

# Oak Class – Lower School

## Notable News

We have had such a busy term celebrating events such as Valentines Day, World Book Day, Comic Relief and Mothers Day.

We have also explored the festivals of the Buddhist and Hindu religions.

We have attended school events such as singing assembly and the Brass Band.

We have met Misty the therapy dog and joined in with Blake Class to take part in Tac Pac sessions. We have enjoyed using new rooms in school (food tech) and making new friends.

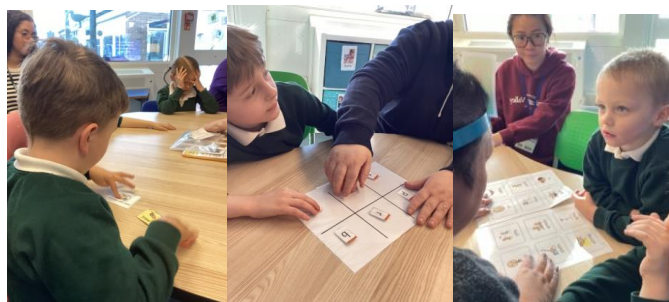


## Communication

In our Literacy lessons we have read the stories 'Zog' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have explored the props that go with the stories and have used objects, pictures, symbols and words to re-tell the story, sequence the events and act out their favourite parts.

We have been working through our Phase 2 Phonics sounds and enjoy playing sound bingo and initial letter games.

We have been working hard on developing our functional communication skills – we use our symbols, signs and speech to ask for the things that we want and need and are developing sentence building using colourful semantics and to tell our weekend news to each other on Monday, we are learning to listen to each other.



## Cognition

We have been counting groups of objects (1 – 10) in Maths and thinking about adding one and two more and taking one away. We have matched groups of objects to the correct numeral and have started looking at number lines.

The children also enjoyed exploring and creating repeating patterns and looking at patterns in nature. We have also looked at early concepts of time by learning the days of the week, organising our daily timetable and looking at daily routines.



## Life Skills and Personal Development

Now that we are secure in our class routine the children in Oak Class have been developing their independence skills. We practice changing our clothes for PE and swimming, we know where to put our belongings and how to find the things we need throughout the day. We are learning to look after our possessions and carry our lunches and drinks to the lunch hall and back.

We are also developing our play skills and have been practicing turn taking and co-operative games. We are starting to play alongside each other and mirroring each other's play.



### Upcoming Events

As we move into the Summer Term I would like to share some key dates with you, it's a busy term so please continue to check the school website for any changes or new events.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Lower School Merit Assembly / Class Activities

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – End of term (this is an early finish day for pupils)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – start of the Summer Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – INSET Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Lower School Merit Assembly / Class Activities

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End Of Term (this is an early finish day for pupils)