



Kinderley Primary School

Spring Term 24th January 2025

Message from Mrs Norman

We've started the year positively and the children have settled well after the Christmas break. We have been awarded a grant of £9980 by Living Sport. This is to help us promote healthy living and part of this includes an outdoor gym. Very exciting! We also have the opportunity to apply for a grant in association with RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) to promote biodiversity but this one is proving a bit trickier to coordinate. Watch this space!

Our Year 6s are looking amazing in their hoodies and Mr McVittie and I are tempted to get one too. I don't know if you have seen the news about Kingswood, a residential group, which has unfortunately gone out of business. Fortunately, it does not affect our trip and in the coming weeks we will start sharing kit lists etc. I'm hoping to be able to attend this year and am really looking forward to it.

Please try to read with your children as often as you can, it is such a vital skill and still needs developing once children have secured their phonic knowledge. Also, it's a good opportunity to turn the television/games console off and have some time with your child to talk about their book and what they have been doing in school. I still want photos of children reading at home, in the garden, on the trampoline, in a den.....wherever, for our display.

Mrs Norman

Reminders

- Please ensure children do not wear hooped earrings, bracelets or necklaces to school. ALL earrings should be removed at home on P.E & swimming days if your child can

not remove them themselves. P.E kits should be black shorts or tracksuit and a white t shirt please.

- Useful information - The school office is open from 8:30 to 3:30 Monday to Friday for anyone wishing to speak to a member of the office team. At busy times it may not be possible to respond to calls immediately, so please leave a brief message and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Thank you for your cooperation in not using the main school entrance and access to the car park as a 'drop-off' or 'collection' place. The main entrance is used before, during and after the school day by both adults AND children. Please help us to keep everyone safe.

Key Contacts

To report absences please contact Mrs Canning in the school office: 01945 870374, option 1. You can leave a message before the start of the school day.

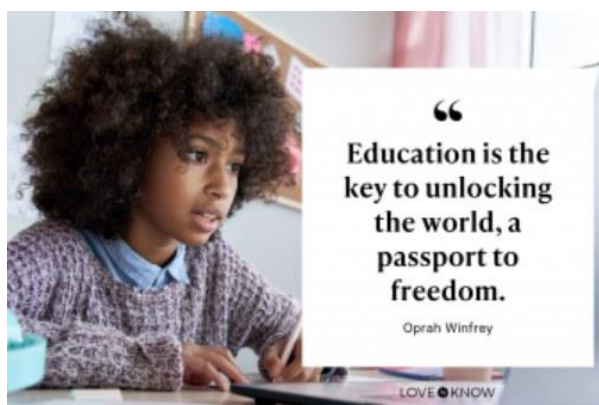
Absences **cannot** be reported using Dojo or email.

Social Media

There are 3 ways you can follow what we are up to:

- 1 - Dojo (school and class pages)
- 2 - Website - www.kinderley.education
- 3 - Facebook (Please follow us)

Quote of the week



Diary Dates

TUESDAYS -P.E for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children (Acorn and Maple Classes)

WEDNESDAYS - Swimming for Years 3 and Year 4 (Rowan Class)

THURSDAYS - P.E for Year 5 and Year 6 (Oak Class)

FRIDAYS - Forest School Rowan Class.

After School Football Clubs

KS2 - TUESDAYS

KS1 - THURSDAYS (Spaces still available)

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY - Writing Open Morning 8:45 - 9:15

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY - 'FitFence' fencing sessions for the whole school throughout the day.

[Acorn Class](#)



Nursery have been enjoying Tizzy time , a communication and language activity. They enjoy greeting Tizzy the tiger and have listened really well.



We have enjoyed the bikes on the playground and have been sharing and taking turns.



This term we have welcomed lots of new faces to Acorn class, everyone has settled really well and we are enjoying getting to know everyone.

Miss Bains brought a collection of sunglasses to school, we have been having fun trying them on.



Maple Class



Maple class has been very busy creating some wonderful artwork this week. First, the children were very careful sticking and stacking different types of paper onto their cardboard to build their base. We had to wait all week for this to dry and be ready to paint! Finally, only using prime colours, we started our over printing process with the lightest colour first. Now we are ready to share our beautiful artwork with you.

P.S. If you want to try this at home we used pasta, spoons, clips and different everyday materials to create this art.







Rowan Class



In Science we have been learning about forces. We used force meters to measure the force of lifting and the force of dragging our shoes. We used Newtons (N) to measure the force.









We have also started to write our historical stories set in the Iron Age. Part of this is using speech punctuation, which we are finding a bit tricky! There are lots of things to remember. We enjoyed playing 'Guess the way I am saying it'. This helps us to learn different ways of saying 'said'.

Oak Class



Happy New Year!

