



OAKFIELD LIFE

CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



LOVE

TRUST

HONESTY

HOPE



In this edition, look out for...

- Warm spaces over half term
- World Book Day
- The return of Young Reporters



A full showcase of 'The Greatest Show' will be in next half term's edition!



A Message from Mrs Reader...

This half term we have welcomed many new families to Oakfield. We now only have spaces in year 1 and year 3. I am so pleased that our school and nursery continues to grow and flourish in serving our local community.

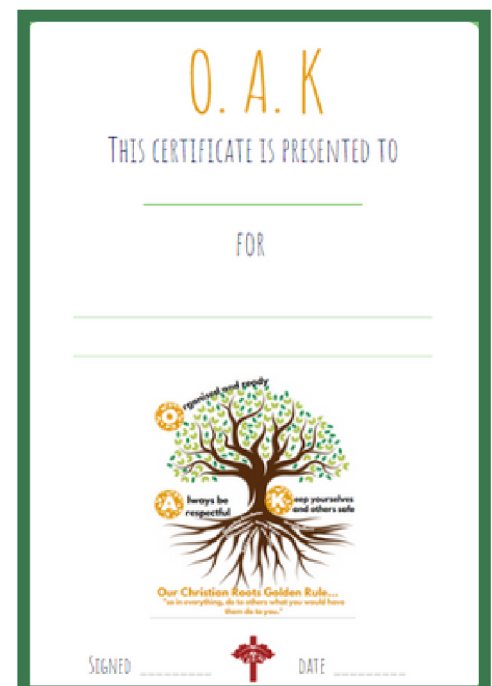
WELCOME

In worship this half term we have thought more about Perseverance and how this links to our OAK expectations; organised and ready, always respectful and keeping ourselves and others safe. We introduced a new OAK certificate which is presented alongside our long-standing Values certificate every Friday in celebration worship. Your child may have also told you about the return of 'Golden Tickets' which are going to be given in recognition of consistently showing our values and OAK expectations. Golden Ticket winners will be chosen towards the end of each term and surprised with a treat, experience or visit.

My next Headteacher update will be on Friday 1st March at 2.15pm. I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible then.

Wishing you all a restful half term break and we will see you back on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Reader x





It was lovely to see so many of our Oakfield families at Messy Church on the 13th January – we welcomed 29 children for craft, singing and food! Everyone left with full tummies and smiles on their faces!

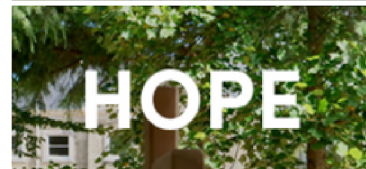
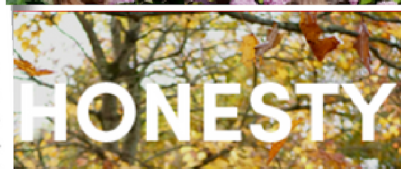
If you haven't made it to this event yet – then don't worry – the next one is in St John's Church Hall – up the gravel drive next to the church – on Saturday 10th February @ 2pm. It would be great to see even more of you at this fun and totally FREE event!

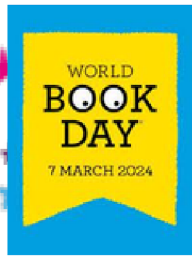
The St John's Church family also invite you to share in their 'Pancakes, Puzzles & Playdough' event – same location as Messy Church but this time on Tuesday 13th February – Pancake Day @ 2.30pm.

This is in the middle of our half term break so it is a good opportunity to catch up with friends, enjoy some yummy pancakes and have lots of fun. Once again this is a totally FREE event!!

Speak to Mrs Rowe if you need any further information about anything mentioned here.

We look forward to welcoming you all!





READ YOUR WAY

Why do we celebrate World Book Day?

For many children, access to books is a serious issue – 1 in 7 pupils (16.1%) said the book they had 'bought' with their World Book Day book token had been their first book of their own. This rises to 1 in 5 (20.7%) for children receiving Free School Meals

Source: 2023 National Literacy Trust, Annual Literacy Survey

1. To spread the message that reading is fun
2. To promote reading for pleasure
3. To celebrate reading
4. To offer every child the opportunity to have a book of their own



World Book Day is a brilliant opportunity for everyone to believe that they are a reader.

The Works

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**BOOK
DAY**

READ YOUR WAY!

Unleash your reading superpower...

Take books home to read



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Listen to books being read aloud
(or listen to audiobooks)



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Choose the books you want to
read



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**BOOK
DAY**

Ask for ideas on what to read
next



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**BOOK
DAY**

Make time to read



WORLD
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DAY**

Find ways to make
reading fun!



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OUTDOOR LEARNING

AT OAKFIELD



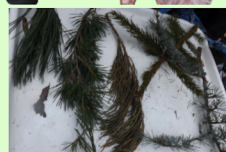
This term we recycled the Coniferous trees by using special equipment called Loppers. we used the twigs to fill up our bug hotels



We learnt and compared the barks of different trees and different fir cones.



