

Kinderley Primary School

Autumn Term 15th November 2024



Message from Mrs Norman

Winter has certainly arrived, along with thick coats and hats (for the staff!!). Why is it that children don't seem to feel the cold? Please remember to name school jumpers, coats etc so they can be returned if lost.

Staff are starting to think about Christmas activities, and you might hear the odd Christmas song being practiced. Please excuse any excess of messages on Dojo, but we have a lot to organise over the coming weeks. Please return your child's pantomime form if you haven't already done so, I know that it will be another enjoyable event like last year.

Mrs Canning and I are still keeping a very watchful eye on attendance, and I'm pleased to say that we are 0.6% up on last year....a very small difference, but a difference none the less. Let's keep working towards the target of 95%. I'm also still hoping to receive photos of children reading at home or out and about. Please send them to me on Dojo or by email to the office and they can be displayed in the hall on our reading display. If children have read any of the recommended books, it would be great to have a photo of them with the book.

Please have a look around your house for any unwanted presents, bottles etc which you would be happy to donate to our Christmas fayre. We have a general tombola, a bottle tombola and a raffle which we need to stock.

Also, it has been brought to my attention by local residents that cars are sitting outside school with engines running. I know everyone is very busy, but where possible we would be grateful if the engines were switched off. Not only is this better for the environment in general but also for the children and local residents, particularly those with breathing conditions, by keeping the air a bit cleaner. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mrs Norman

Reminders

- Please return your child's Data Information Form to their class teachers or the office as soon as possible.
- Y5 and Y6 Bikeability children need to check that they have helmets and that their bicycle meets the guidelines on the checklist ready for Monday 25th November. Children are welcome to leave their bicycles at school for the duration of the course.
- Please ensure ALL earrings are 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.
- Children need a change of footwear to use the field at lunchtime. This could be trainers, old shoes or wellies. These can be left at school.
- Please do not use the school entrance when dropping / collecting children from school, as it MUST be kept clear at ALL times.

Key Contacts

To report absences please contact Mrs Canning in the school office: 01945 870374. You can also leave a message before the start of the school day if more convenient.

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

P.E for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children - Tuesdays

P.E for Year 3 and Year 4 - Thursdays

Wednesday 20th November will be the last swimming session for Yrs5 & 6.

Forest School for EYFS Years 1 & 2 - Teachers will confirm whether there will be anymore before Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 19th November - Bag 2 School fundraiser. Please bring your bags of unwanted clothes to school and leave outside the office first thing.

Friday 22nd November - Math open morning - 8.50 -9.20 am

Monday 25th November Thursday 28th Bikeability for Yr5 & 6 children who have returned consent forms.

Acorn Class



Acorn class have been working on their gross motor skills and planning to dig their way out of school. It has involved a lot of water, mud and fun. Great for those muscles. We work a lot on our gross motor skills as this helps us with our fine motor and writing.

We have been enjoying our coloured rice and pouring and tipping, looking at mathematical words, full, empty and half full.

Reception have been working on shapes, we have explored circles, triangles and now focusing on 4 sided shapes.

Reception received their reading bears, and we can't wait to see photos of them reading to their bears. Who will get the first bow for 10 reads at home?







Maple Class



What a fantastic start to another half term in Maple class!

In science, we are learning about different trees, their seeds. We watched several videos of how trees change in a year, and we decided to adopt one tree in our school. We will take weekly photos and write about changes that we can see. Hopefully, at the end of this academic year we can make our own video about this tree.



In Forest school, Maple class together with Acorn class enjoyed making leaf angels. We didn't get dirty this time, only played with colorful, crunchy leaves. I wonder if you can spot your child between the leaves? Also, we made some beautiful poppies for Remembrance Day.



