

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

**Hi everyone,**

**Today we welcomed some pupils from other special schools to our “Winter Olympics” our team consisted of pupils from Pine class, and they were amazing! They came 4<sup>th</sup> and we are really proud of them! Big thank you to Sophie for organising such a fun event.**



**Enjoy a lovely weekend!**

**Paula**

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Parents Group - Online Safety Awareness</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>School closes for Half Term</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>

**Our value of the term is:**



**Star Of the Week**

**Woodlands: Jacob**  
**Seedlings: Ali**  
**Cedar: Isabelle**  
**Elm: Violet**  
**Willow: Stanley**  
**Pine: Jeremiah**  
**Maple: Bilal**  
**Ash: Lottie**  
**Oak: Abdul**

# Oak Class News

It has been a lovely half term in Oak Class so far. Our topic this term is '**Bright Sparks**' and the children have been doing lots of exciting work and activities. Here are a few of the things that we have been doing:

- We have been reading different fiction and non-fiction texts linked to light and electricity. The children enjoyed listening to the stories and doing lots of work based on the characters, plots and settings.
- In **My Thinking and Learning**, we have been working hard on place value. The children have been adding hundreds, tens and ones. Then partitioning 2 and 3 digit numbers. They have also been learning to recall their number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Part of our **My World** work has been learning about light. They have identified different sources of light, have learnt about opaque, translucent and transparent materials and have been learning about how shadows are created.
- **My Creativity** lessons have been great!. The children have been inspired and have engaged really well. They have been learning about Van Gogh and doing art work in the style of his painting A Starry Night. They have also designed and made their own rockets and made their own owls.
- It has been great to see our children practising their functional skills and learning more about the world on trips to Sainsbury's.
- In PE, we have been practising our gymnastics skills. We have been balancing on different parts of the body and learning how to travel in different ways on the floor and on different apparatus.

**How could we not be proud of all this hard work? Very well done, Oak Class!**



Adding tens and ones.



Exploring creating shadows.



Exploring materials to discover whether they are transparent, translucent or opaque.



We have made and hung bird feeders in our outdoor area.



Painting in the style of a Starry Night by Van Gogh.



Reading for pleasure.

