



King's Academy Oakwood

Dare to be Remarkable



Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! What a wonderful week and a half we have had since returning after the break. The children have settled back into school life beautifully and are working incredibly hard in lessons. We will soon be sending out to you the detailed curriculum letters for the Spring term so that you know what your children will be learning about in class. These will also go onto our website so that you can look at other year groups if you would like to.

This week, we have had a small number of children testing positive for Covid. We will continue with the stringent measures that are currently in place and, if needed, we will be bubbling classes. Bubbling classes will help us to stop the spread between different classes as much as possible in school although because of the transmissible nature of Omicron, we have a number of siblings who are testing positive which can then impact upon different classes.

Please remember to wear masks when onsite if you are inside the academy or outside on the playground. Many parents and carers are not wearing masks at drop off and pick up and we know that this is key to helping stop the spread of Covid.

If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid, please do not send them to school until they have had a PCR test. If you are happy to test your children as often as possible with a lateral flow test please do as many children are asymptomatic so regular LFTs are the only way of identifying cases.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tate

Head of Primary

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Willow

It has been amazing to see Willow class settle back into their routine so beautifully, keen to show their new teacher how wonderful they truly are. There was a buzz of excitement as they shared their news from Christmas with their friends and wished each other a Happy New Year. They wrote some lovely 'thank you' letters to Father Christmas to show how 'grateful' they were for their presents and for staying on Santa's good list!

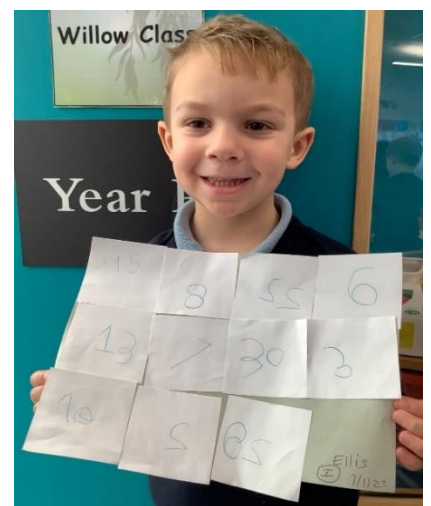
In Maths we have been looking at the New Year 2022 and learning more about the months in the year. We made our own calendars and found our birthdays on them.

Our new topic 'Amazing Animals' has captivated the children's attention and imagination. It has been wonderful sharing pictures of the children's pets and watching them create fabulous models of their favourite pet with junk modelling. Over the past couple of days, we have had some exciting pets coming to visit us- including a puppy, some kittens and some creepy crawlies! That fuelled their interest further, especially in our vet Role Play area.

Word of the week:

Last week: Grateful

This week: Hullabaloo



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Ash

We have had a wonderful start in Ash class since returning to school. In English, we have been writing pen pal letters to Year 1 over at King's Academy Binfield! The children were so excited to find out their penpal and now we are eagerly waiting for a reply! In Science, we are focusing on 'Animals' this half term where the children have been working on grouping animals. This week we were seeing how we could group mammals and looked at all animal diets using the key language of Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores!

Year 1 were so enthusiastic about our 'Continents' topic in Geography. We have looked at Europe, Australia and Antarctica over the past couple of weeks. We have all had the continent's song stuck in our heads the past few days - so apologies if you hear it on repeat at home! The children were deciding what to wear on their trip to these continents, made flags using tissue paper and drew some beautiful chalk artwork of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House. We have been learning to log in and out of a laptop in Computing and started to look at Purplemash where we will be creating some digital paintings over the coming weeks!

Word of the Week:

Last week: continent

This week: sacred



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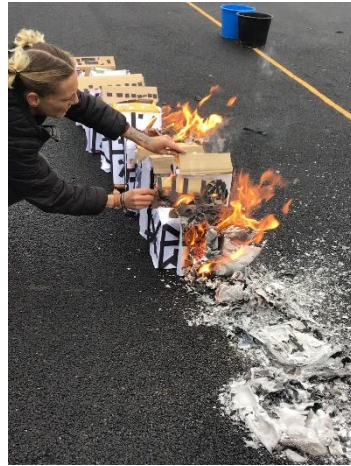
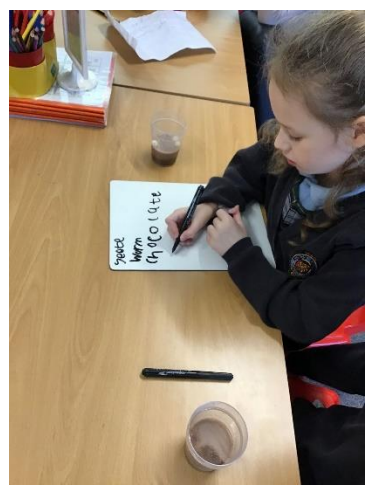
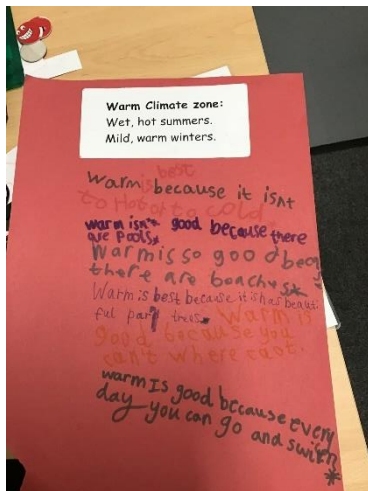
Birch

Word of the week: retrieval

Just before the Christmas holidays, the children worked so hard on making some tudor homes similar to those found in 1666. The children were left shocked when a fire broke out and burned the houses down just like the Great Fire of London. The children were able to talk about why the houses burned so quickly and what materials future houses should be made of. It was such a great learning experience for the children!

Coming back from the holidays, the children have been working so hard in English. We have been looking at alliteration and similes and how important they are in shape poems. We had a little taste of some hot chocolate and, for those who wanted some, marshmallows to inspire some shape poetry. I can't wait to read what the children came up with!

We have started a new topic in Geography, looking at hot and cold places. We have looked at the difference between weather and climate as well as the 4 climate zones. The children were in four groups and each given a climate zone to think of reasons as to why that was the best climate to live in. They had a small debate, persuading everyone to vote for their zone. After a vote, the warm climate zone came out the winner!



What a fantastic start to the new year the children in Birch class have had!

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Chestnut

Word of the week: Engrossed

Since the beginning of the Spring term, we have been focusing on Poetry in English. The children have been enjoying exploring list poems and using this format to write poems with similes, adverbs and rhymes. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on multiplication and division with a particular focus on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

In Science, we have been exploring how Magnets work. This week the children participated in a magnet carousel activity whereby they completed different tasks using magnets. I was particularly impressed with the scientific vocabulary the children used when explaining their findings and observations verbally.

We have started our new Geography topic of India this half term; the children have so far enjoyed using the atlases to locate India and its bordering countries and oceans. We have also begun to identify some of India's most well known man-made and physical geographical features. In RE, we have returned to our learning about Hinduism and are now focusing on learning about Hindu beliefs and deities. With Hinduism being one of the main religions in India, this fits nicely with our learning about the country and its culture.



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Pine

Word of the week: Ravenous

In the last week of last term, Year 4 put their DT skills to the test by making water wheels. They collected the resources according to their plans and made modifications as they went. And, like all good engineers, they evaluated their prototypes by celebrating what went well and thinking about what improvements they would make if they were to build another one. They were designed with younger children in mind and some members of Willow class had great fun testing them out for us before Christmas!

This term we have started a new English topic on Newspaper Reports and the children have loved spending time reading First News. In maths, we are continuing our topic on multiplication.

We have also started a new topic in humanities. Our new geography topic is Eastern Europe and we kicked off our learning by tasting pastries from Poland and building a puzzle of European countries to help our understanding of landlocked and coastal countries. In RE this term we are studying Buddhism and exploring if it is possible for everyone to be happy.



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