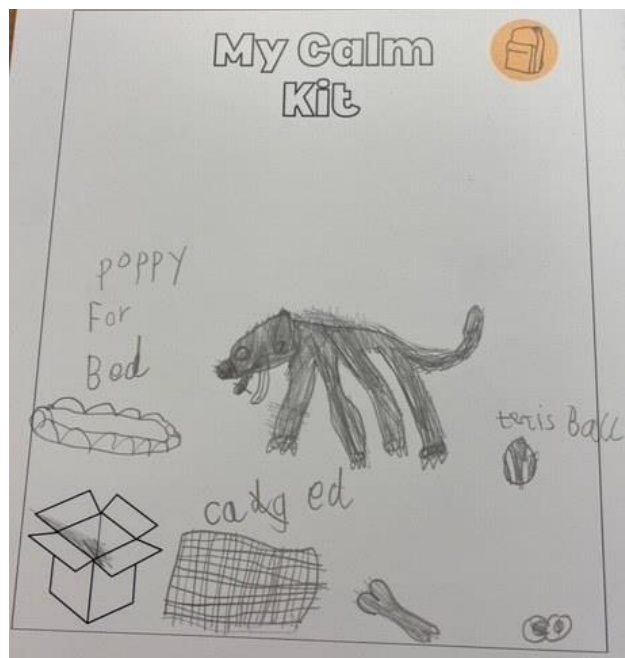
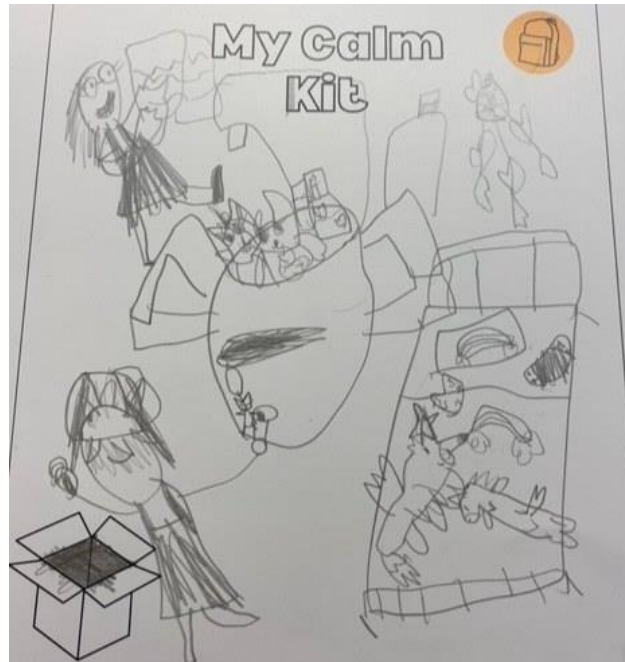
Rowan Class

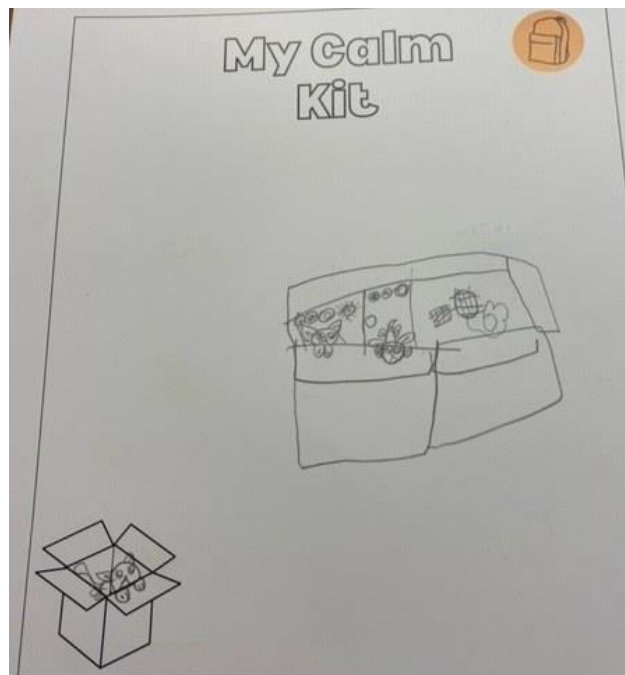
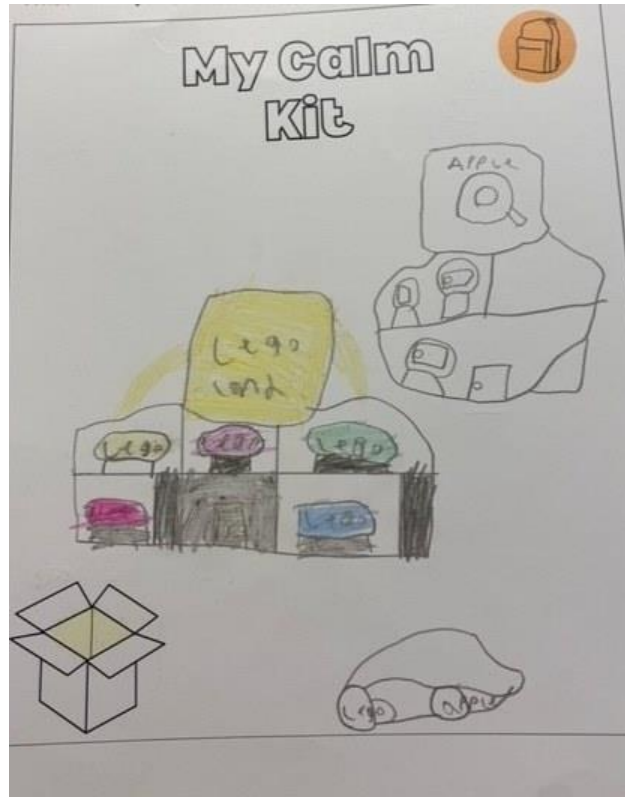


