

Kinderley Primary School

Autumn Term 11th October 2024

Message from Mrs Norman

This Term's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather is definitely showing us that summer is well and truly over.....and the rain retains its love for 3.15pm!! Please remember to send children with raincoats/jackets and additional footwear for the field please (and a change of clothes if playing football). It's so much better for the children to be on the field where they have the space to play ball games and run around.

Special Events/Activities/News/Focus

The children have settled well into their new classes and know the routines and expectations. It's lovely to walk around the school and see the children engaged in their learning. Our Nursery children have also settled well and Reception are busy learning their phonic sounds.

Mr McVittie has been busy purchasing new PE equipment (this is an improvement on his smoke making last week!) for our PE scheme and this means we can now create lunch time play boxes for each class. Each class will have an equipment monitor, so that we can ensure children have lots to play with. We also hope to get some large outdoor games such as Connect 4.

I have made a change to our medicine policy and we are now able to administer Calpol during the school day and we will keep Calpol sachets in school. We will be sharing an electronic form shortly. This form would need to be signed to give us permission, and then you would be contacted by phone for specific verbal permission. A copy of this policy will be available on our website shortly.

Reminders

Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kit. Black shorts or tracksuit and a white t shirt.

I would like to keep using the field for as long as possible. In order to do this children need a change of footwear. This could be trainers, old shoes or wellies. They can be left in school for the week or half term.

Key Contacts

To report absences please contact Mrs Canning in the school office: 01945 870374

Absences **cannot** be reported using Dojo.

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

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”

– Gail Devers

Diary Dates

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

P.E for Year 3 and Year 4 - Thursdays

Swimming for Years 5 and Year 6 - Wednesdays

Friday is Forest School for EYFS Years 1 & 2

Friday 18th October -

- *EYFS Phonics for Parents (time to be confirmed)*

Friday 25th October

- *Halloween Dress up Day (non uniform for all)*
- *Reception Class 'Bears Ceremony' 2.30pm-3.00pm*
- *Halloween Disco for Reception to Year 6 pupils*

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

Tuesday 19th November Bags2school -information to follow

Acorn Class



Acorn class have been looking at making patterns in maths. We have been using different objects to create patterns.

We have continued our Marvelous me topic and been looking at our families and homes. We made our own clay houses and are gradually painting them.

This week we have been learning about our senses and we went on a listening walk.

In phonics nursery children have been singing nursery rhymes and Reception have been learning our RWI initial sounds. We are doing really well at starting to blend c-a-t and listening carefully to work out the word.

We are continuing to enjoy all the physical activities, especially digging and using the bikes.





Maple Class



In Maple class, we worked on reading different poems and finding rhyming words. Also, we created our own poems about the four seasons. Children worked so hard, and their poems came out wonderfully. They are now on our Proud Wall.



1 - Class Poems

On 27th of September, we had our adults in for a reading open morning, and we learned the poem 5 Little leaves. Together we produced some actions to help us remember the poem. On Friday, we performed the poem in front of everyone in school! That was a bit scary, but we were brilliant!!!

