



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half-term and all families have remained safe in the recent storms.

It has been a busy first week back. On Wednesday, we celebrated 100 days of being school, thank you to Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux (Maths Leads) and all the staff for organising this and having lots of maths activities happening throughout the day.

On Friday 11th, we held Chestnut class assembly. The children shared a variety of learning and activities that had been happening across the half-term, which was amazing. All the staff and parents felt very proud of them.

Mrs H O'Neill

Head Teacher

RED NOSE DAY

On **18 March 2022** Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools will be supporting the event 'Red Nose Day'. On the day, children can come dressed in something 'red' and bring a donation of £1. The past year has been really tough, especially for schools. This event will give us the chance to help other people and be a part of something positive. Any money raised will make a huge difference at a very difficult time. Let's help provide safety to families who need support. Tackle mental health stigma. Take action against domestic abuse. And help to give children a brighter future.

Let's spread JOY and LAUGHTER!

YEAR 2

Last half term, Year 2 designed and made Teacher Pleasing Machines as part of their 'Let's Invent' topic. They studied some example explanation texts then wrote their own explanations about how their machines worked - some features included a built-in tea and coffee maker and the ability to sharpen all the pencils in 30 seconds! The children went on to learn about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his famous bridge designs. They designed and built their own bridges using a range of materials. They had a lot of fun testing out their bridges to see if they were strong enough to hold the weight of a can of beans. Finally, they wrote evaluations detailing what went well and what they would change next time.



LEAVES

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

Ash: Henry

Willow: Miesha and George

Chestnut: Billy and River,

Silver Birch: Felix and Ophelia

Beech: Anais and Toby

Elm: Isla and Arthur

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

Chestnut – Amelia

Silver Birch – Felix and Kairi

Beech - Amanda



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. **Just a gentle reminder to ask 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

This term our focus for the school character is Ivy.

Ivy was fed up with being at the bottom of the tree. She wanted to see more. She worked hard to grow over the obstacles in her way. When she reached the top she could see the whole wood.

Ivy often says....

- ◆ challenge yourself!
- ◆ keep trying! Stretch and reach for your goals!
- ◆ how are you going to challenge yourself today?
- ◆ keep trying, can you do even better?
- ◆ keep trying; reach the next branch like me.

What things can you do at home to be like Ivy? Could you....?

- ◆ read more books
- ◆ try new food
- ◆ make your bed everyday without being reminded
- ◆ create a new family tradition
- ◆ give your family a new challenge



REMINDERS

- 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.
- Unfortunately, we needed to postpone our parent workshops. However, the new proposed dates are:
Monday 21st March: Y1 reading workshop with our English Leads, Mrs Thuambe and Miss Weston
Thursday 30th March: Maths workshop with our Maths Leads, Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux
Further details will follow, nearer the time.
- The postponed Y1 trip to Windsor Castle will be on Monday 28th February – as long as guidance permits and we have no Covid cases.
- We would really appreciate any of the following donations to use at lunchtime. Hula Hoops, small toy cars and air flow balls (to use with catch bats).

HEALTHY + ECO FRIENDLY LUNCH BOXES

Please could we encourage parents/carers to give healthy lunch boxes. We do appreciate that every child likes certain foods but if we could reduce the non recyclable plastic that would be brilliant. Pupils find these foods difficult to open too and we like them to feel confident and independent.



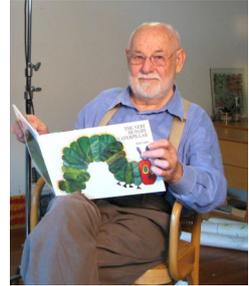


READING NEWS



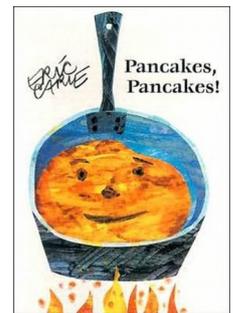
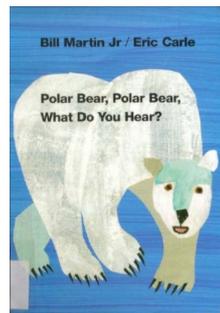
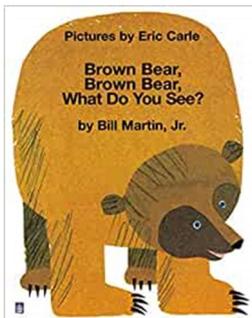
This half term my assembly theme is a very well known author and a favourite of mine: Eric Carle.

