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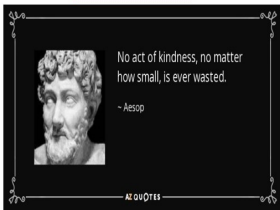
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SENCO:

Mrs Smith



Brilliant Behaviour:



KINDNESS

It's nearly time...

I am sure you are all aware that Christmas is round the corner! It is a wonderful time of year for anyone who works in a school as the excitement builds. The children are looking forward to sharing their Nativity 'I'm Gonna Shine' with an audience. Taking part in performances is such an important way for children to develop their self-esteem and confidence as well as their musical skills.

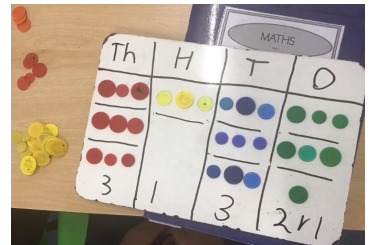
You will have seen the exciting developments that are underway with our school buildings. The builders are taking great care to work around the school day to minimise impact on learning. The children are helping us to select new furniture so they feel part of making our school even better.

Mrs Bilke and I have conducted learning walks this week in Reading and Maths. The learning atmosphere has been calm and purposeful. Younger children will work on the 4 Rules of Listening to make sure that they are all ready to listen to teacher instruction.

Please see the dates for December below. More information about the different events will be shared on Class Dojo nearer the time.

PUPIL VOICE: MATHS

Using visual resources supports children to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. Here is what a Y6 pupil told us:



December

2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		27th November 5:30 – 6:00 Bedtime Stories Usborne Books All welcome		29th November 12:45 -1:15 Christmas Choir KS2
2 10:00 – 12:30 Year 4 @ Chase Dance Festival Wear P.E kit	3 9:15 Christingle Birch/Ash/Willow Parents welcome School hall	4	5 9:30 Open The Book Christmas Puppet Show	6 12:45 -1:15 Christmas Choir KS2
9	10	11	12 Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Nativity 9:30 and 5:30	13 Christmas Lunch Christmas party afternoon
16 1:00 Severn Trent Water workshops	17	18	19 11:00 Christmas Choir Howbury House 1:00 Christmas Crafts Music Showcase Open Afternoon: All welcome	20 Last day of term: Back to school: Monday 6th January 2025 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CURRICULUM CORNER:



It has been a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm that Oak class has shown this week. The children have revisited their prior knowledge about volcanoes. However, they have also developed a greater understanding of the physical features of a volcano using subject specific vocabulary.

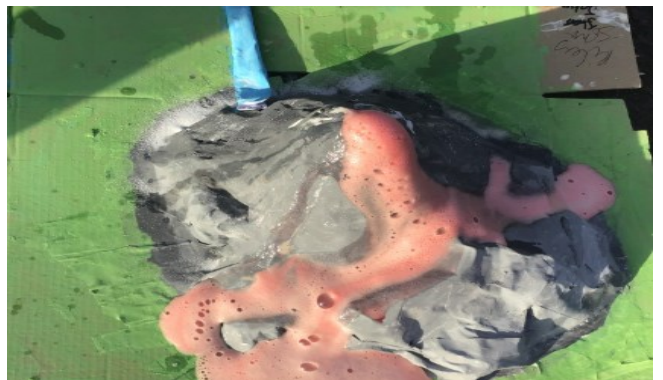
The children worked well together to construct their volcano models. Riley W and John used their artistic skills to consider how the rocks would look in the sun and shade to ensure their model was realistic.

However, the highlight of the learning was volcanic eruptions on the school playground! The magma spewed from inside the volcano and the lava spilled out.

An exciting end to Oak's cross-curricular learning!

Some key vocabulary used by Oak this week includes:

Active dormant fissure magma mantle tectonic



BE SAFE BE SEEN!

PC Kev and PC Becky delivered a whole school assembly to launch Road Safety week. They were impressed with the children's artwork. The children know they should

- Wear reflective or high-vis coats in the winter
- Use lights and wear helmets when riding bikes and scooters



A PLEA TO PARENTS

We have a large amount of lost property in school. Every day, this is collected at the end of play and lunch and delivered back to classes.

However, the large majority of lost items are unnamed and cannot be returned quickly. This is because items are not clearly labelled.

You can help your child look after their belongings by

- Writing the name clearly on labels (initials will do)
- Checking that your child has their belongings at the end of the day.

BRILLIANT BEHAVIOUR: KINDNESS

In assembly this week, we discussed what it means to be kind. The children gave examples of easy ways that they can be kind and how it can make other people feel,

We found out that the Ancient Greeks told stories to teach each other about kindness and charity. Aesop (an Ancient Greek storyteller) said

'No act of kindness, however small, is wasted'



KINDNESS IN ACTION:

- Riley W used his time as a play leader to help younger children play with kindness
- Anya, Imran and Ella kindly helped me collect books for my learning book look
- Our teachers were kind enough to read us a bedtime story one evening this week
- Colston Bakeries were so kind to Willow Class when they went for a walk to the bakery

I can't wait to see as many names as possible on each Recognition Board next week!

BEDTIME STORIES

Thank you to everybody to came to enjoy a bedtime story with us this week. It is one of our favourite events of the year. The classrooms were calm and cosy and I loved meeting all of the children's favourite bedtime toys! Parents enjoyed coffee and biscuits in the hall while the children were quietly listening to their teachers read a story.

Thank you to Mrs Bilke for organising this event. Mrs Bilke is so passionate about reading and the children are becoming such keen readers. Thank you also to Usborne Books who donated a range of books for our lovely school library.



Willow class walk to Colston Bakery

Before we left school we talked about staying safe near the road. We put on our bright reflective jackets so that we could be seen easily by people in vehicles.



We walked sensibly along the pavement with a partner. We saw a fire engine, a bin lorry and some people fixing the road.



We had a look at the delicious cakes and biscuits before choosing something to buy.



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