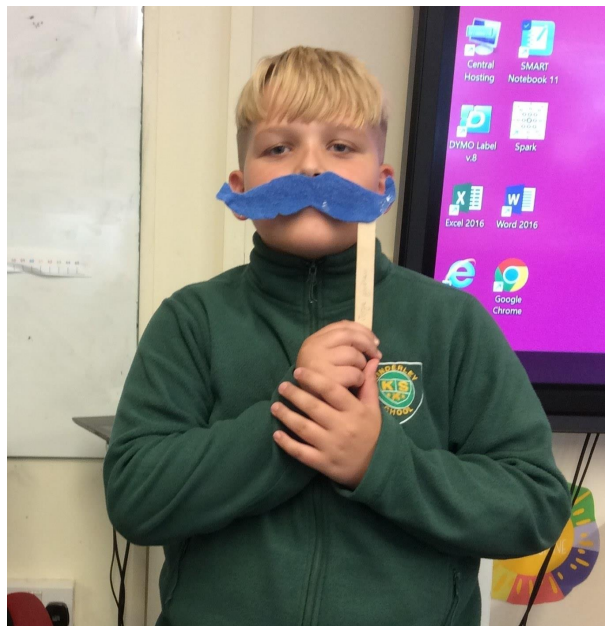
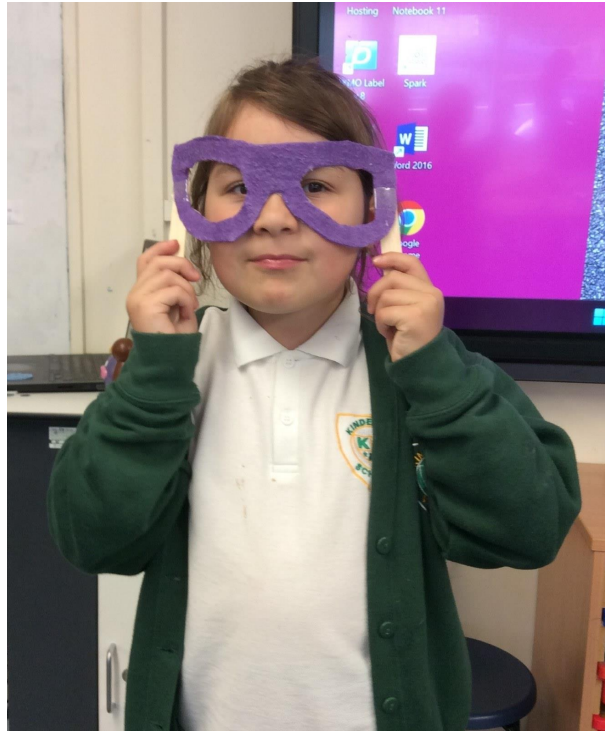
Rowan Class



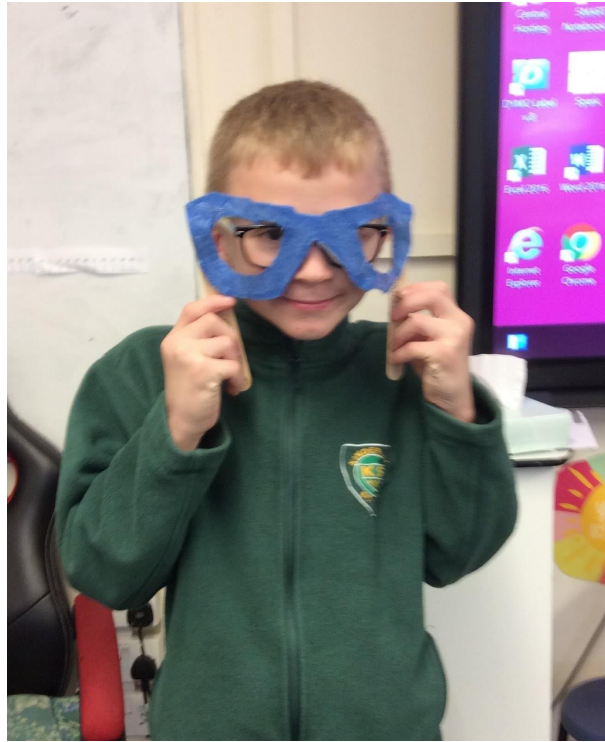
In Rowan Class we have been learning about the Stone Age in history. We found out that woolly mammoths became extinct because they were hunted by humans. We were amazed to find out that scientists have used DNA to discover that Cheddar Man, who died 10,000 years ago, had blue eyes.

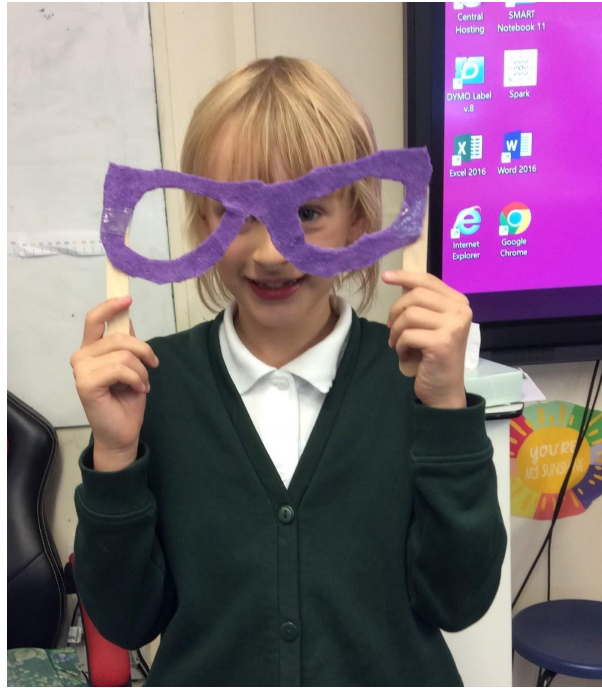
In Design and Technology we have been finding out how to make material stiffer. We tested different methods and then decided on the best one to use. Hairspray works well; cornflour and water leave a white residue, but PVA glue works the best. We used this to stiffen the material to make our glasses, moustaches and lips.