We are now halfway through our Brain Buddies sessions. Every Wednesday Caroline and Emma come and spend about an hour with us teaching us how our brains work, about our emotions and lots of strategies we can use to help us. We use the 4 zones that we use in class – blue, green, yellow and red. We can be in all of the zones within a few minutes and it changes throughout the day. The strategies we are practising could help us to return to the green zone.

There are a lot of strategies to learn! This is because one will work for some of us, but not for others. We have to find the ones that work best for us. We also practice them in class and discuss which ones we like. We could use a breathing skill; do chair push ups or finger pulls or use a distraction strategy like 5 senses. Please ask us if you want to know more.

Another thing we have been doing is thinking about our calm kits – things that we can do that will help us be calm. Some of the things in our kits include reading, drawing, colouring, chair push ups, finding a quiet space; playing with our friends and cuddling our pets. Miss Radford's calm kit has her dog; a book; and a great cup of tea.





Oak Class



Since half term, we have been looking at new topics in both our curriculum sessions of science and history.

In science, we have been focusing on changes and properties of materials. This week, we conducted an investigation to see whether mixing substances would make a mixture or a solution. We used a range of substances (herbs, sugar, salt, sand etc) and then observed what happened to the water when they mixed them. Some substances appeared to 'disappear' but we decided that they had dissolved into the water; this created a solution. Parents – challenge your children to tell you the definitions of a mixture and a solution.

In history, we have started studying the Ancient Greeks. We have already learned briefly about the major events in the Ancient Greek timeline including the rise and fall of King Alexander the Great; the establishment of the city states Sparta and Athens and the decline in power of the Ancient Greeks as they lost the Battle of Corinth to the Romans. We have specifically been looking at whether they were a part of the Archaic, Classical or Hellenistic periods and we are looking forward to learning about some of these events in more detail!

This has also linked nicely in with our English topic of myths. We are just about to start writing our own myth based on the hero and mythical creature we have designed earlier in the week. We are looking forward already to sharing these with you at Parents' Evening so get ready for our myths such as 'Tommeseus and the Goat Man'.

In the next few weeks, we will be practicing for the Christmas Carol concert and leading the Christingle service, so make sure you join us for those events!





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



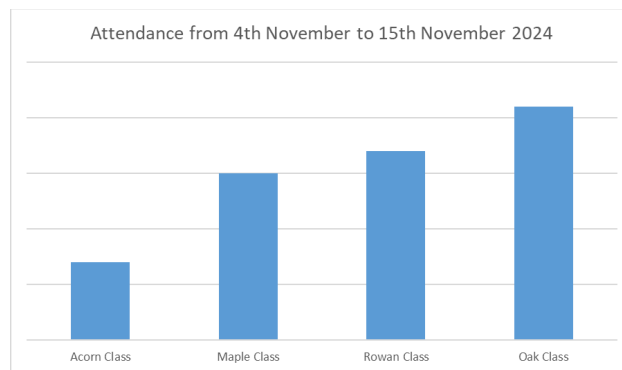
1 - Make someone smile or tell them joke. Or simply enjoy this time of year and jump about in the fallen leaves.