We have enjoyed making and drinking hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows in the fire to warm us up!



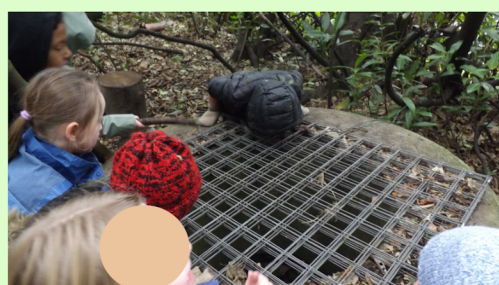
We had fun cracking the ice when the weather was cold and frosty!



We enjoyed looking for footprints to match the animals



We went on a wild walk towards the wishing well to make our New Year wishes.



When the weather was too windy to safely use the forest area, we explored our school field and used butterfly nets to catch bubbles!



Reception children had their first real fire: building it, supporting it with the wood and putting it out with water.



We introduced a new bug hotel in to our forest.



Bee Keeping!



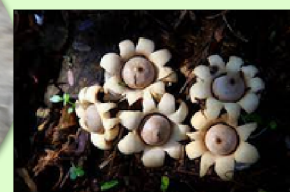
Young beekeepers took a part in the IOW competition: creating the 3D garden-project BEE ready in spring. We are waiting for an answer, maybe a prize.



We created and enjoyed the mud slide



We explored the Forest and found more mushrooms: a non-edible mushroom called Earthstar.



LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY

Little Acorns
Nursery School

'Nursery in Nature'

At Little Acorns we enjoy being outdoors in nature no matter what the weather. We have had a great time outside in the frost, rain, wind, sunshine and mist over the past few weeks.



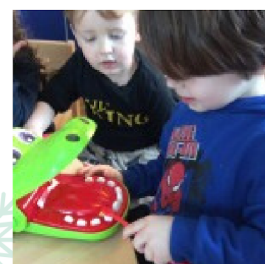
We have been having so much fun developing the muscles we need for writing in so many ways, both indoors and out.



You can see that we are getting really good at using these muscles and applying our skills to make marks in a variety of mediums.



We have also been learning about healthy foods and keeping our teeth clean. We practice brushing our crocodiles lovely white teeth!

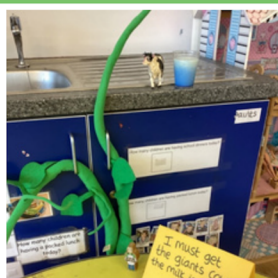


RECEPTION

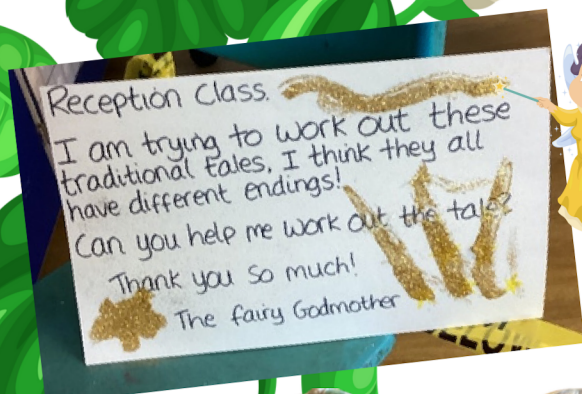
This half term, we have been looking at
lots of different...



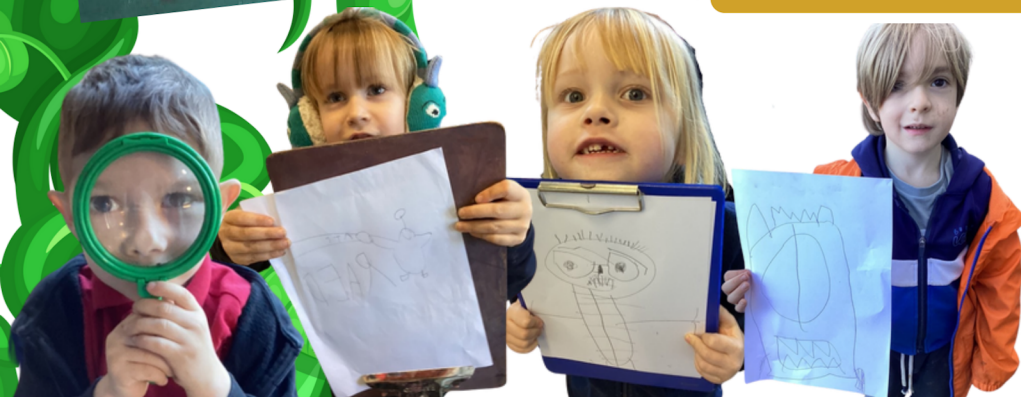
One morning, we arrived at school and discovered that our classroom had been turned upside down!



