



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term and enjoyed the Queen's jubilee celebrations. It was a great occasion having the Infants and Juniors together again after such a long time, the joint singing was a great moment.

Just before half-term (Friday 20.5.22) we held an African workshop - an enrichment workshop for Beech and Elm classes. It certainly lived up to all expectations and it was an amazing day, full of arts, dancing and drumming. A lot of fun was had by all.

With best wishes,

Mrs H O'Neill

Headteacher

HAIR UP AND EARRINGS

Please could children with long hair tie their hair back.

Here are a few reasons why:

Headlice - It is much more difficult for the lice to grab hold of the hair.

Eyes/vision - nothing blocks their sight.

Chewing - Hair chewing habits can be prevented if the hair is tied away from the face.

Reminder Please could we ask that children with pierced ears wear stud earrings. NO HOOPS. They can easily catch.

TERM DATES

End of term: 20th July 2022 (at 1:30pm)

Inset Day: 21st July 2022

Inset Day: 2nd September 2022

Start of Term: 5th September 2022

Inset Day: 21st October 2022

Half Term: 24th – 28th October 2022

End of term: 20th December 2022 (at 1:30pm)

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION



Please could we ask you to supervise your children at all times and that they stay with you after school.

There are many children playing on the new "grass" and climbing up trees outside the Ash class / Junior playground area. This area is not safe and we politely ask you not to allow your children to play here.

Thank you.

LEAVES

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

Ash: Evie and Harry

Willow: Phoebe and Kaitlin

Chestnut: Lilibeth and Mia

Silver Birch: Riaan and Max

Beech: Macie and Amanda

Elm: Isabelle and Ciana

Goldie awards for children across the school:

Willow: Rea





READING NEWS



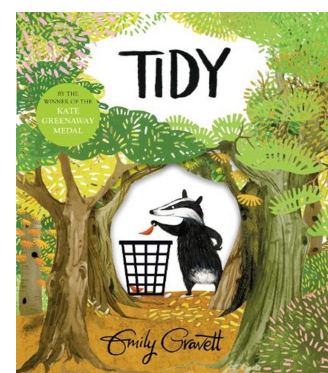
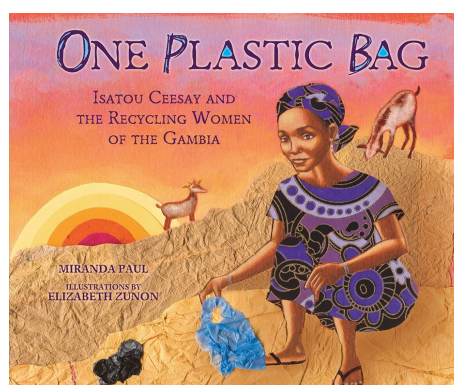
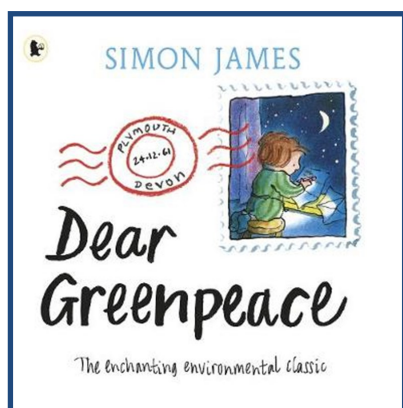
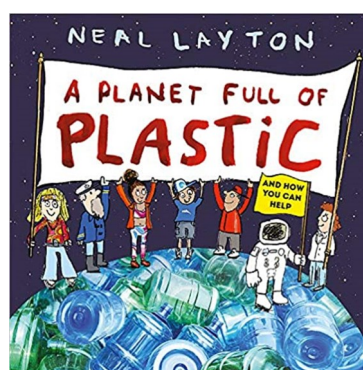
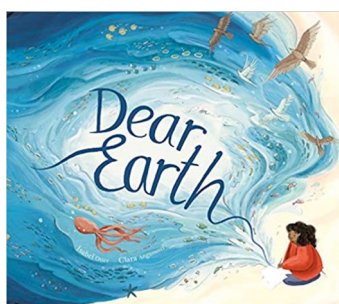
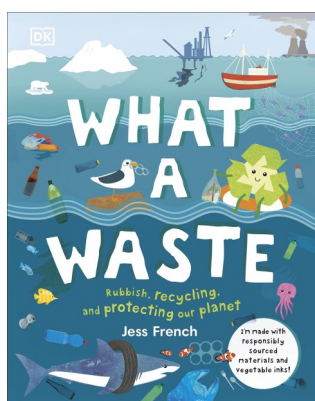
This half terms assembly theme is books about the environment.

