

IMPORTANT DATES:

DIARY DATES WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES START NEXT WEEK, MON 14TH JAN

CHILDER THORNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



11th January 2019

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new Nursery children and their families. We hope you all had a lovely break and have come back ready for the new term.

We would like to also welcome Mrs Belding who has joined us this term. Mrs Belding is a very qualified and experienced teacher, particularly in Phonics, and she will be helping us with supply across school. Mrs Belding will also be using her expertise to support our teaching of Phonics in Early Years and KS1.

Mrs Belding has already settled in very well and is a great member of staff to have in our team!

SOME REMINDERS:

School Day Starts:

Our school day starts at 8.45 am and finishes at 3pm. Can we please ask that all children are dropped off in time so that they are ready to start lessons promptly.

Absence:

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact the office as soon as possible on 0151 294 4737 leaving details of your child's name and details of the reason for absence.

Application for Absence forms for reasons other than illness or medical appointments are available from the office and must be completed in advance.

Uniforms/PE Kits:

At the end of last term we had a ridiculous number of cardigans/sweatshirts etc left around school that couldn't be returned as they had no names in them. As you can imagine, when found around school, one green cardigan looks very much the same as another! Please can you label ALL items of clothing—uniform and PE kits, hats, gloves, scarves etc. Children can become quite upset when they have lost items and we know it's very frustrating (and expensive) to parents but staff don't have the time during a very busy school day to be locating lost property.

Can we also remind you that full PE kit is brought in each Monday and stays in school until the end of the week.



Just a friendly reminder...



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Payments / Letters to the office:

Please encourage your child to take responsibility by getting them to hand in payments/letters etc during registration. Each class has a large wallet, for this purpose, that is sent to the office each morning. Alternatively, there is a post box by the main office.

Just a quick reminder that school dinners are £2.30 per day for children in Nursery and KS2. Bills are not sent out for meals and you expected to keep your child's account up to date. Payment can be made on line using Parent Pay or alternatively by cash/cheque (made payable to Edsential).

Please clearly indicate on any envelope that contains a payment your child's full name and details of what the payment covers.

Ear-rings:

If your child is unable to remove their ear-rings for PE or other activities, we will require parents to sign a letter to this effect as we will not be held responsible for any injury caused as a result of ear-rings being worn. Please contact the office if this is relevant to your child and you have not yet signed the letter. Ears should also be covered by tape/plasters that have been sent in from home. School will not be using first aid resources for this purpose.

Parking:

Please do park carefully and considerately so we can try and reduce the congestion in the lane outside school. It's only a short walk from the Burleydam and a good way to help reach your 10,000 steps each day!

Contact details:

If you have changed your mobile number, or any contact details, please make sure the office is informed so that we can update our records. The office should have a minimum of 2 people and their contact numbers so that we can get hold of someone should your child become unwell etc. If you are not allowed to have your mobile phone on in work can you please make sure we have a works contact number, including any extension details etc.

Office hours:

Please note that the school office is only manned during term time and between the hours of 8.30 and 4.30pm. Emails sent over weekends/holiday times will not be picked up until the office re-opens.

The office can be contacted on 0151 294 4737 or by email on:
admin@childerthornton.cheshire.sch.uk



ACORN CLASS (Nursery)

We have had lots of new friends join us in Nursery this week and have had a fantastic time. I have really enjoyed listening to the children telling me all about their Christmas break. We have started our new topic and begun making our hot air balloon for our reading area. Some of us have also been drawing hot air balloons too! On Tuesday we had no outsiders day and made special crowns to remind us to look after each other as we are all special and important.



OAK CLASS (Reception)

This week the children were given a picture with the outline of a city on it. They were challenged to find the value of each sky scraper in the city using Numicon tiles. They experimented to find different ways of making certain numbers. The children have also carried out a science investigation to find out which material is the best at keeping ice cubes frozen. They used felt, cling film and tin foil. With the remaining ice cubes they had a go at building towers and discussed why this was difficult.