Oak Class



We enjoyed another good few weeks in Oak Class and have begun to produce some really high levels of independent work in a range of the curriculum areas.

In our daily maths morning sessions, we have been focusing on the Year 6 Arithmetic questions and especially some of the trickier fraction questions. The children in Year 5 have also been having a good attempt at these too and I am impressed with how quickly the children are picking up the tips and strategies to help them answer these styles of questions (some topics of which we have not really covered yet!). Children – can you challenge your adults at home to have a go at these three questions?

1. $\frac{1}{3}$ divided by 7 =
1. $4\frac{2}{4} - \frac{7}{8} =$
1. $15 - 7.645 =$

Did they get them correct? Can you talk them through the strategy you might have used to answer your question?

In DT, we have been challenging ourselves to be chefs and look at the nutritional values of a range of breads from around the world. Last week, we had an eventual session making flatbreads. We tried a range of ingredients including mozzarella cheese, caramelised onions and even olives! It was all going so well until we had to fry them! A fire evacuation and a shocked Mrs Norman face meant we did not get a chance to cook everyone's, but I hope you enjoyed tasting them at home! This week, we made the Danish delicacy of Smorrebrod (an open sandwich on rye bread). We chopped a range of vegetables and made Harissa Yoghurt and Marie Rose sauce which we weren't all too keen on! We demolished these and all rated them highly – I was impressed with everyone for trying my red onion and tomato version, with a bit of both sauces!

A couple of reminders:

- Reading Records are being checked on a Friday morning so make sure yours is in – up to 10 dojos are offered if you read every night.
- Homework starts this week – make sure it is back in on a Wednesday, so you are ready for the next set.



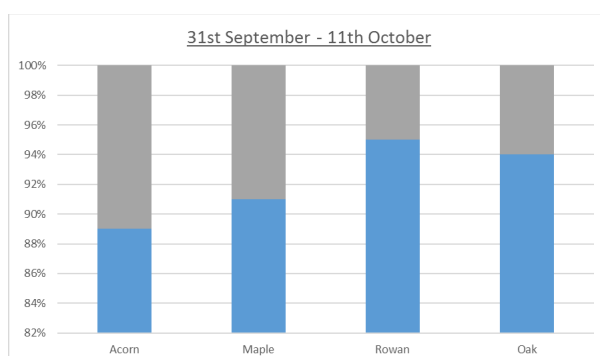
'50 things to do before you are 5 (and any age really...).'



Get in the garden before it gets too cold and see what potions you can make. Or you could experiment with a few herbs and spices in the kitchen.....but ask parents/carers for permission first!

Whole School Attendance

A big thank you to all the children and grown ups who have been getting through the school gate between 8:40 and 8:50. Please speak to your child's teacher, Ms Canning or Mrs Norman if you are having difficulties in getting into school on time, as it really is important that children are able to start their day promptly. We will be sharing the schools attendance both in our fortnightly newsletters and with the children in Friday assemblies each week. Well done everyone!



2 - Rowan Class have achieved 95%, closely followed by Oak Class with 94% , Maple Class with 91% and Acorn Class with 90% attendance over the last two weeks. Fantastic everyone!

Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 4th October were -

- Acorn Class - Minnie

- Maple Class - Casper
- Rowan Class - William
- Oak Class - Tommy-Lei

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class - Minnie
- Maple Class - Asia
- Rowan Class - Vinnie
- Oak Class - Anabelle

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 11th October were -

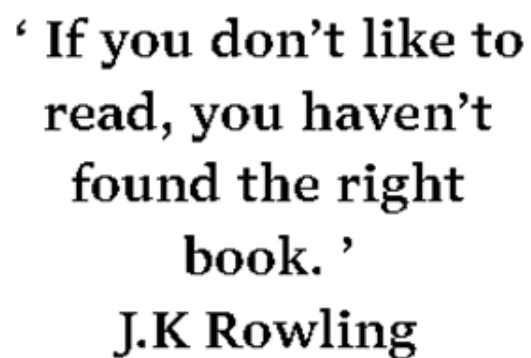
- Acorn Class - Lenni
- Maple Class - Poppy J
- Rowan Class - Alicia-Mae
- Oak Class - Amy

