



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our families. I hope you had a lovely Easter break, hopefully you managed to be free from sickness and managed to get some quality time together.

The last week of term was another busy one. There was a maths parent workshop led by Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux. Thank you to all the parents for attending, we hope you found it useful and thank you to our maths leads for organising this event.

On the final Friday, the PTA ran a make your own rules event across the two schools which was very successful. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this and for everyone taking part.

Mrs H O'Neill

Head Teacher

LEAVES

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

Ash: Jaxson and Ella

Willow: Oliver

Chestnut: Leon and Emmie

Silver Birch: Emma and Jack

Beech: Jemima and Theo

Elm: Daniel and Matilda



Goldie awards for children across the school:

Ash: Jenson



SAVE THE DATE



THURSDAY 26TH MAY 2022

Picnic and Celebration afternoon for the Queens Jubilee. More details to follow soon.

GOVERNOR AWARDS

On the last day of term before Easter, six children were presented with a Governor Award, based on our school characters. The teachers nominated children from across the classes for these awards - all of them were very proud.

Character	Name of pupil	Class
Ivy – rising to challenges	Ruby	Silver Birch
Holly – not afraid to fail	Jia	Chestnut
Laurie – pride in achievement	Abigail	Beech
Solo – encouraging independence	Chelsea	Ash
Goldie – respect for all	Zack	Willow
Casey – being happy, cared for and cared about	Eliza	Elm





READING NEWS

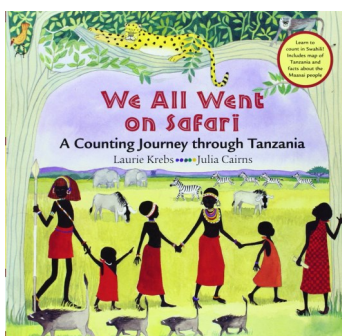
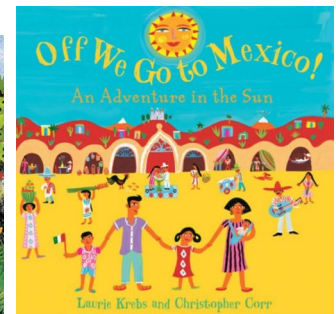
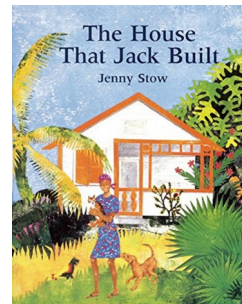
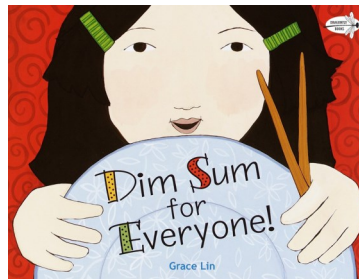
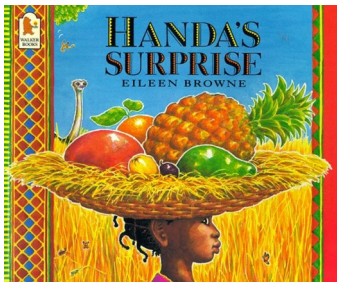


This half term, in my Friday assemblies I will be reading a variety of story books from other cultures. Listening and telling stories from other cultures help develop and promote better understanding, respect, appreciation and a more positive outlook towards people from different lands, races and religions...and even one's own! In brief, these stories help us:

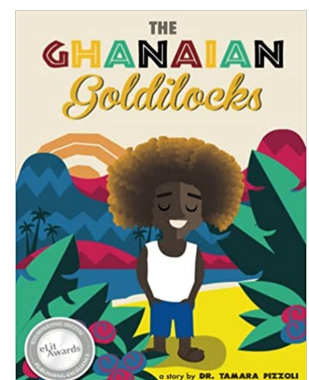
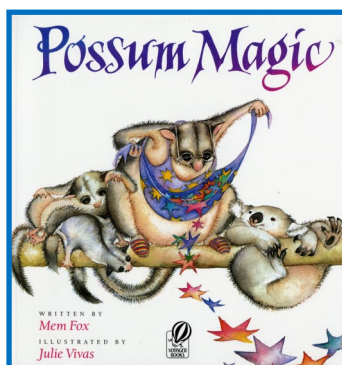
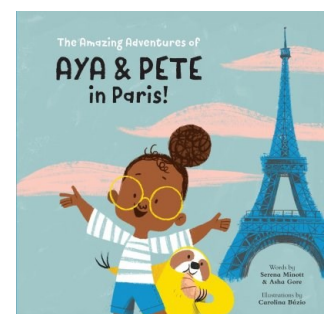
- Explore our multi-cultural roots
- Undergo different kinds of cultural experiences and gain insights into different traditions and values
- Develop empathy towards unfamiliar people, places or situations
- Get to know about the differences and similarities of various cultures and be introduced to new ideas that were previously unknown to us.

Have a look through your books at home or in your local library to see if you have any books from other cultures. I would love to know what books you have been reading.

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)



**Some stories we
will be reading this
term**





What are we reading?

Chestnut's Book Recommendation

Last term we read *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* by Eugene Trivizas and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury.

'When it comes time for the three little wolves to go out into the world and build themselves a house, their mother warns them to beware of the Big Bad Pig. But the little wolves' increasingly sturdy dwellings are no match for the persistent pig, who has more up his sleeve than huffing and puffing.'

It scared me when he blew the house down – River

I enjoyed it when the Big Bad Pig blew the houses down - Frank

We liked the flowers and the dancing – Maria, Jia and Amelie

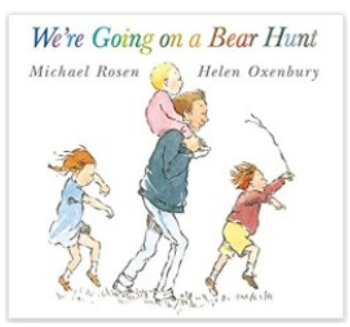
It was funny that they did all that work but it didn't work -Leon

I felt a lot of joy because it was happy at the end - Aiyla

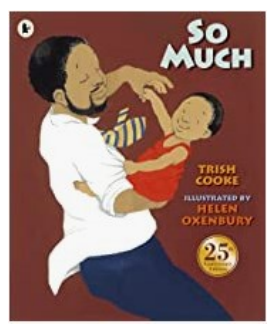


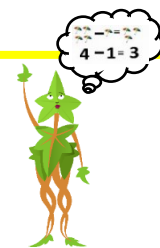
It was exciting - Archie and Kiran

I like it when the pig changed - Billy



Other books illustrated by Helen Oxenbury





Marvellous Maths

What we are learning this half term - Summer 1

Foundation Stage - Building numbers and counting patterns beyond 10, adding more and taking away, spatial reasoning.

Year 1 - Place value within 50, length and height.

Year 2 - Addition and subtraction with two digit numbers, telling the time including quarter to and quarter past, length, weight and capacity.

Find out about subtraction in the **White Rose Guide** for parents and read useful parent guides on the school website. [Maths - Oaklands Infant School](#)

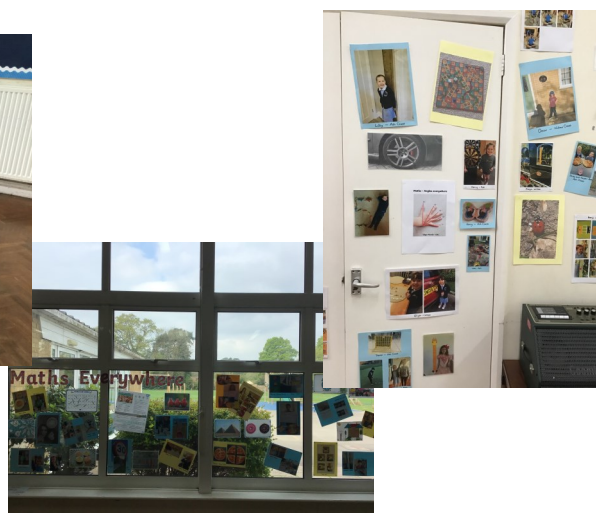
Maths is everywhere competition

We were overwhelmed with wonderful entries for the competition and Maths has been spotted absolutely Everywhere! We asked the Primary Maths lead from Corvus to judge the competition on a recent visit. It was not any easy choice but the winners are:

