

# Kinderley Primary School

## Autumn Term 25th October 2024



### Message from Mrs Norman

It has been a busy but enjoyable half term. We have seen our reception and nursery children settle into their new routines, but they are definitely starting to feel tired after a long first half term and have earned a week's break. We have also warmly welcomed a number of new children to other classes. We were lucky enough to be given Meerkat teddys for all children, and the wonderful pumpkin donation. There have been many enjoyable forest school sessions for early years and KS1, with mud monsters being created in the process. And I have to mention, yet again, the amazing golden token from Tesco which means we have £5000 to improve our forest school and pond area.

The earlier opening time for the gates is working well and lateness has reduced. Attendance is still in the low 90% and I would love to see this climb to 95% by Christmas.

We want to promote healthy living so please remember to send your child with fruit or vegetables for snack time. It also gives them an energy boost ready for more learning after a fresh air break. Please also send them with a refillable bottle. While we do not have drinks bottles on tables (they easily get knocked over), children are able to access them throughout the day.

Over half term I would love to see photographs of the children reading, in any weird and wonderful places. Send them to me via Dojo message and I will add them to our display in the hall. It might not be a book they are reading but a map, ingredients on a packet, instructions for a game.....the possibilities are endless.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a relaxing break and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Norman

### Reminders

- 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.
- Useful information - you can leave a message on the school answerphone from 7.30 a.m to report a child's absence. Please state your child's full name and the reason for absence.
- We will continue to use the field for as long as possible. In order to do this children ideally need a change of footwear, such as trainers, old shoes or wellies (which can be left at school). Children playing football **must** have a change of trousers and footwear.
- ***Children and staff return to school on Monday 4th November.***

### Key Contacts

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

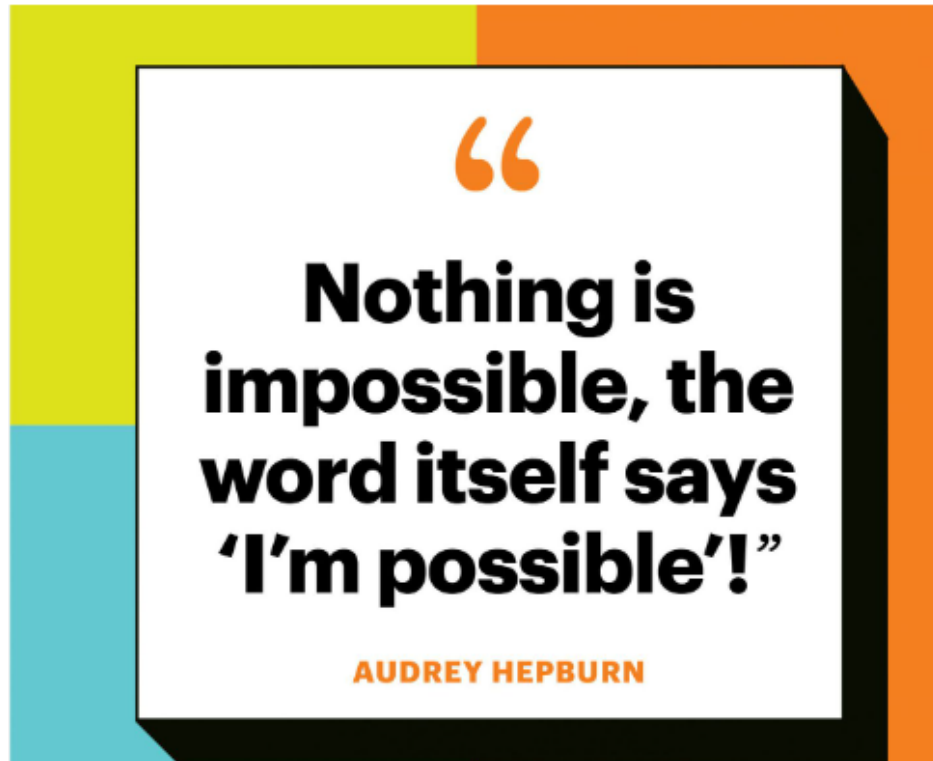
Absences **cannot** be reported using Dojo or email.

### 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](http://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**

**Swimming continues for Years 5 and Year 6 - Wednesday 6th November**

**Friday is Forest School for EYFS Years 1 & 2**

### **Friday 25th October**

- *Halloween Disco for Reception to Year 6 pupils 3.15 - 5pm*

### **Half Term - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

*Tuesday 19th November Bags2school fundraiser. The school will be taking unwanted children and adult clothing, shoes, hats, and bags so if you are having a wardrobe clear out over half term please keep these items to one side ready to bag up for school. (more details to follow)*

## Acorn Class



**Acorn class continue to make us smile with their determination and love of learning.**

Reception is working really hard with their phonic sounds and starting to blend the words. We are using magnetic letters to spell the words.

We have also been exploring with paint and learning to work as a team using the parachute.