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

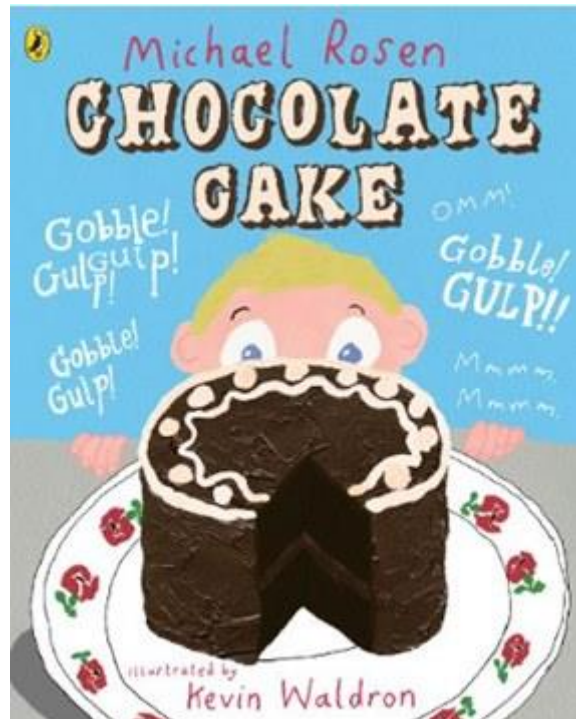
- Acorn Class - Markus
- Maple Class - Poppy J & Swayley
- Rowan Class - Tommy J
- Oak Class - Eva

Congratulations everyone!

Time for a good book!