The Gingerbread men had found the shaving foam and decided to decorate themselves, at the top of the beanstalk there was a special cow that had blue coloured milk and in the three bowls of porridge there was salt!



The biggest excitement of all was a letter from the Fairy Godmother to Reception class. The Fairy Godmother asked for our help - she wanted to know how the fairy tales were different from what we knew already.



We also became detectives and searched for clues in our classrooms and outside. We were a big help to the Fairy Godmother and we enjoyed hearing all the different alternate endings to the traditional tales that are so well-known by all.

YEAR 1

FROZEN



Big bear, Little Brother

Year 1 have been very busy exploring the Arctic this half term as we followed the friendship of a little boy and a Polar bear as part of our English writing journey.

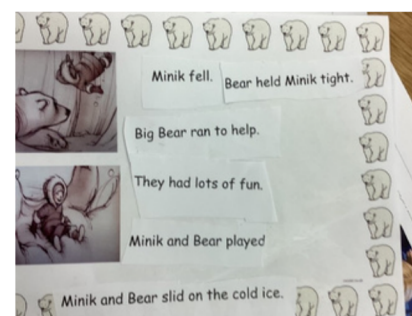
Minik and the bear become close friends even though they are very different. We have all worked hard to develop our writing skills using our developing spelling knowledge too.

The bear wanted
to stay with
minik bec cos he loves
him so much
and love minik bear.

We have loved learning all about Amelia Earhart too, as part of our History and Geography.

Amelia decided she wanted to become a pilot and fly around the world in her own aeroplane. It was not very easy as girls were expected to stay at home, but Amleia had big dreams, big ideas and perseverance!

The Bear	Minik
Good Feelings happy	Good Feelings Safe
Other Feelings Sad	Other Feelings Scared



a hunter
is coming
lets go home

Big bear
love you

Bear saying to each other?
I will
keep you
know the
snow.

We constructed our own 3D igloos too, using papier mache, it was very messy but lots of fun!



YEAR 2

This term Year 2 have been really busy in science.
We have been exploring everyday materials.



To begin with the children recapped on prior learning, discussing the materials we already know, and also their properties. After this we started completing investigations and experiments with different materials.

This included seeing if materials could bend or squidge, and also seeing if we could make a bridge to hold a car with the material paper. The children really enjoyed looking at how materials are made. For example, we watched how cotton comes from a plant and how it is turned into clothes.

Science Challenge

Can you find some materials at home which you could use to make one of your plastic toys float?
What will you need?
How will you know what material to use?



Make a Superhero Float



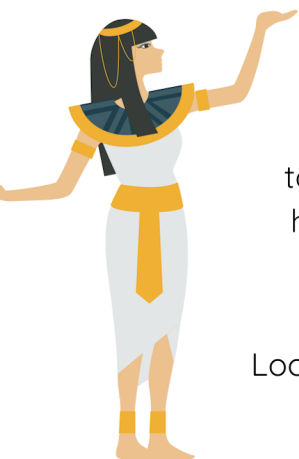
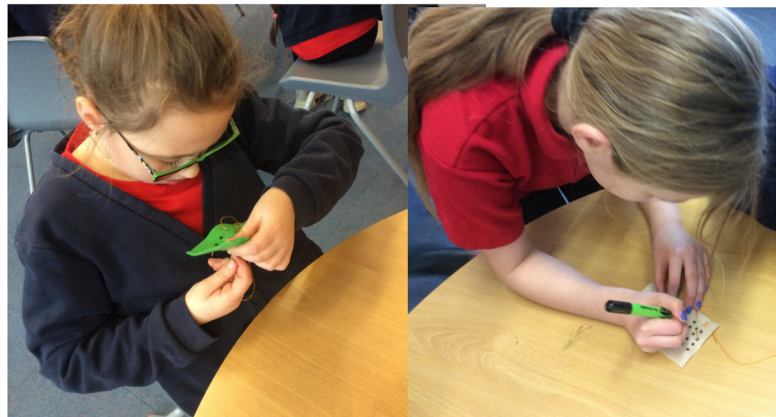
YEAR 3/4

This term much of our focus has been on learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

In our Design & Technology lessons we have been learning how to sew – some of us are already quite good at this and so have become mini teachers – helping others to refine their skills and achieve success. We have learnt and practised two stitches – cross stitch and straight stitch – sometimes known as running stitch.



We have applied one piece of felt onto another, and our next task is to make a decorative collar – just like those worn by the important people of Ancient Egypt. Our teachers chose this as the end product because in our English Learning Journey we have been enjoying a book called Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx – which has helped us learn about the Ancient Egyptians.



At first, some of us found it quite frustrating, but it has been a perfect opportunity to persevere – something we have been learning about in Collective Worship as well!

Look out for our finished pieces in the display cabinet on the Lower Key Stage 2 corridor – we will also have some photos to bring home!
Well done everyone – this project has been great fun!

