



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a really positive return to school and it has been a pleasure having everyone back. For the first time in a very long time, it has started to feel like the Infants again!

I appreciate you are all going to have concerns about how they are doing and have many questions. What are the gaps? Are they behind? However, I would love it if we could move away from this and try to focus on the positive. We should take this opportunity as a new start and step in the right direction. There is so much in the press regarding closing the gap, catch-up and lost learning but it can be deemed quite negative. This is already telling our children that they are behind and they've got to work harder to catch-up. Please give us and your children time – our complete focus is getting them back into a routine, putting the structure of school life back in place and supporting their learning behaviours. We will look at where they are at, where we need to go and move forward.

On a brighter note, it's Mother's Day on Sunday. I don't know about you, but I can't wait for the time when I can have a hug with my mum. Over the past few months especially, I wonder how many of you have said to them "Mum, I just can't do it" "Mum they're driving me mad" "Mum when you can come round?" We definitely wouldn't be the people we are today without the love and support of our mums ...so for this ...I am wishing all our Mums, Grandmothers, Aunts and carers everywhere, a very Happy Mother's Day and thank you for being so wonderful and patient. You definitely deserve to be spoilt.

With best wishes,

Mrs O'Neill Head teacher



WORLD BOOK DAY POTATO CHALLENGE

From ALL the Infant staff well done. They are AMAZING! A BIG thank you to Miss Weston for organising it. 🙌





Year 1 Book Recommendation

We have been reading *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

In this book

With your little eye

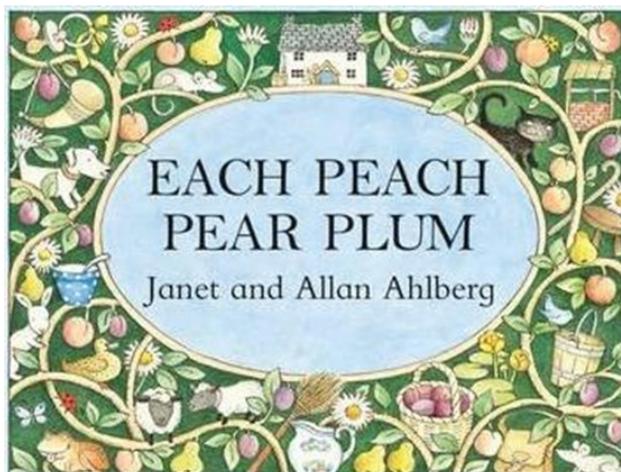
Take a look

And play 'I spy'

We had great fun spying well known nursery rhyme characters hiding in the beautiful illustrations. A poem on each page gives the clue as to what is hiding in the picture opposite.

I liked the 'Three Bears' because they find the baby. **Lilly**

I really like the way this story rhymes. **Macie**



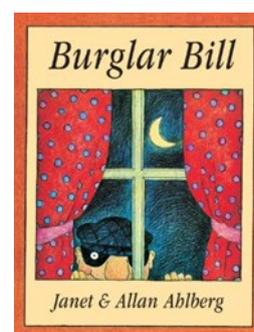
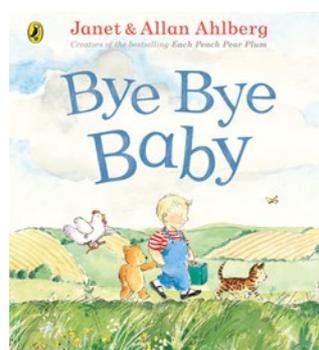
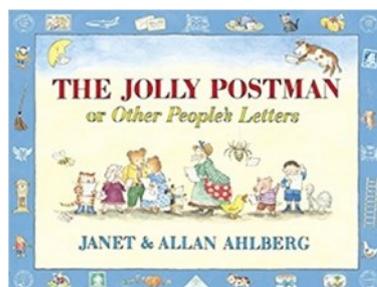
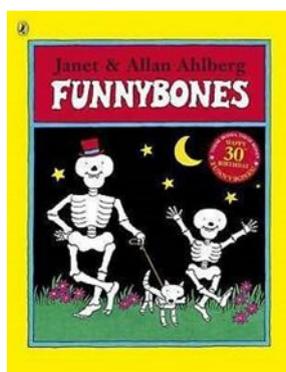
Our favourite character is Robin Hood. **Kian, Myron and Isaac**

I liked it when the witch hid in the bush. **Beatrice**

I like the part when Cinderella was mopping the place. **Tessa**

I like the ending because all the characters get together. **Lara**

Other books by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



RED NOSE DAY

DON'T FORGET On **19 March 2021** 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. Due to COVID 19, we are discouraging red noses being brought into school this year. However, if you do buy them for home, please note that this year red noses are 100% plastic FREE.

**RED
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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

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Patrick in Ash
Fynn in Silver Birch
Jasper in Beech
Phoebe in Elm



TERM DATES 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

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Inset Day: 1 September 2021
Start of Term: 2 September 2021
Inset Day: 22 October 2021
Half Term: 25 – 29 October 2021
End of term: 17 December 2021 (1:30pm)

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

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