Eric Carle born in 1929, was an American author, designer and illustrator of children's books. His picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, first published in 1969, has been translated into more than 66 languages and sold more than 50

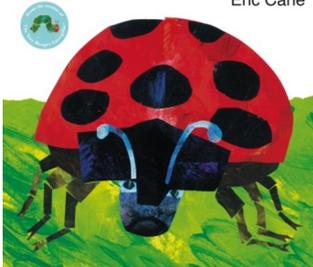


million copies. His career as an illustrator and children's book author took off after he collaborated on *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*. He illustrated more than 70 books, most of which he also wrote, and more than 145 million copies of his books have been sold around the world. This term we will be reading many of his wonderful books. Do you have any of his books at home or that you could borrow from the library? Below are just some of his books for you to read.

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)

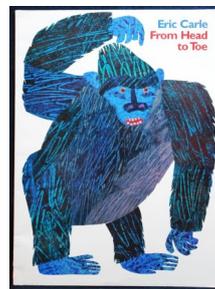


The Bad-Tempered Ladybird
Eric Carle



Which is your favourite?

Eric Carle The Very Quiet Cricket



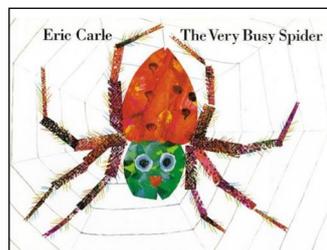
The Mixed-Up Chameleon
by Eric Carle



DOES A KANGAROO HAVE A MOTHER, TOO?
by Eric Carle



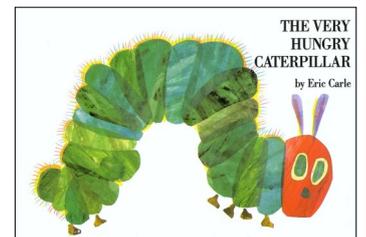
Eric Carle The Very Busy Spider

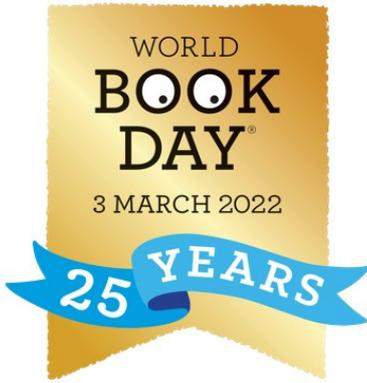


Eric Carle The Very Lonely Firefly



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR
by Eric Carle



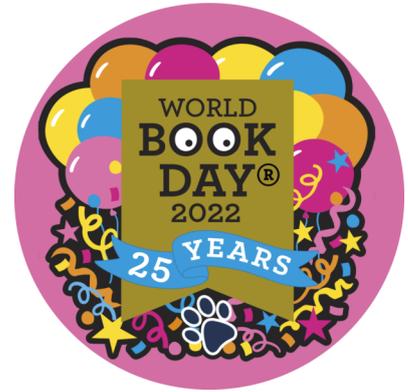


Thursday 3rd March 2022—Book Day

We invite your child/ren to dress-up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day 2022. The children will be taking part in some fun activities based around the book 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We are also hoping to meet-up with children from Junior school to read some stories. Photos from the day will be on the school website after the event.

Friday 4th March 2022—Book Sale

Thank you to those who have donated your second hand books for our Year 2 children to sell. Currently we do not have enough donations, please ask friends and family members for any good quality second hand books to donate to the school. Donations to be brought in by Wednesday 2nd March. We will email on Thursday to confirm if the sale is to be postponed.

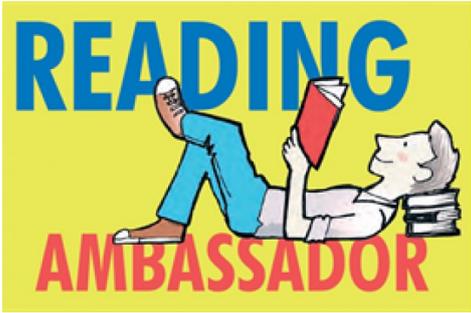


Our Reading Ambassadors



I'm very excited to share with you our Reading Ambassadors for 2022. Two children from each class will be representatives for reading across Oaklands Infant School. We will all meet together during the school day to discuss reading in our school such as sharing ideas on what reading events they would like to run, make decisions on book purchases and discuss how we can improve reading in the school. Children nominated themselves for this position and their names were then selected at random. Congratulations to the children (see below) on become Oaklands Infant School's first reading ambassadors.