YEAR 4

This half term, we have been enjoying gymnastics in our indoor PE sessions.

We have been learning how to work as individuals, and how to collaborate with a partner to learn a range of balances, jumps and rolls.

We have performed balances on mats, using various parts of our body and tensing our muscles to help us to be strong and still and hold our balances securely.

We have also performed balances on apparatus of different heights, learning how to mount and dismount showing stability and strength.

Our dismounts have included a range of jumps, such as rotating jumps, star jumps and high knee jumps.



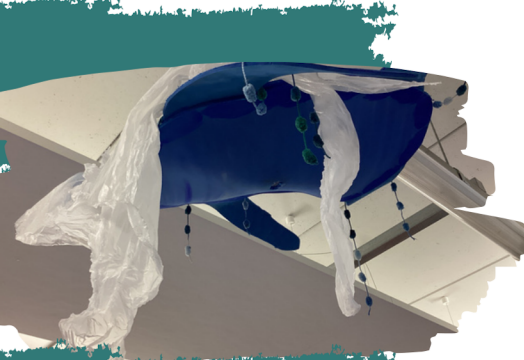
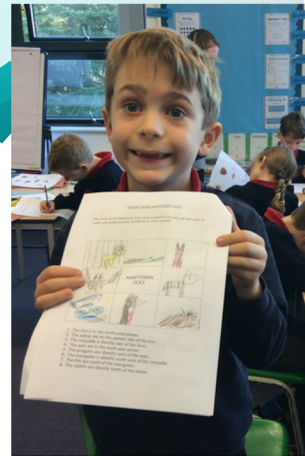
Working with a partner, we were able to observe, listen to feedback and discuss how to improve our performances. We discovered that these balances were not as easy as the pictures suggest!

YEAR 4

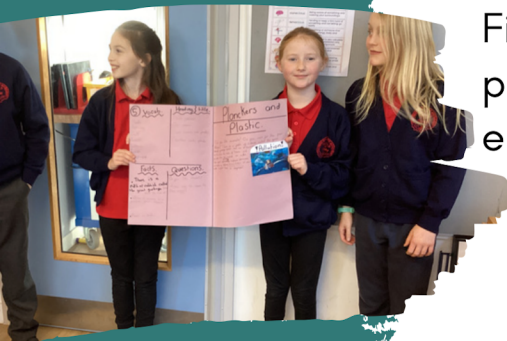
Our text driver this half term, in English, was a mockumentary instead of a book. It was called 'The Majestic Plastic Bag' and was about the journey of a plastic bag as it was blown around by the wind, travelling hundreds of miles to end up in the ocean. Although the film was funny, it had a serious side to it.



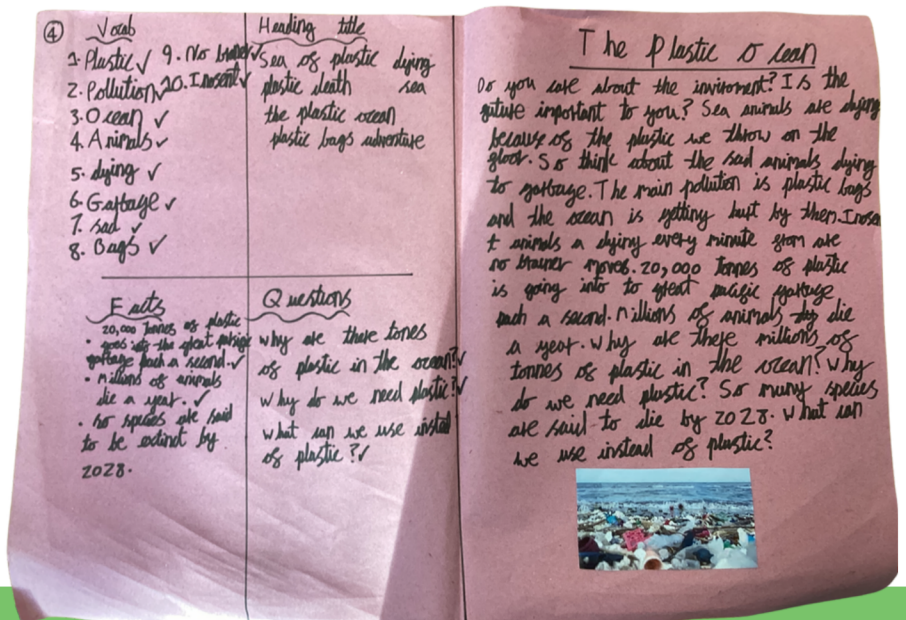
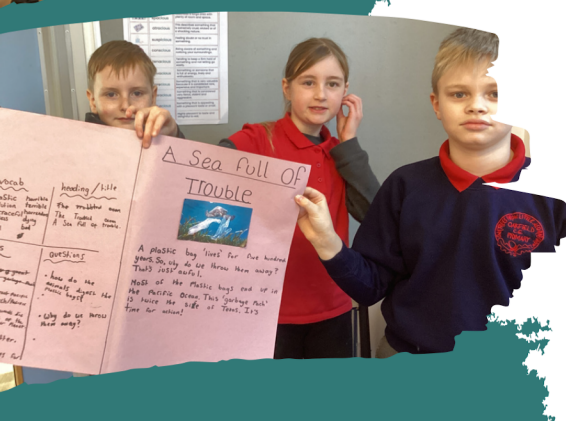
THERE WILL BE MORE PLASTIC IN OUR OCEANS THAN FISH BY 2050.