*1 - We have been creating our own puppet shows and enjoying the outdoor classroom.*







*2 - We went to look at the pumpkins and picked one to take home*



*3 - Acorn class has been thinking about the Autumn season and been investigating pumpkins.*



*4 - We have also been exploring with paint and learning to work as a team using the parachute.*

## Maple Class



Maple class has been busy for the last two weeks. We had our first trip to the library bus, and we chose some fantastic books that we are reading after lunch in class. Some books are about ..... I don't know if we are allowed to say the big 'C' word yet, as I have not heard any 'C' songs on radio. But yes, they picked books about Christmas!





In English, we were working on setting description and using adjectives. Children in Maple class have some spooky ideas, and I will share some:

1. One day, there was a guy named Bob, who went in this haunted house, but what's that? Boom! Zombies are coming out of the grave!!! Smash! Boom! Crack!
2. Once there was a haunted, creepy house and two people.
3. I can see a haunted house. It has skeletons, zombies and graves.
4. I can see scary ghost. I think there is witch inside.

Have a lovely half term!

## Rowan Class



We have used our learning about stiffening material to make material pots. We used the scrap felt from our previous work so we did not waste resources. After we had finished, we discussed what we liked about them and how we could improve them. We wondered what would happen if we used a thinner material or another layer of material.

In English we have been using description in our writing. We have been thinking carefully about the best adjectives and adverbs to use. We have all worked very hard and we are very proud of our work. Some of our favourite sentences are:

I was shocked and felt a shiver ran down my spine, feeling the consequences that could happen. - Olivia

I could barely see what was there, but there was a double headed axe through the absolute middle of the chest. - Archie

When I got to the wooden chest I was determined to peek inside. - Lauren

It was on a gold, luxury plate that shone like a mirror when the light touched it. - Tommy V

I randomly heard someone behind me and my body stopped moving. - Jacob





## Oak Class



Well, we are finally at the end of our first half term in Oak Class. What a hard-working half term we have had; it's now time to relax and unwind over half term, ready for another busy term running up until Christmas.

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 6 have been writing their own version of 'Tom Trueheart and The Land of Dark Stories' in English lessons. We have been thinking about how to entertain the reader by creating suspense in our writing and building up to the main action. We have also then created a voice over for a film trailer for our own story. We hope to share these with you at Parents' Evening in December.

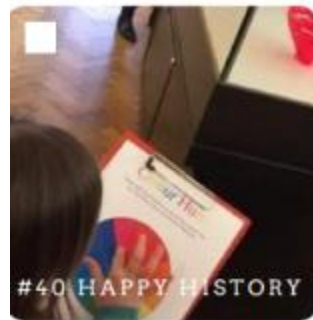
In Geography, we have spent the half term learning about the world countries and their biomes. This week, we are continuing to write a double page spread recapping all the learning we have covered since September. Some of the children have even named their writing 'My Geography Journey this Half Term'. Quick Quiz – children can you explain to your adults about these questions.

1. What is a tundra biome?
1. Give me two different types of desert biome.
1. What happens to the temperature the closer you get to the equator? Why is this?

A massive thank you to everyone for their homework – nearly every single person brought it back last week! Year 6 children – remember the answers are in the back of the book so you can check your answers when you have completed it!

Have a lovely half term everyone!

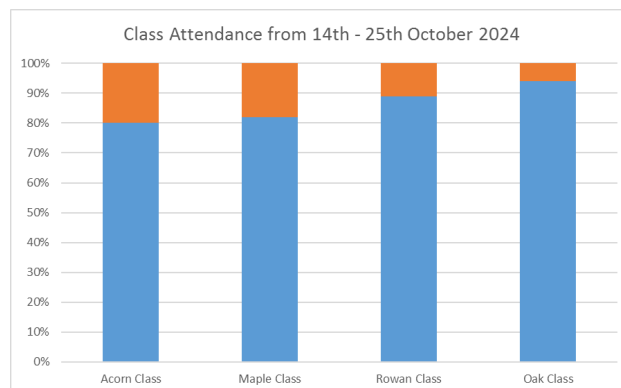
'50 things to do before you are 5 (and any age really...).'



***If you are out and about during half term, have a look around for history. I bet you can find something!! Send us a photograph if you can or put a message on Dojo. We would love to see what you find. It might be an old building, or a coin from years ago. Who remembers the half pence coin?***

## Whole School Attendance

Staff have been really impressed and very pleased that children and their grown ups have continued to sustain good overall attendance over the last two weeks. We appreciate that there are occasions when the morning routine doesn't go to plan and sometimes we just want another 10 minutes under the duvet, but when lateness becomes more frequent it can start to have a negative effect on a child's school day and learning. For this reason attendance will continue to be closely monitored after half term and if you are experiencing any difficulties getting to school on time we urge you to come and speak to a member of staff for an informal chat.