Creating worldwide change isn't done with just one person; it has to involve everyone. In order to involve more people in the efforts to help the environment, it's important to get younger generations involved in the effort. By fostering a concern for the environment and sustainable habits early, we can raise children to be more aware of environmental issues.

By establishing good habits like recycling at a young age, those habits are more likely to stick with children as they get older. Younger generations are already becoming more conscious consumers, and instilling environmental values at a young age will help. Encouraging an interest in the outdoors will allow them to appreciate what they love about the environment.

Children are our future, so it's important to teach them about environmental issues so they can continue to help create change together.

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)



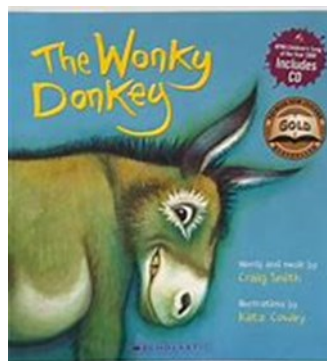
What are we reading?



Foundation Stage Recommendation

We read the popular story of The Wonky Donkey. It has lots of rhyme throughout. The children thought it was very funny and giggled continuously. They found the grown ups trying to get through the tongue twisters especially funny.

He was funny- George



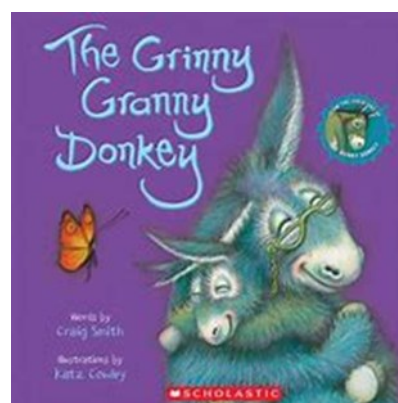
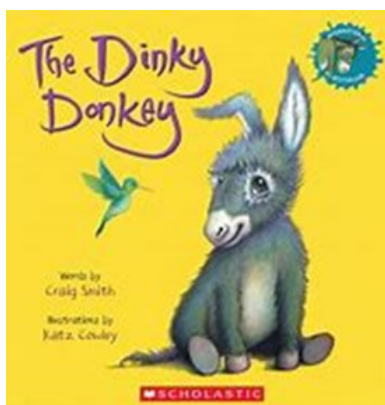
I liked him getting up to mischief and being hanky-panky -Myles

He didn't have any coffee and it made him cranky- Freddie

I liked when he was stinky-dinky – Edward & Nancy

It was a bit funny that he was a wonky donkey - Ava

Books by the same author:





Year 2

Year 2 Visit Thatcham Nature Reserve—9th June 2022

Our last topic of the year is The Great Outdoors and we started our topic with a fantastic, informative day at Thatcham Nature Reserve. We met our guides for the day Lara and Kat who led us through a series of activities to find out all about habitats and the plants and animals that live there. We had a go at pond dipping and there was great excitement when we caught a water scorpion and newt. We also went on a habitat safari, identifying different habitats such as lake, orchard, hedgerow and thinking about what creatures might live there. In the woodland habitat, we were nature detectives and went on a minibeast hunt using field guides and keys to identify and classify the animals we found. Most were brown in colour; this helps the animals to camouflage and therefore survive.

This was a great introduction to our Science led topic this half term and we are keen to find out about other habitats, how plants and animals adapt to their environment and investigate food chains and webs. You can see more photos of our brilliant day out on the website.



This term our focus for the school character is Casey.

Casey was a tiny conker on the horse chestnut tree. He was worried about the day when he had to fall to the ground. The horse chestnut tree made him a special case which protected and cared for him. On the day he fell it kept him safe.

Casey often says....

- Listen and laugh together.
- Are you okay?
- Look after each other.
- Protect each other.
- Come and play with us!



“Caring Casey”

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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)

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Or via the school office

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

Matilda in Elm

Aria in Silver Birch

Natalia in Beech

Eliza in Elm

Trevor in Ash

Harrison D in Elm

Zurielle in Silver Birch

Toby in Beech



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