

# Summer Term 2025 - May 9th

# Message from Mrs Norman

I cannot believe we are halfway through this half term already. Time is whizzing by, and it is going to be a busy one with lots of events planned. We have the upcoming quiz evening and sponsored walk, literacy events for some of our year groups and in the not-too-distant future the end of year trips for which we are fundraising.

Hopefully you will start to notice some changes around the school site, the outdoor gym is a good example of how we are using grant money. Chickens will be arriving shortly, and we will hold a competition for the children to name them! The chickens will also need looking after during weekends etc. and I will be asking for your help with this. We have a little way to go but the long-term aim is that children will grow food, cook it and eat it. We will also be encouraging biodiversity on our school site, so if you think something is starting to look a little wild, it is meant to.

I am excited to share that Mr. Fisher will be joining us in September as a teacher, he was with us before Easter in Rowan class and so is familiar with our curriculum, policies and of course the children. He will be teaching Rowan Class and Miss Radford will be teaching Oak Class. Mrs Bickerdike and Mrs Kuvikiene will remain where they are: Acorn class and Maple class. Hopefully we will see Mr. Fisher before the end of term for some transition sessions.

A reminder of my current pleas for help:

Complete the parent survey (thank you to those who have)

Send in metal bottle tops, clean tins/cans (baked bean size) buttons (a bit thank you to Elizabeth for her donation) and garden canes (the thinner ones and not bamboo)

Any seeds or plants you want to rehome, pots, seed trays, propagators......

Finally, I must wish the Year 6 good luck for their KS2 SATS tests next week. They have worked hard, and we are all ready to be finished with the revising!



Mrs Norman

#### Reminders

- Please ensure children do not wear hooped earrings, bracelets or necklaces to school.
- ALL earrings should be removed at home on P.E & swimming days if your child can not remove them themselves. P.E kits should be black shorts or tracksuit and a white t shirt please.
- Useful information The school office is open from 8:30 to 3:30 Monday to Friday for anyone wishing to speak to a member of the office team. At busy times it may not be possible to respond to calls immediately, so please leave a brief message and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.
- If your child arrives late in the morning please state the reason for lateness on the signing in register.
- Please do not park in the layby outside school. This is for taxis, buses and coaches. Thankyou.

#### P.E & swimming days -

- P.E Tuesdays Oak Class
- P.E Wednesdays Acorn Class
- P.E Thursdays Rowan Class
- Wednesdays Swimming Maple Class

#### **Key Contacts**

To report absences please contact Mrs Canning or Mrs Cooper in the school office: 01945 870374, option 1. You can leave a message before the start of the school day.

Absences **cannot** be reported using Dojo or email.

#### Social Media

There are 3 ways you can follow what we are up to:

- 1 Dojo (school and class pages)
- 2 Website www.kinderley.education
- 3 Facebook (Please follow us)

## Quote of the week



# **Diary Dates**



Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May - KS2 SATs

Wednesday 14th May - EYFS Superhero day

Thursday 15th May - 'Kinderley Finger Lickin' Lunch'

Wednesday 21st May - Quiz night at 6:30pm. Prior booking required for entry.

Friday 23rd May - Whole school sponsored walk around the village in the afternoon.

#### HALF TERM - MONDAY 26TH MAY TO FRIDAY 30TH MAY.

Monday 2nd June - Children return to school

Thursday 19th June - Yr 1 Literacy Festival

Friday 20th June - Sports Day

Monday 23rd June - Year 5 Literacy Festival

### Acorn Class



Acorns have been thinking about superheroes this term. We have been thinking about real life superheroes as well as fictional superheroes.

We have looked at the police and fire service and built our own fire engine. We got to see a police car and see their flashing lights. We have enjoyed all our outdoor activities.

We have welcomed new nursery children to the class, and they are settling well. It is lovely to see Acorn class so busy and vibrant.

We are all looking forward to our superhero day next week and have been in superhero training.

Reception are working hard with their writing and reading skills and nursery working on their fine and gross motor skills.











# Maple Class



In Maths, year 1 have been sharing and grouping. Children worked hard to group different amounts of counters into 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We discovered, sometimes we could and sometimes we could not share equally.

Year 2 have been learning to tell the time using words like half past, quarter to, quarter past, and we've learnt to tell the time 'to' and 'past' the hour.







In art, we have made our own stones with lovely patterns using clay, and tried to make our own small 'Inuksuk' (a man-made stone landmark built by the Inuit and other peoples of the Artic region of North America). After that, the class went outside to make one huge 'Inuksuk' together from cardboard boxes. Team work makes a dream work!









Rowan Class



We've had a busy start to the summer term. We have started our history topic about the Romans. So far, we have learnt that the Romans liked to watch gladiators fighting; loved building arches to show everyone how great they were and shared toilets, using a sponge on

a stick. We decided we would like to visit the Colosseum to watch the gladiators but not the toilet bit! In their buildings they had intricate mosaics made from tiny pieces of stone. We designed our own mosaics.





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# Oak Class



It has been a busy start to the half term. We have been using The Boy in the Tower, by Polly Ho-Yen and it has given us a few themes to think about, most notably what it is like to be a young carer for a parent. The children have shown empathy and compassion towards the main character and his day-to-day struggles.



Handwriting has been a focus for us, remembering to join our letters and think about presentation. Using a pen has helped some of us.

In history we have continued to look at the Ancient Maya civilization, in particular some of their inventions such as writing, number and time.

In art we are exploring materials and techniques and will shortly be working with air drying clay. I know the children will enjoy this practical element of their learning.

# Achievement Assembly Certificate Recipients

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 25th April were -

• Acorn Class - Logan

- Maple Class Archie R
- Rowan Class Tommy S
- Oak Class Ronnie

Dojo Certificate recipients' were -

- Acorn Class Jack-James
- Maple Class- Eliese
- Rowan Class William
- Oak Class Eva

Wow Writer Certificates were awarded to -

- Maple Class Archie D
- Rowan Class Vinnie
- Oak Class Tommy-Lei

Pride Certificate recipients for Friday 2nd May were -

- Acorn Class Joanie
- Maple Class Storm
- Rowan Class William
- Oak Class Carly

Dojo Certificate recipients were -

- Acorn Class Markus
- Maple Class Tobias
- Rowan Class Kyran
- Oak Class Carly

Wow Writers were-

- Maple Class Elizabeth
- Rowan Class Kyran
- Oak Class Amy

This weeks Pride certificates were awarded to-

• Acorn Class- Louis

- Maple Class- Eliese
- Rowan Class- Kyran
- Oak Class- Pawel

This weeks Dojo certificates were awarded to -

- Acorn Class- Aria and Myla
- Maple Class- Eliese
- Rowan Class- Tommy V
- Oak Class- Reece

This weeks wow writers certificates were awarded to -

- Maple Class Swayley
- Rowan Class Tilly-Mae and Lauren

This weeks new 'Acorn Awesome Achiever' certificate goes to Lennox.

#### Congratulations everyone!

#### **News Extra....**

Please be aware there are planned roadworks on Church Lane on from this Saturday through to Monday 13th May.