What a full-on start to the new year we have had in Oak Class! We have hit the ground running this half term as we get closer and closer to the SATs tests in May.

In reading, we have finally finished our class book – *Secrets of a Sun King*. We have all really enjoyed reading the book and it was described by some members of the class as 'the best

book I've ever read'. On the back of this, we then wrote a third person narrative based on a modern-day version of the book. The children have been immersed and motivated with this piece of writing and the excitement level has been off the scale – one child has even written 7 pages in her narrative! We are hoping to word process our pieces so we can share our finished narratives with you!

In history, we have been looking at the Battle of Marathon between Persia and Athens. We were intrigued to find out that the smaller Athenian Army defeated the Persian Army by using their stronger soldiers around the outside of their battle lines to surround and box the enemy in. We reenacted this battle in the classroom, which was great fun!

In computing, we have been tinkering with scratch to create pieces of music to create soundtracks. These have been great to hear, and it has been interesting to see the children thinking so carefully about how to create sounds that link to our topic of space. In the next couple of weeks, we will be planning and programming our own soundtrack.

Homework is back in full force! Reminder – it goes out on a Thursday and back in the following Wednesday! Reading Records in on a Friday too!

'50 things to do before you are 5 (and any age really...).'

You don't need a dance floor to dance, as breakfast club children and Mrs Gourley's proved this week!



Whole School Attendance

It is with a heavy heart that I am reporting to you that the school's attendance has fallen below the national average. Mrs Norman and I meet regularly to monitor attendance as

part of our responsibilities in school. Any child whose attendance has fallen below 90% will be contacted by either myself or Mrs Norman, either by telephone or letter in the coming weeks. It is vitally important that home and school work together to improve attendance if needed and there are many ways in which this can be done. Please do not panic if you are contacted by school regarding attendance we are here to help! There are lots of reasons that attendance can drop, illness being the most obvious, but persistent lateness has a significant impact too and can usually be improved with support from school. If you have concerns about attendance please speak to your child's teacher, Mrs Norman or me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Canning

Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 10th January were -

- Acorn Class - Adeline
- Maple Class - Maddison
- Rowan Class - Nancy
- Oak Class - Will

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Myla
- Maple Class - Storm
- Rowan Class - Ella
- Oak Class - Carly

Wow Writers were-

- Acorn Class - Anna
- Maple Class - Archie D
- Rowan Class - Alfie
- Oak Class - Pawel

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 17th January were-

- Acorn Class - Joanie

- Maple Class - Ethan
- Rowan Class - Cezar
- Oak Class - Lucas

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Oskar
- Maple Class - Asia
- Rowan Class - Alicia-Mae
- Oak Class - Reece

Wow writers were-

- Acorn Class- Aria
- Maple Class- Poppy J
- Rowan Class- Kyran
- Oak Class- Poppy B

This week's Pride Certificate recipients are-

- Acorn Class- Mikayla
- Maple Class- Eliese and Domas
- Rowan Class- Kyran
- Oak Class- Matilda

Dojo certificates go to-

- Acorn Class- Frankie
- Maple Class- Eliese
- Rowan Class- Jorge
- Oak Class- Ronnie

Wow Writers this week are-

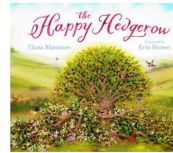
- Acorn Class- Frankie
- Maple Class- Lola-Lee
- Rowan Class- Teddy
- Oak Class- Reece

Congratulations everyone!

Time for a good book!

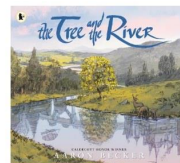
The Happy Hedgerow by Elena Mannion and Erin Brown

Old Oak lives an idyllic life watching over harmony in the fields, wildlife and landscape. But when a farmer moves in to uproot the hedgerow, the equilibrium is threatened. Told from the point of view plants, animals and birds, children are encouraged to feel their emotions and empathise with their plight. A gorgeous picture book that will help to inspire creative artwork and writing. The Happy Hedgerow is highly recommended for primary environment and nature topics.



The Tree and the River by Aaron Becker

In this wordless masterpiece, a majestic tree stands witness to the passage of time and the evolution of civilizations along a winding river. Through exquisite artwork, Becker portrays the ebb and flow of human existence, from humble beginnings to the rise and fall of civilizations. With its stunning visuals and thought-provoking themes, The Tree and the River is a timeless exploration of nature's resilience.



Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

This inspiring autobiography sensitively and revealingly chronicles the Windrush experience of a young girl travelling from Trinidad to a new life in England in 1960. A powerful read, Floella Benjamin's childhood account is one that will resonate with KS2 children and one they will be able to empathise with. This text will be a useful resource for autobiographical writing in year 5 literacy lessons.

Diverse

