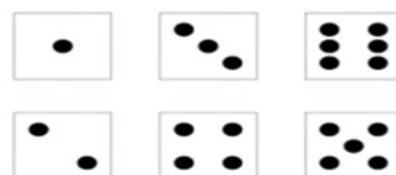
Year 1 – recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes, place value within 20, comparing and ordering numbers. Adding and subtracting numbers by counting on, using number bonds and by making 10.

Year 2 – solving problems using place value, counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10, multiplication using equal groups and arrays.

How to help at home



Subitising

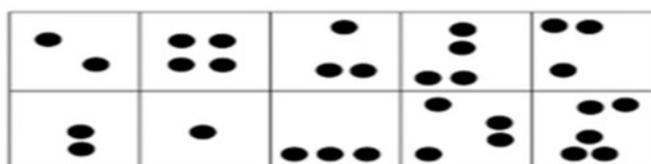


Another great way to help your child get speedy in maths is to practice subitising. Subitising is the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them. Subitising is an essential part of developing number sense and accelerates understanding of addition and subtraction.

How can you help?

Practicing subitizing can be done at home or whilst you are out and about. You can subitise anything. How many rocks? How many ducks can we see? You can use dice, cards, play board games, watch subitising rocks on you tube and other great musical maths. The Numbots app is also a great way to practice subitising!

Give it a go!



NSPCC Number Day

Thank you for all your donations for NSPCC number day. The children looked fantastic in their digit inspired costumes and took part in lots of fun Maths games and activities.

Photos to follow in the next newsletter.



Just for Fun



- What shapes can you see?
- Can you spot any repeating patterns?
- What numbers can you see?
- How many (insert objects) can you see?
- Describe position of objects using prepositional language e.g. next to, in front of, behind

Digit cards game

You need digit cards 1 to 9
Use each digit once.

Complete the number sentences.



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Maths Website to support parents



Oxford Owl includes a range of activities, top tips and eBooks to help your child with their maths at home.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/>

Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux
Maths Leads



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2022

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **7-13 February 2022**.

This year's theme is **Growing Together**. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. Check out the website.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health.



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.

Mat Parker (Chair of Governors)

governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

Or via the school office



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Edward in Willow

Charlie in Willow

Harley in Ash

Heart in Willow

Thomas in Elm

Lara in Elm

Mia in Chestnut

Arthur in Elm

Ellena in Willow

OFFICE CONTACT



Please let us know if you have a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 case in your family.

If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk