

Dear Parents

This week has been a super science week and I would like to thank all the staff and especially Mrs Holmes for drawing the workshops together. As part of our project with the Ogden Trust we will be developing our experience of science fairs and Mrs Holmes will be sending a letter soon about the next stage.

The children have been visiting the allotment area and their designs have been passed to the community team. Our continued thanks for all the donations and support, particularly the Parish council who will assist us with tools and Mr Bishop for compost. As we progress into the summer term please can you ensure your child has a sun hat and lotion is applied before school, to protect the skin.

This term we will be preparing written reports for sharing in June. In the meantime if you have any concerns please use the email or Seesaw contact the class teacher. Remember to check the Seesaw once a week for the homework tasks. Thank you. Ms Praed

## Pod Popping Moments

### Acorns Class



Acorns have been learning what 'double' means in lots of different contexts. They have mastered the art of playing dominoes! The children are great at subitising (identifying amounts without counting) now. We have been learning about

how to keep our bodies healthy by eating well, personal hygiene and being active.

### Willow Class



This week in Willow Class for our Science day we investigated what materials will float or sink. We first predicted what would happen to different

objects and then we tested our predictions by seeing if the objects would float or sink. We wrote about our experiment just like a scientist would with our 'results' and a 'conclusion'.

### Beech Class



Wow! What a lot of science learning. The children have learnt all about electricity and explored its history as far back as 600bc. They have experimented with circuits to find out how to make a bulb light up. They used their learning from earlier in the year around materials to explain why metal allows the electricity to flow. They were then set a challenge to light up a bulb with tin foil, a battery, and a bulb.

### Rowan Class



We had a super day of science on Wednesday with the children using UV reactive beads to test different materials in order to create a safe pair of sunglasses. From hypothesis to conclusion, the children worked as teams to ensure that their test was fair and to record accurate results. Fantastic!

## Birch Class



Birch class have been investigating air resistance and considering changing variables. We enjoyed using our origami skills to create different shapes and analysing how this impacts the air resistance on the paper.



Through comparing how the paper travelled and the speed, we were able to draw conclusions.

## Maple Class



This week, Year 5 have mastered the art of finding missing angles on a straight line, around the point of a circle and in a variety of shapes using bar modelling to support their calculations. Children have now finished the supported stage of their writing and are moving into writing an independent information text about Tutankhamun. We studied a lot of science this week: investigating forces. One question we asked was - how did the Ancient Egyptians transport sand stone blocks to build pyramids?

## Oak Class



This week we have been completing science experiments liked to our topic - How did the Egyptians build the pyramids? We used Newton meters to pull weights over dry and wet sand before writing up our results! We have also been thinking about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In our writing, we will be imagining we are inside the tomb - writing in the present tense!

## Nursery



The children have loved to help make play dough this week. We explored colour mixing, changing the texture with dry and wet ingredients and explored smell and touch as we added the ingredients. We would really appreciate some

playdough ingredient donations of food colouring, different flavour essences and salt/flour/oil if anyone has any spare! Thank you!

## AWARDS!



### Class Celebrations

Acorns - Charlotte, April  
Willow - Seb, Phoebe  
Beech - Ollie, Thomas  
Rowan - James, Dylan  
Birch - Maisy, Olly  
Maple - Faron  
Oak - Izzy, Ameli

Unfortunately due to present COVID 19 restrictions there will not be a celebration assembly for parents. However, we will be presenting the children with their certificates in Class.

### Literacy Star of the week

Acorns - Theo  
Willow - Hattie  
Beech - Roman  
Rowan - Jem  
Birch - Ceara  
Maple - Becca  
Oak - Jack

### Mathematician of the Week

Acorns - Millie  
Willow - Daisy  
Beech - Gabbie  
Rowan - Ella  
Birch - Tabby  
Maple - Kaiden  
Oak - Seb

### PTA News



Summer PTA fundraiser!

**Friday 28th May** - Non School uniform day in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1.00.

Many thanks

## Attendance

**Congratulations to Birch Class with 98 % attendance!**