Class	Names
Ash	Mia and Lucas
Willow	Oscar and Ellie
Chestnut	Abigail and Benji
Silver Birch	Iris and Riaan
Beech	Amelie and Toby
Elm	Remi and Isla



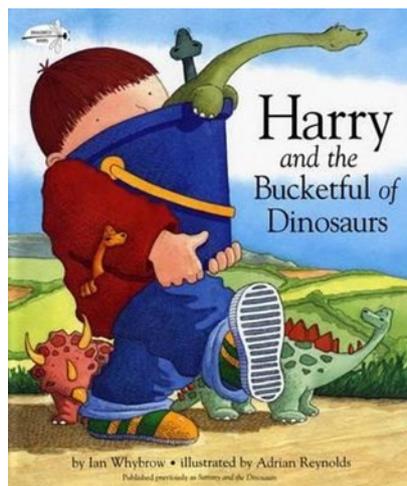
What are we reading?



Foundation Stage Recommendation

Ash and Willow have been learning about Dinosaurs. We have read lots of books to do with this topic and we really enjoyed listening to Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. Harry takes his dinosaurs on lots of adventures and we had some great ideas of where Harry could take them. We can't wait to read some of the follow up stories about Harry and his dinosaurs.

"I liked seeing the dinosaurs on the train" – Trevor



"I was happy when he found his dinosaurs" – Lilly

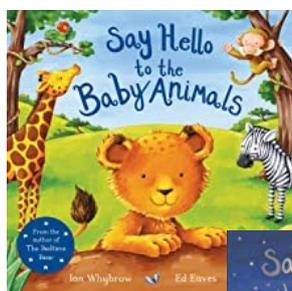
"I liked the start where the boy found the dinosaurs" - Ava

"I would take the dinosaurs to Disneyland" – George

"I would take the dinosaurs to see Big Ben, Tower Bridge and the London Eye" – Finley

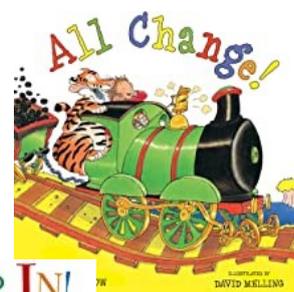
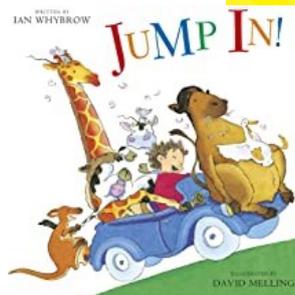
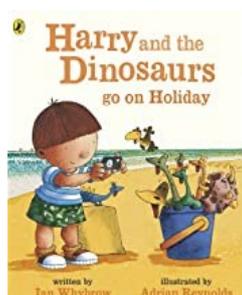
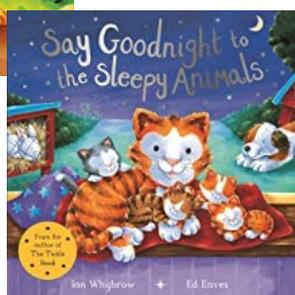
"I liked the whole book" – Theo

"The ending was funny – The Endasaurus" - Hadley



Books by the same author:

Ian Whybrow



$$4 - 1 = 3$$



Marvellous Maths

What we are learning this half term - Spring 2

Foundation Stage - explore the composition of numbers to 10, continue, copy and create repeating patterns, count beyond ten, compare numbers.

Year 1 - addition and subtraction including adding by counting on and by making 10 and subtracting by counting back through tens boundary, place value up to 50

Year 2 - division by grouping and sharing, link between multiplication and division, recognising and finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a shape or an amount.

Find out about multiplication and division in these useful videos [Maths with Michael](#) | [White Rose Maths](#) and read useful parent guides on the school website.

NSPCC Day Number Day

The children looked fantastic in their digit inspired costumes and took part in lots of fun Maths games and activities during the day. We raised £139.50 for the NSPCC.



100 Days of School

On Wednesday 23rd February, we celebrated being in school for 100 days this academic year. The children enjoyed activities and challenges linked to the number 100 and we even had a visit from Professor Poopenshtinken from the Magical Math's Club.