We investigated plastic pollution for ourselves, and found out some alarming facts about how much plastic ends up in the ocean and how creatures living in the sea are affected by this. We also researched what we could do to make a difference to our environment by cutting back on our plastic use and by recycling instead of littering.



Finally, we collated all of our research and prepared a persuasive argument against plastic pollution. We enjoyed debating and presenting these to the class.



YEAR 5/6

ELECTRICITY

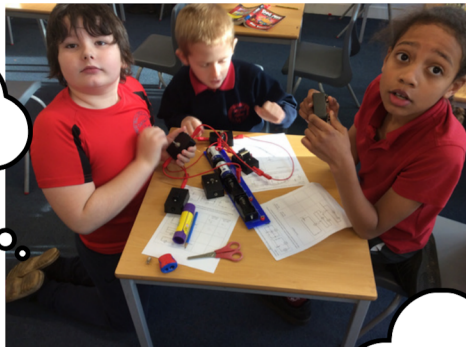
"If things don't get put into the circuit the right way around then they might not work."

Year 5/6 have had a fantastic time researching our science topic of electricity.

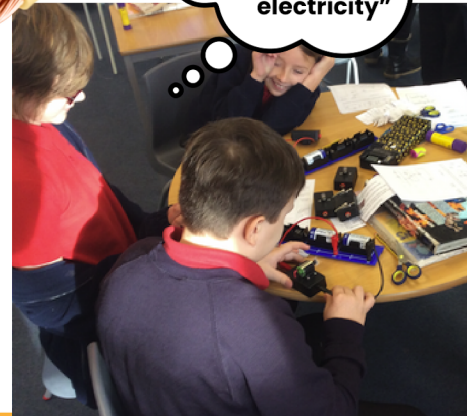
We have been able to make many kinds of circuits and investigate how voltage affects the brightness of bulbs.

Some of our thoughts during this topic include...

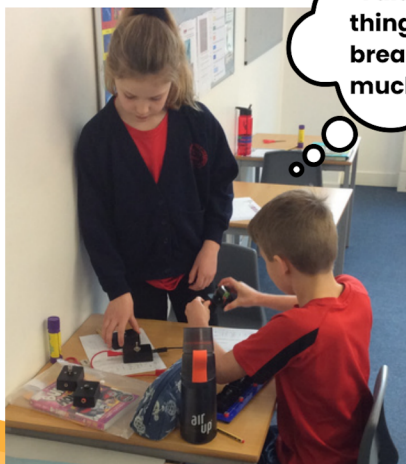
"Wow, this is fun. When do we get to do more of this?"



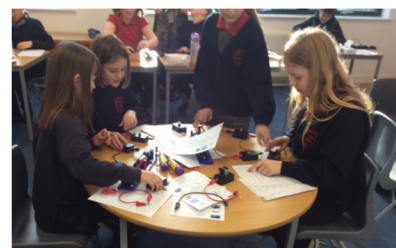
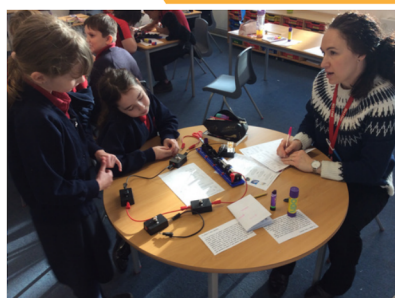
"I'm looking forward to making a game that uses electricity"



"I didn't know things would break with too much voltage."



"I wonder how bright all of the school bulbs in one circuit would be?"



YEAR 6

This half term, we have been enjoying texts about the coast in our Literacy lessons.



'The Majestic Plastic Bag', is a mockumentary that opened up a discussion about environmental issues. We found out how 'single use' plastic impacts our environment. Plastic, which can be found on every beach in the world, is responsible for the death of 100,000 marine mammals and turtles every year and they can take up to 100 years to biodegrade.



Our second text was, 'The Lost Whale' by Hannah Gold. This text has driven our guided reading this half term. We have answered SATs style questions and practiced finding evidence from the text to support our answers.

Our second text was our final text was, 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo. We went to the beach for inspiration whilst we read the storm section of the text. Back in class we wrote our own storm descriptions... , 'The Lost Whale' by Hannah Gold. This text has driven our guided reading this half term. We have answered SATs style questions and practiced finding evidence from the text to support our answers.