Toby from Year 2

Luca from Year 1

Elijah from Reception



Maths Parent Workshop

There was a good attendance at the Parent Workshop and thank you to those of you who gave up your time to come. We hope you found it useful. Information from the Workshop can now be found on the school Website.



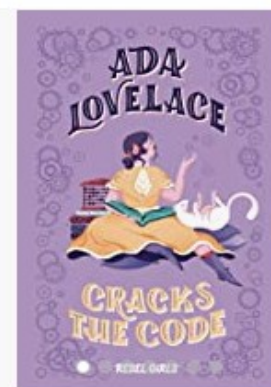
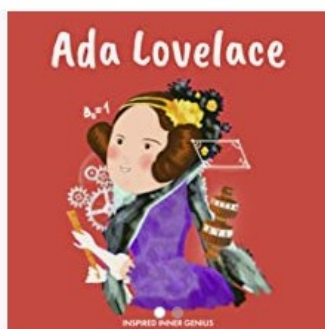
Famous Mathematicians — Ada Lovelace (1815—1852)



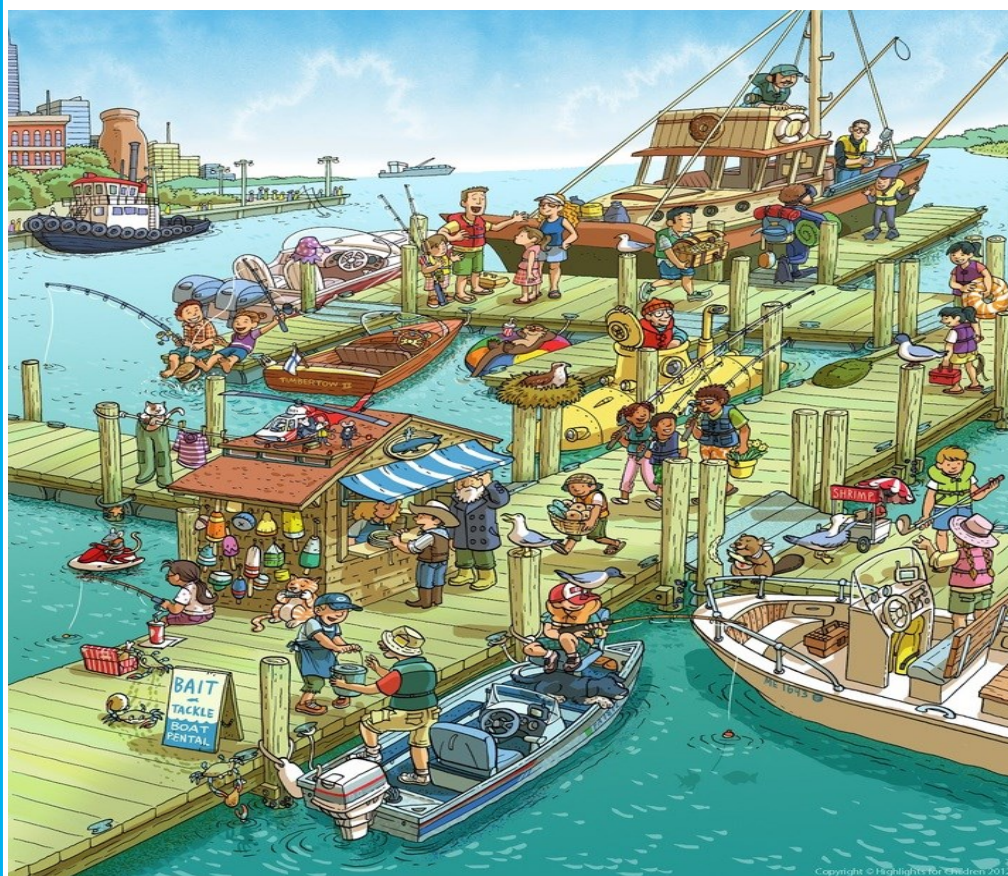
Ada Lovelace is famous for being the first computer programmer and for writing the first computer program or algorithm.