5 - A huge well done to Oak Class, who have achieved an attendance percentage of 95% for the last two weeks! AMAZING!

## Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 18th October were -

- Acorn Class - Huxley
- Maple Class - Archie D
- Rowan Class - Evie
- Oak Class - Logan

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Talon
- Maple Class - Lola-Lee
- Rowan Class - Jacob A
- Oak Class - Tommy-Lee

'Wow writers' were -

Acorn Class - Myla

Maple Class - Eliese

Rowan Class - Tommy V

Oak Class - Will

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 25th October are -

- Acorn Class - Rosie
- Maple Class - Elizabeth
- Rowan Class - Olivia
- Oak Class - Ronnie

Dojo Certificate recipients are -

- Acorn Class - Frankie
- Maple Class - Poppy
- Rowan Class - Cezar
- Oak Class - Leon

Are WOW writers this week are -

Acorn Class - Minnie



Maple Class -Madison

Rowan Class - Samuel

Oak Class - Tess

***Congratulations everyone!***

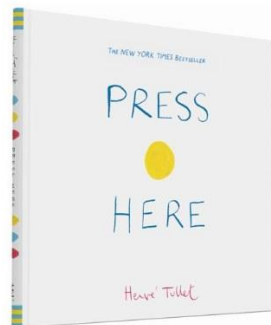
Time for a good book!



### **Press Here by Herve Tullet**

A book like no other. Push the yellow button, and the reader is faced with instructions and tasks to create an interactive experience. This book never reads quite the same way twice. A great book to encourage imaginative reception readers.

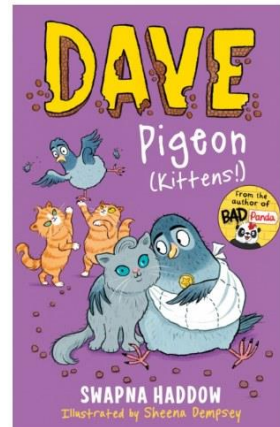
***Fantasy picture book***



**Dave Pigeon (Kittens!) by Swapna Haddow,  
illustrated by Sheena Dempsey**

Mean Cat is acting strangely and Dave the Pigeon and Skipper fear the worst. But an unexpected turn of events and some very cute kittens force them to see cats in a new light. Fast-paced fun and frequent illustrations make this series ideal for less confident readers in lower KS2.

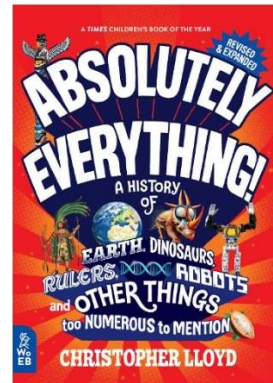
**Animal story | Funny**



**Absolutely Everything by Christopher Lloyd**

"A History of Earth, Dinosaurs, Rulers, Robots and Other Things Too Numerous" – this fantastic and unique non-fiction book is highly recommended to stretch and encourage inquisitive children and develop critical thinking. This recently revised and expanded edition is a brilliant resource for any year 6 classroom or child's bookshelf at home. Read [our review](#) for more details.

**Encyclopaedia**



## Hot off the press.....

### Social Impact Schools Award

We are taking part in the Social Impact Schools Award to formally recognise and celebrate the amazing social actions that our school and your children take over the school year. We know that by getting involved in things like volunteering, campaigning and fundraising children are growing themselves while also benefitting the world around them.

In order to achieve the award, we will need to log at least one social action per child over the school year (though we are striving to do far more!).

As a school we will be organising a series of different activities, but children can also do things at home. This can be anything from helping to pick up litter outside their house; taking part in fund raising or designing a poster to raise awareness about something. Let us know and we can add it to their log.

The award is run by SuperKind.Org who provide tonnes of resources to help inspire and empower children to be change makers, so please do feel free to check it out with your children.

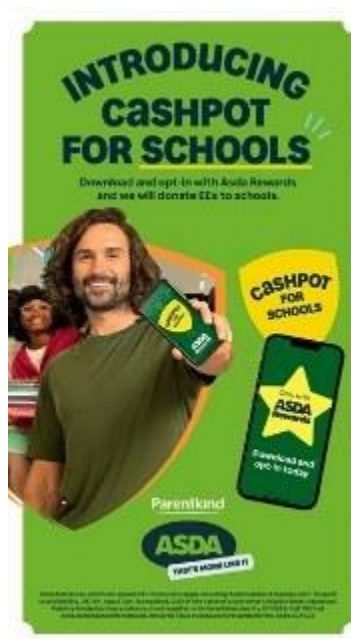


**We've entered!**

## **The Social Impact Schools Award 2024/2025**

**To showcase our dedication to making  
a difference to the world around us**

Delivered by SuperKind.Org  
[www.superkind/social-impact-schools-award](http://www.superkind/social-impact-schools-award)



**The ASDA total so far is £176.11. There are 37 days left to get this to £200 everyone!**

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