'Without warning, the bright, clear sky had a grim metamorphosis as a dark, grey bank of clouds rolled in from the Atlantic. It was terrifying! Strong, thick gusts of gale swept into the habitat, ripping and shrieking in all directions. The waves turned to breakers pounding like enormous claws. The merciless winds caused waves to crash as if lava was coming down from a raging volcano, splitting and breaking aggressively.' By Nell



Before we left the beach, we made our own giant necklaces and giant sculptures using natural materials.

Spanish

¿Qué Tiempo Hace?

(What's the Weather Like?)



What unusual weather we are having this year in the United Kingdom. According to the Met Office, a village in Scotland has set the UK record for the warmest temperature in January after hitting 19.6C. The Met Office stated that the rise in temperature was caused by warmer tropical air coming up from the south and south-west...could that be Spain?



Year 2 have been learning how to ask, 'What's the weather like?' - ¿Qué tiempo hace? They have learned 10 different weather expressions. They had fun pretending to be weather reporters, and using 10 different weather expressions to describe the weather around Spain.

If you would like to learn a song about the weather, click on the link below, and forward the Light Bulb Languages clip to 6 minutes and 25 seconds.

<https://youtu.be/aTca3dvTRNk>

They also made weather fortune tellers with all the instructions in Spanish.



EL TIEMPO



Hace sol



Hace viento



Llueve



Está nublado



Hace frío



Hay tormenta



Hace calor



Nieva

OAKFIELD BOYS TAKE ON LANESEND



Gutsy Performance by the boys

On Wednesday 25th January, a group of year 5 boys played against Lanesend Primary School in their first ever football match. Although they didn't win, they scored one goal and were an absolute credit to the school. They were enthusiastic, showed great sportsmanship and worked very well together as a team. I'm sure that they will achieve great things in the future, if they continue with this amazing attitude!





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**YOUNG
REPORTER**



1. What do you have to do in your job?

What don't I have to do?! Fixing, improving, making sure the buildings, site and equipment are safe.

2. How long have you worked at Oakfield?

Just over two months.

3. What jobs have you done before coming here?

I've worked in a holiday park, a garage and at 2 other schools (Sandown High School and Ryde School) looking after their sites.

4. What is the best thing about your job?

Every day is different, that's why I love working in a school!

5. Are there any challenges to your job?

When I don't know what's causing a problem – it can take a long time to get to the bottom of something when you can't see where a leak is coming from or why a drain is blocked!

6. Please describe Oakfield in 3 words.

Fun, Challenging, Family.

7. What is your favourite animal?

Tiger

8. Do you have any children?

Yes, I have a daughter called Hope.

Edward and Ayana, Y3, are our young reporters for the return of this popular page!

They thought it would be a good idea to interview Mr Clarke, Oakfield's Site Manager, who has been with us since the Autumn Term.

**FUN
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Mr Clarke has played in the FA cup!



Quick-fire questions!

summer or **winter**

boat or **plane**

fast or slow

sweet or **savoury**

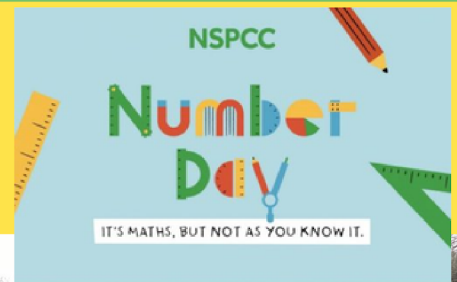
cats or dogs

meat or vegetables

books or **tv**

Netflix or Prime

Ant or **Dec**



On Friday 2nd February, we celebrated 'Number Day'. 'Number Day' was made more fun this year as parents were invited in for one of our Family Learning experiences too. It was wonderful to be able to see children engaging with their families in a vast range of mathematical activities.

During the morning, children took part in space and shape, place value, reasoning, length and measure as well as calculation activities. The teachers had clearly worked hard to plan and resource many engaging activities involving maths. We saw a paper aeroplane competition, to see whose plane would fly the furthest, competitive maths games where children battled against their family and friends and art and dt linked with maths to construct and draw 2D and 3D shapes.

Gracie in year 6 said, 'I think the morning was amazing, because my Auntie came in to do the maths activities with me.'





2024 MATHS CHALLENGE

This exciting, annual event was attended by many Isle of Wight primary schools. This year, Havana, Felicity, Owen and Brannon attended for our school. They were super representatives for Oakfield and really enjoyed taking part.