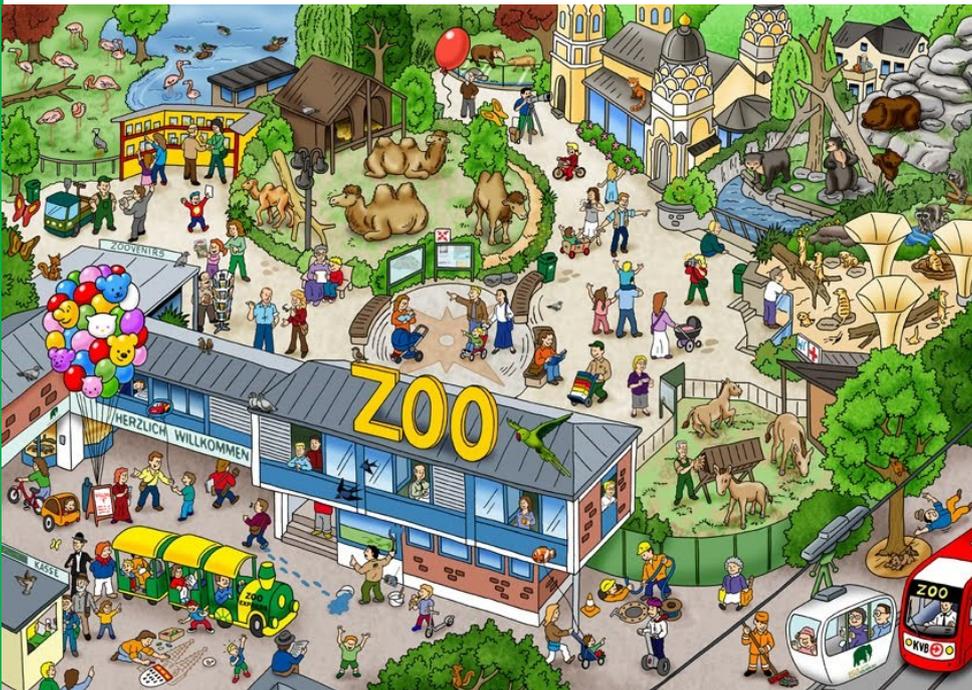
Famous Mathematicians

Majorie Lee Browne (1914 -1979)



From an early age Majorie was a mathematician at heart. She loved it because it was challenging and made her think. In 1940, it was unusual for a black woman to study Maths at university but she loved it so much and wanted to learn more. She is known for her involvement in helping to inspire more women to become involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. She inspired confidence in young Mathematicians.

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

Reasoning in Addition Puzzle A

$\bullet + \blacksquare = 5$
 $\bullet + \bullet = 6$

$\bullet =$
 $\blacksquare =$

Reasoning in Addition Puzzle B

$\odot + \blacktriangle = 6$
 $\odot + \blacktriangle + \blacktriangle = 7$

$\odot =$
 $\blacktriangle =$

Reasoning in Addition Puzzle C

$\blacklozenge + \blackstar = 4$
 $\blacklozenge + \blackstar + \blackstar = 4$

$\blacklozenge =$
 $\blackstar =$

Reasoning in Addition Puzzle D

$\text{hexagon} + \text{hexagon} = 20$
 $\text{hexagon} + \text{square} = 16$

$\text{hexagon} =$
 $\text{square} =$

Reasoning in Addition Puzzle E

			7	= = =
			6	
			4	
4	7	6		

Reasoning in Addition Puzzle F

			7	= = =
			5	
			11	
2	6	15		

Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux

Maths Leads



PTA Carnival

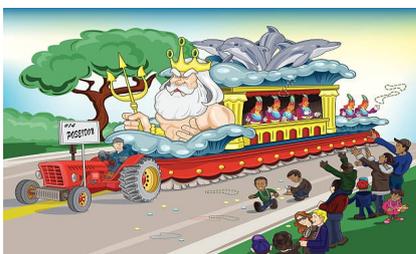
The PTA are starting to think about the Oaklands schools procession entry (either on a float or walking) in the upcoming Crowthorne Carnival “ Monarchy, Music and Mayhem” on July 2nd.

We will need lots of parent helpers and support in order for this to be a success (and hopefully win the schools category).

A WhatsApp app committee group is being put together and there will be a meeting on 22nd March.

Please contact the following email address if you are able to help

oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com



YEAR 1

Year 1 have finished their topic ‘Castle and Dragons’.

They celebrated with a fantastic banquet and really enjoyed the afternoon. The children also loved the visit from Ms McAuley. Many thanks.



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:

Anais in Beech

Francesca in Willow

Hadley in Ash

Emily in Silver Birch

Evie in Ash

Have a super duper day!



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