



King's Academy Oakwood

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News:

Dear Parents and Carers,

The students have returned to school ready and eager to learn! This term is one of the most important of the year as so much learning takes place. There will be statutory assessments taking place over the terms such as Year 2 SATs, the Year 1 phonics check and the Year 4 multiplication check. Team leaders will be sending home further information about these assessments prior to the children starting. Please speak with your class teacher if you have any further questions following these letters.

There will be trips taking place this term and we are extremely excited about the Year 4 residential in July. If you have not received a letter about a class trip for your child, this will be out to you very soon!

Summer term curriculum letters will be coming out to you on Monday. These letters are full of information about the learning that will be taking place in your child's class this term. Please also head to the website for further information which can be found under the 'primary curriculum' tap.

Thank you all for your generous donations for Ukraine. They have been collected today and will be driven to Ukraine to those in need.



Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

J Tate

Mrs Tate

Head of Primary

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd May: Academies closed (bank holiday)

Wednesday 25th May: Year 3 trip to London Zoo

Monday 30th May - 3rd June: Half Term Break

Tuesday 14th June: Year 3 trip to Pizza Express

Tuesday 21st June: KAO open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)

Thursday 23rd June: KAB open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)

Monday 4th July: KAO Sports Day (more info to follow)

Tuesday 5th July: KAB Sports Day (more info to follow)

Wednesday 6th July: INSET Day

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Willow

Word of the week (last week): Metamorphosis

Word of the week: Invertebrate

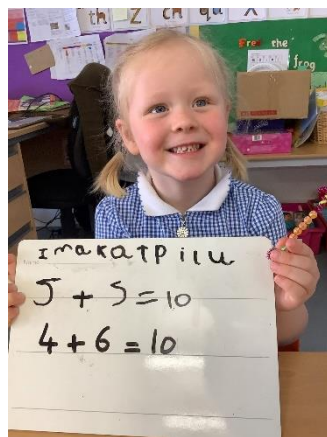
Our baby caterpillars have finally arrived today! It gave Willow class a great opportunity to show off their brilliant retrieval skills as they remembered last week's learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and the incredible process of metamorphosis that takes place!

This week, the children continued to explore and enjoy their new topic of 'Nature Rocks' by learning more about minibeasts. They have learnt how minibeasts are invertebrates. We've been naming and sorting minibeasts and enjoyed reading Superworm and spotting the minibeast characters in it. The children went on a minibeast hunt in the garden that prompted them to make detailed and accurate drawings of their favourite bugs and to label their drawing, showcasing their brilliant knowledge and writing skills.

In maths, we have been learning about ways to make 10 and we enjoyed using beads and pipecleaners to make caterpillars which helped us find those number bonds to 10. This week, the children have been developing their concept of doubling by painting dots on butterflies and ladybirds' wings.

Last week, on Friday afternoon, we spent some time learning about St George's Day (which took place on Saturday 23rd April). The children heard the story of George and the dragon and had fun making shields and flags to retell his story. Some children decided to make spears and swords too!

Last week, we also had a very EGG-citing delivery of some eggs and an incubator! They have come from a local, free range egg farm where the chicks will return to live a happy life once hatched. The children are very excited for the eggs to hatch and our 21 day countdown has begun!



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Ash

Word of the week (last week): repetition

Word of the week: significant

Ash class have blown me away with the enthusiasm and hard work they have been putting in since returning after their break. The children have loved the start to their gymnastics and cricket lessons last week which are run by our specialist coaches and have all achieved their own personal goals in P.E. this week. It has made me so proud!

In English, we have been learning about significant people and we kicked things off with Winston Churchill as one of our houses. We watched videos and read articles about who he was and some fun facts about him. The children then worked on mind map of key information to help them write some fact file on Churchill.

Last week, Ash Class had to leave for the airport as we were flying to Kenya from London to explore for the start of our new topic in Geography this half term. The children had so much fun doing this and all used their imaginations so well. We were all laughing pretending to be pilots, passengers, and cabin crew. I think one of our pilots even had a bit of rough turbulence during the flight - which of course everyone played along with - haha!

In science, we went out on a spring walk around the playground and noticed different signs of spring. Some children then wrote beautiful sentences on the differences between Spring and Winter. In Art, the children worked hard on making some tissue paper flowers for our new garden centre role play area. A couple children have been so thoughtful and brought us some plants they have been growing at home which the rest of the class have loved seeing.



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Birch

Word of the week (last week):

Word of the week:

We have had such a busy and exciting start to the term and the children have had a lot of fun! The children started the term off with lots of different new sports activities that we had a go at including gymnastics and cricket in the beautiful weather. They were so lucky to be taught all these different sports!

In Maths, the class have started our length and height topic so we have been doing lots of measuring around the classroom and playground. They really enjoyed lying down and measuring how tall each other are!

Birch class also had a shock when we returned from playtime to discover that the gluesticks had decided to quit after not being treated the correct way. They left a letter for us to read about all the things we could do to improve. This inspired the children's writing to write a letter to themselves from the glue sticks explaining how upset they were but also what the class could do to make them feel better. I was so proud of the letters the children produced and all the different punctuation and adjectives they used.

The children have started a new topic in Science called Living Things and their Habitats. The children's first lesson was all about organising different objects into Living, Dead and Never Alive. We talked about the anagram MRS GREN to help us remember some of the processes that living things do to help us tell if they are alive. They loved looking and examining all the bugs too!



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Chestnut

Word of the week: inedible

What a busy start to the term Chestnut class have had! It has been wonderful to have the children back in school these last two weeks showing such enthusiasm for their learning! In English, we have begun our new unit of work on Mystery Stories. The children have enjoyed exploring mysterious pictures and creating their own backstories and have been doing a brilliant job of learning our model text called 'The Manor House'. Next week, we will be moving on to writing the opening and build up of our very own mystery stories based upon this text.

In Maths, we have begun learning about Fractions. We started off by exploring halves, quarters and thirds, then moved on to learning about unit and non-unit fractions and making a whole. We then began counting fractions on a numberline and have now started learning all about tenths. Fractions can be a tricky concept but I have been really impressed with the way the children have grasped this new learning.

In Geography, we have begun a new topic of OS Maps, and our local area. We have been using atlases and comparing the level of detail to that of an OS Map and have been learning to give directions using the 8 compass points. This week we moved on to learning about the different OS Map Symbols. The children enjoyed challenging themselves to work out what each symbol meant.

In Science, Chestnut class have been enjoying learning about Plants. We have been learning about the different parts of a flower and the functions of each part. The children loved dissecting flowers with tweezers just like real scientists! They did a fantastic job of dissecting and identifying each part of the flower.



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Pine

Word of the week (last week): eloquent

Word of the week: analyse

In maths, we have been completing our topic on decimal fractions. The children have impressed me with their understanding of the value of decimals which enabled them to be able to find 1 whole, compare and order decimals and then finally round to the nearest whole number.

In English, we are doing a film clip unit based on the short film 'The Dream Giver'. Our focus has been on writing the build-up of a story. Children used their senses to describe what the character was experiencing and created atmosphere by giving clues about hidden danger.

Pine class enjoyed a cricket session run by two external coaches last week. They were shown a range of skills and got to practise them in lots of fun ways. They showed respect with their good listening skills and were definitely determined to score the most runs!



In geography, we have started a new topic: The United Kingdom. To launch this unit, the class completed a quiz. They had to see if they could match the UK's capital cities, highest peaks and national flags to the correct country. Year 4 then used atlases to check and correct their answers.



We learnt from our mistakes - can you spot our errors?