Working in pairs the Year 4 and 5 mathematicians worked through lots of problems and puzzles at different stations including:

- ~ Pentominoes ~ Tangrams ~ Railway timetables ~ Ordering playing cards
- ~ Mystery numbers ~ Domino jigsaw ~ Shopping lists ~ Mazes
- Code breaking ~ Sequences ~ Broken calculators ~ Logic puzzles ~ Cross numbers



The room buzzed as they all focused and worked hard to get to an answer, sometimes with a time limit! Here is a problem to have a go at yourselves:

DICE PUZZLE

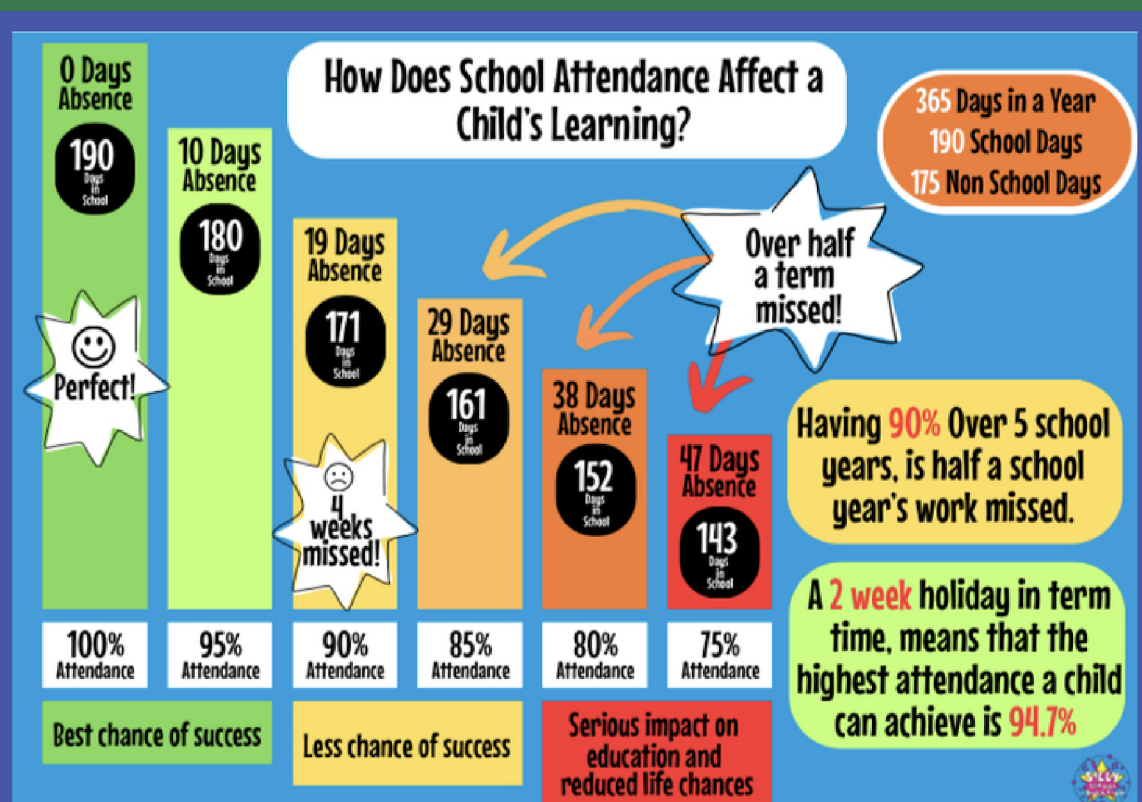
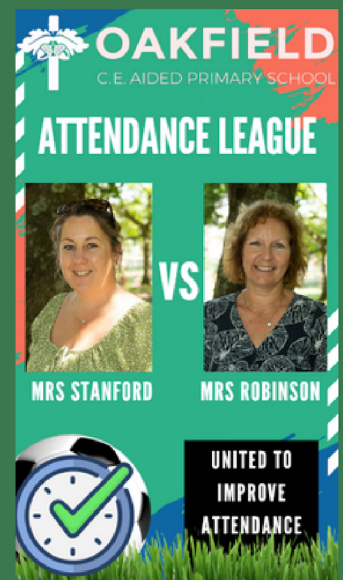
- Stack four dice on top of each other so that:
- There are four different numbers down each side,
- And
- On each side there is a total of 14 spots.



Oakfield's Attendance League

Each week pairs of classes compete for the highest attendance - the winning class receive 2 points, the losing class receive 1 point.

The overall winners (the class with the highest % attendance in the school) are awarded with an extra special playtime treat on a Friday afternoon!



food.gives

A project of barnabasaid

At our Harvest Festival (Autumn term 2023), we launched our involvement in the 'Food Gives' project. During our Harvest service, we celebrated and acknowledged the good things that we have, which we often take for granted. Then, pupils and parents were introduced to this project which involves packing up dried food goods into boxes and sending them to the Barnabas Aid charity. Boxes then get sent on to families overseas, less fortunate than us, who need these basic foods in order to feed their children.

I am pleased to let you know that we recently filled 2 boxes, with donations sent into school during Autumn 2023. These boxes have now been sent on to support families in need.

We want to continue to support this charity, not just at Harvest, but throughout the school year.