Whole School Attendance

Thankyou everyone for remembering to use the office telephone to report and leave messages of absence for your child. It has been a real help to all staff and hopefully an easy way of communicating with school first thing in the morning. To clarify expectations please try and

contact the school before 8.50 am if your child is unable to attend school, citing the reason. All children who arrive after 8.50 will need to report to the office and their adult must sign them in and give a **reason** for lateness. Lateness is monitored and may be recorded as an unauthorised absence. The school will offer support to anyone experiencing difficulties in getting their child to school on time. You will be requested to attend school for an informal chat with Mrs Canning, the school attendance officer or Mrs Norman, the school attendance lead if a child is regularly late for morning register.

'School has a safeguarding duty of care to all its pupils and we take the role of ensuring a child's good attendance as part of our safeguarding duties. '



Congratulations Oak Class, you have achieved the highest attendance percentage for the last two weeks. But can you achieve more than 91% next time?

Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 8th November were -

- Acorn Class - Markus
- Maple Class - Henry
- Rowan Class - Ceejay
- Oak Class - Jacob A

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Talon
- Maple Class - Eliese
- Rowan Class - Tommy S
- Oak Class - Will

Wow Writers were -

- Acorn Class - Lenni
- Male Class - Elizabeth
- Rowan Class - Bella
- Oak Class - Oscar

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 15th November are -

- Acorn Class - Anna
- Maple Class - Madison
- Rowan Class - Chase
- Oak Class - Reece A

Dojo Certificate recipients are -

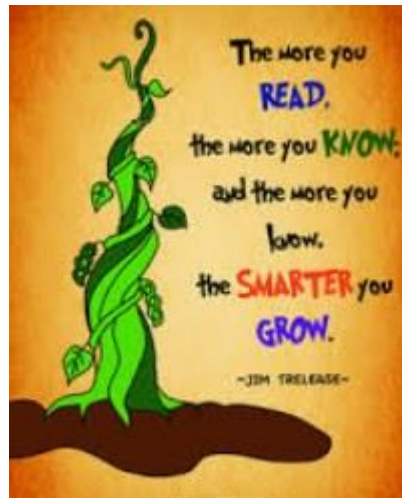
- Acorn Class - Frankie
- Maple Class - Eliese
- Rowan Class - Tilly
- Oak Class - Tess

Wow Writers are -

- Acorn Class - Myla
- Maple Class Tobias
- Rowan Class Ella
- Oak Class - Anabelle

Congratulations everyone!

Time for a good book!



We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

A family walks through the countryside on an unlikely search for a bear. But there's a surprise on the other side of the forest. A wonderful story, with many fun and repetitive lines which will help children remember the more difficult words. A great book for year 1 children to read as a group, with lots of repetition.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler

Young Frankie, and his family who run a hotel, are plunged into frantic action when they find out a particularly awkward guest is coming to stay. Nothing is quite good enough for the goblin prince Grogbah in this laugh-out-loud and magical page-turner that's perfect for independent readers in year 3.

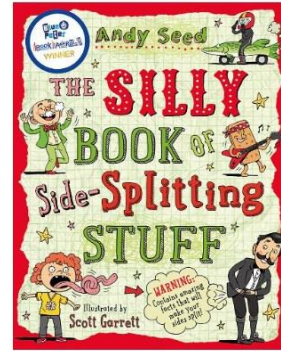
Funny | **Fantasy**



The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff by Andy Seed

An extremely funny book of facts and true stories which will appeal to reluctant readers. Bright and engaging illustrations. A great book for year 6s to dip into.

Funny



Update from the Kinderley Newsdesk...



Pudsey bear has been busy in the office counting all the pennies and so far Kinderley Primary have raised**£70.56**. Mrs Norman has agreed for school to donate the money raised today to the Paddy McGuinness Chopper bike challenge as it is doubling any donations at present. **So our £70 will become £140!**

You are all amazing!

Thankyou everyone. We hope that you have all enjoyed dressing up today.