Augusta Ada Byron was born on 10th December 1815. She had no brothers or sisters and she lived with her mother. Ada's mother made her work hard and study maths. When she was older, Ada met Charles Babbage. People called him the 'father of computers.'

Charles Babbage made a machine which solved difficult maths problems. Ada was amazed by it and talked to him about tricky maths ideas. Charles Babbage thought Ada was a very clever lady. Charles later designed another clever machine and Ada wrote long notes to tell people how it worked. It took a very long time for other people to understand how important Ada's notes were.



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,

Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux

Maths Leads



YEAR 2



On Wednesday 20th April, Year 2 packed their bags, had their passports stamped and boarded Oaklands Air on a flight to Kenya. After a safety briefing the flight took off and the children enjoyed some inflight entertainment and a snack. Fortunately it was a smooth flight, there was little turbulence and after a successful landing the children touched down in Nairobi to begin this half term's topic 'Home and Away'. During this topic the children will compare life in Kenya to life in the UK. They will go on a 'safari ' and find out about the Big Five Animals and write their own stories based on the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. They will end their topic with an African workshop, experiencing African dancing and drumming and Adinkra printing.





Platinum Jubilee Bunting Design Competition



Design a bunting flag to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne for your chance to win a prize!



Download the bunting template from the website or drop into the parish office to collect a printed template

Create your design using any type of fabric and waterproof ink pens, fabric pens, crayons or acrylic paint. Stitch or sew with any threads, ribbons, buttons or lightweight, waterproof materials

Give your bunting flag a royal theme or a Pinewood theme, or just create a fabulous pattern!

Submit your finished bunting by **Friday 13th May**

then visit Pinewood over the bank holiday weekend to see your bunting on display!

Prizes will be given for the best designs from younger children (up to 8 years), older children and adults



Visit www.wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk for more information or scan this code to download your bunting template

The parish council have a bunting design competition where you can win a prize for designing a bunting flag which will go on display at Pinewood over the Jubilee holiday – please see the attached poster above for details.

Residents and schools within the parish are being encouraged to participate – if they get enough entrants they hope to store the bunting and re-use it at other celebrations in the future.

They can be downloaded via the following link:

<https://wokinghamwithout-pc.gov.uk/platinum-jubilee-bunting-design-competition>



This term our focus for the school character is Laurie.

In the first Olympics in Greece, the winner needed to have a crown to wear. They couldn't use gold or silver so they chose laurel. Laurie was very proud to be used to make the first wreath that was worn on the heads of the winners.

Laurie often says....

- Be proud of yourself and be proud of others.
- You're the best!
- I'm so proud of my achievements.
- Be proud of who you are.
- Are you proud of your work today?
- What have you done to be proud of yourself today?

"Take Pride" like Laurie



MATHS WORKSHOP

Please note that the Powerpoint and leaflet from the parent workshop are now on the school website.

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

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Please could we remind you that children should not play on the playground equipment before or after school.

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to -



Ava in Willow, Rea in Willow, Isaac in Elm, Harper, Daniel in Elm, JoJo in Beech, Florence in Beech, Elfi in Willow and Jaxson in Ash.

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

HUGGY WUGGY

Please be aware that Parents are being warned about a disturbing TikTok video featuring 'Huggy Wuggy' - a terrifying teddy bear character with razor sharp teeth. The puzzle game can also be found on YouTube as well as Roblox but has no age rating, meaning content is unfiltered.