Each class will have a collection box in their classroom. Please help, by adding an item (listed below) to your shopping list, as often as you can and then sending it into school with your child, to add to their class box. Let's see if we can double the amount of boxes we send during Spring term!

Items to send

- Rice
- Salt (packet or carton - not glass container)
- Wholewheat flour
- Lentils
- Dried chickpeas



For more information about this project -<https://www.food.gives/gb/resources/>



DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM! Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th February



Come and see
me at Quay Arts
in February!

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at **Quay Arts** during February half term from www.quayarts.org. It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like the creator of the **Horrid Henry** stories, **Francesca Simon** (pictured on the left), who will be with us on Saturday 17th Feb.

Did you enter our Charles Dickens short story competition? Hear the winners, read by his great grandson, Friday 16th Feb!



There is so much to do at the IW Story Festival!



44 different events over three days!



A chance to meet your favourite authors, and some new ones too! Including:

Kes Grey, Nazneen Ahmed Pathak, Alasdair Beckett-King, Kieran Larwood, John Hegley, Neal Layton, Kate Weston and Simon Whitworth.



There are performances too: **Horsebox Theatre** returns with an adaptation of Jules Mariner's **Vincent and the Mermaid**, and **Pink Cow/Apollo Youth Theatre** is back with a funny new production for younger children. We also have the interactive **Enchanted Cinema**, Asian dance and a fun opera based on **The King's Pants!**



EXTRA PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCED!



Tickets to see creator of **Isadora Moon**, **Harriet Muncaster**, on 17th Feb, sold so quickly, we've had to arrange a second talk at 4.30pm. Don't miss out, buy yours soon!



SOME QUESTION YOU MAY WANT TO ASK...

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?

A: It's a good idea –they're selling fast! Go to: www.quayarts.org to buy yours now.

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Some are **TOTALLY FREE**, others cost £4 to £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?

NO! The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! As well as storytellers, live music and theatre shows, we've got lots of hands-on activities for you to try – from graffiti art and fabric books to songwriting and horrific make-up, among many other things.

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com



Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

**Monday – Friday
12th – 16th February**



10AM - 3PM

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
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**Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com**

07594 389531

**SANDOWN
SOCCER**

**Children are welcome to come for one day or
for ALL the days!**

**Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the
week and win a medal for all of your hard work!**

**To book a place text your child's name, school
year, dates and your name to 07594 389531**

St John's Church, High Park Road, Ryde PO33 1BP

Open all year round

2nd and 4th Thursday each month 12.30pm to 4pm.

Free soup and a roll, hot drinks, activities including board games and crafts, info about local services and organisations.

Website: St Johns Church

Tel: 07749 492739



Ryde Library, George St, Ryde PO33 2JE

Open all year round

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm, Wednesday 10.30am to 7pm, Saturday 9.00am to 5pm. Free Wi-Fi, free computer use, free charging, advice and information, people to chat to, space to work, free crafts, hot drinks.

Website: Ryde Library

Tel: 01983 823825

Men Only IOW @ Rodger & Steve's Place, 134 High Street, Ryde, PO33 2RJ

Open all year round

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am to 2pm

Warm space to sit, relax, food provisions, good company. Free refreshments. A safe, warm, non judgmental place for men to come and spend some time. Laundry provision onsite.

Website: Men Only IOW

Tel: 01983 722737

Aspire Ryde, Dover Street, Ryde PO33 2BN

Open all year round

Tuesday to Friday 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Seating, chat, access to advice, and a free hot meal. Other groups and activities which people use as a warm space.

Website: Aspire Ryde

Tel: 01983 716020

Ryde Veterans Lounge, High St, Ryde, PO33 2HT

Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm.

Website: Veterans Hub Isle of Wight

Cuppa Club, Ryde Methodist Church Hall, 14 Garfield Road, Ryde, PO33 2PT

Open all year round

Wednesday 1pm to 3.30pm.

Free refreshments, friendly chat, activities like board and card games, jigsaws. Open to all ages.

Johns Club, Oakfield Football Club, Slade Road, Ryde PO33 1EG

Open all year round

Monday to Saturday, 10am to 8pm.

Welcoming warm place with entertainment, TV. Paid for refreshments.

Website: John's Club

Tel: 01983 865865

St James's Church, Lind Street, Ryde, PO33 2NG

Wednesday 12:30pm.

Warm lunch, warm welcome and good news of God.

Email: office@stjamesryde.com



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Thursday 22nd February	<u>Mrs Rowe/Mrs Scovell - Class-Led Worship 10.15am</u>
Monday 4th March 2024	SCHOOL & Little Acorns CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING
Thursday 7th March 2024	World Book Day
Thursday 28th March 2024	<u>Mr Snelling - Class-Led Worship 10.15am</u>
Thursday 28th March 2024	School Closes at 1.30pm for the Easter break
Monday 15th April 2024	Summer Term Begins
13th - 16th May 2024	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24th May 2024	SCHOOL & Little Acorns CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING

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