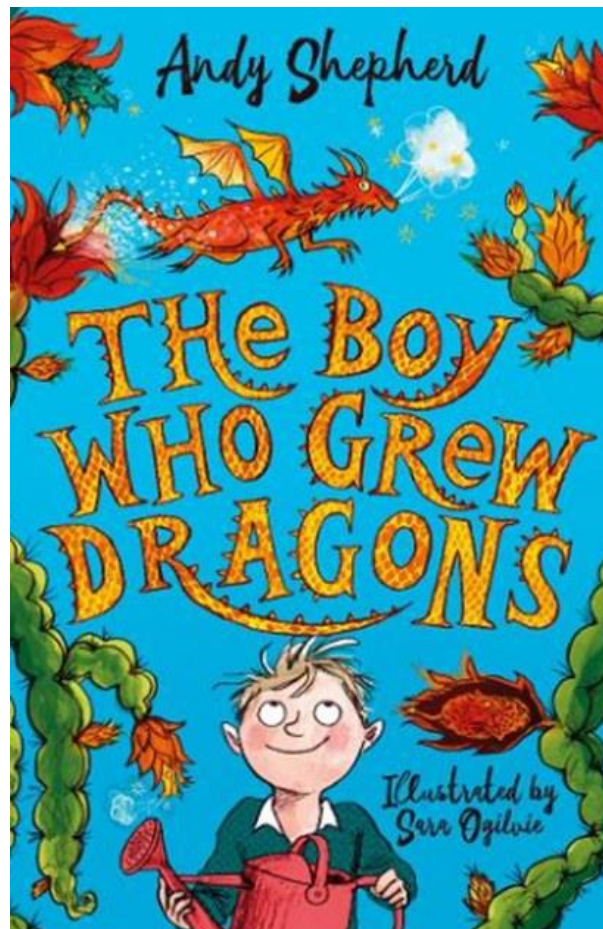


**‘ If you don’t like to
read, you haven’t
found the right
book. ’
J.K Rowling**



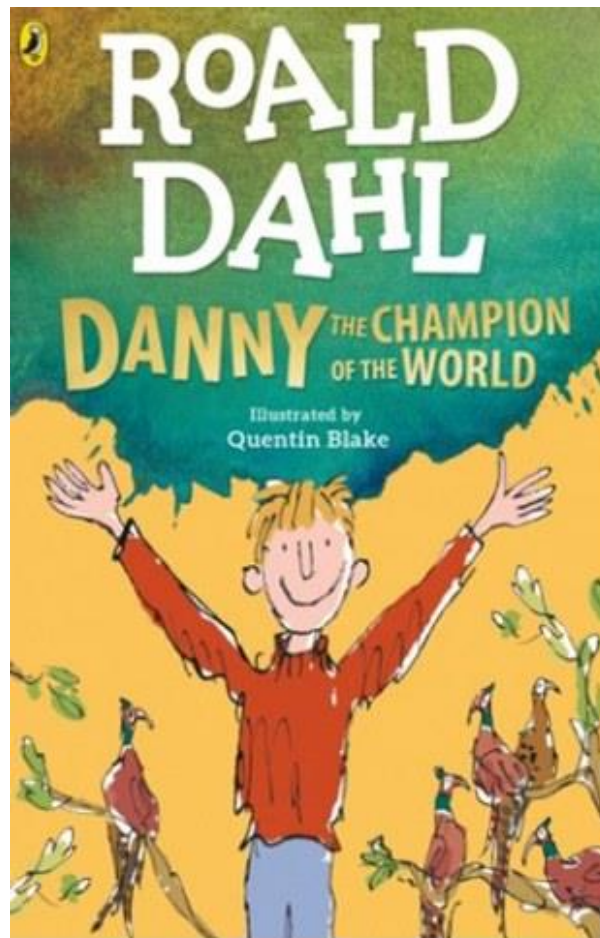
Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Kevin Waldron

When a young boy sneaks downstairs at night, his plan to just look at the chocolate cake turns into a full-blown midnight feast. The laugh-out-loud poetic narrative captures his attempts to clean up the mess. But not everything goes as planned. Waldron's illustrations, with lively text layouts and speech bubbles, ramps up Rosen's sense of fun. It's a surefire winner for reading to Year 1 classes.



The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

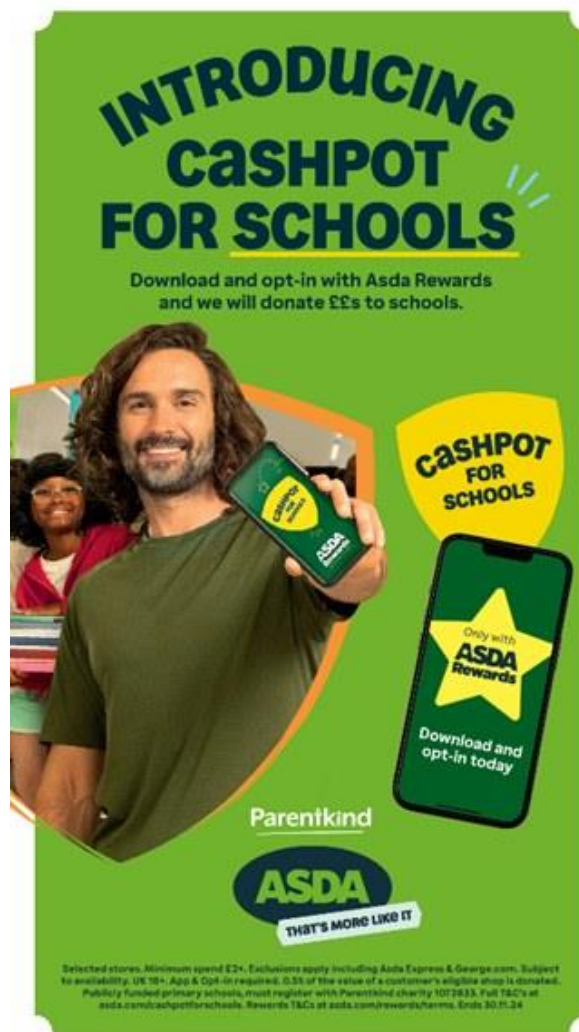
A funny, heart-warming and captivating adventure about a boy whose dragon fruit from the tree in his garden begins hatching. He soon finds that caring for a small dragon is no easy task. And then more and more dragon fruits start to hatch... It's perfect to read to your child or use as a Year 3 class reader.



Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

Danny and his father William live in a caravan mending cars for a living, although Danny's father also has a dangerous sideline in poaching pheasants. A gripping and at times visceral story that is peppered with humour and warmth, this is one of the more challenging and thought-provoking children's novels by Roald Dahl.

News Extra.....reminders



If you haven't already signed up, please do. It's so easy! Download the Asda reward app, click on cashpots and then select Kinderley. This can be used in store and on line.

We are currently on £148.17 with Asda Cashpots. There are 50 days left and it would be great to get to £300.