MAPLE CLASS (Year 1)



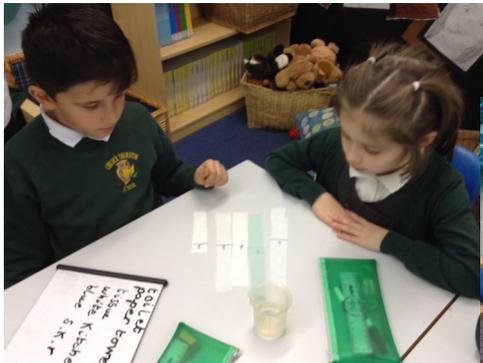
Happy New Year and a warm welcome back. Maple class have returned refreshed and ready for learning! Tuesday was No Outsiders day. We considered how we as individuals can make sure that we are fully involved in school life and enjoy the feeling of belonging. The children came up with great ideas from simply smiling, taking turns, listening to others or joining a club. In Maths we have used Numicon to identify odd and even numbers and partitioned numbers to ten, identifying odd and even parts. We discovered something interesting....

Ask your child for more details!



WILLOW CLASS (Year 2)

This week, we have worked scientifically to test the absorbency of different paper towels. The children made a hypothesis about which type of paper would be the most and least absorbent and then carried out three different experiments to test this. They compared their results and found that all three tests gave the same result. We discussed how this made our findings more reliable than if we'd just carried out one type of test.



SYCAMORE CLASS (Year 3)

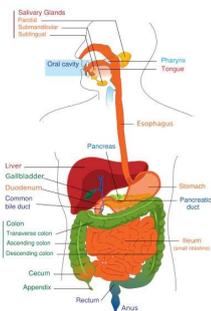


Year 3 have worked incredibly hard in their first week of Spring! They have been writing their fantasy stories for their Write Away! They have created their own character, setting and plot for their narratives which includes the mastery keys that we have been focusing on.

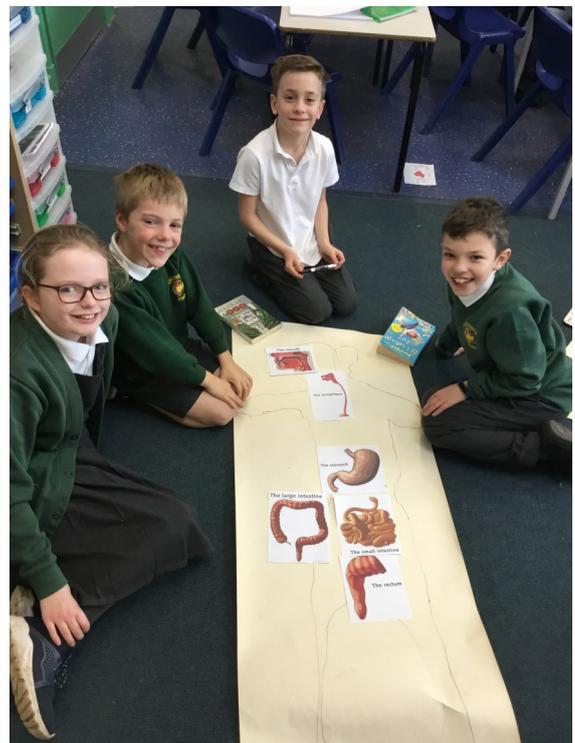
On No Outsiders Day, Year 3 were introduced to their new topic Adrift. They showed such passion and empathy towards it and reflected model No Outsider behaviour that we expect in and out of school. Miss Evans was very proud of them and their responses.



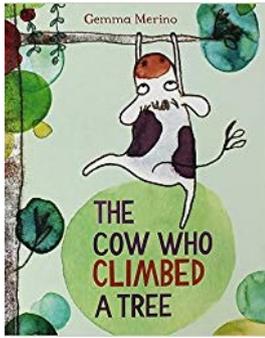
BEECH CLASS (Year 4)



This week, Year 4 started learning about the digestive system. We drew outlines of a body and plotted images of the organs according to where we thought they were positioned in the body. We learnt some new scientific vocabulary and are looking forward to discovering more about how each organ works!



HOLLY CLASS (Year 5)



As part of our No Outsiders topic we spent a morning looking at a story called 'The cow who climbed a tree'.

We talked about the themes and morals within the story, such as how it is ok to be different and have different interests to everybody else. We then talked about the ways in which people can be different and spent time looking at the equality act.

As always, I was so impressed with the children's mature and sensible attitudes they took in the lesson. Well done year 5!

CHESTNUT CLASS (Year 6)



This week, the children in Chestnut Class have written a summary of all the things they learned last term as part of our World at War topic. It is amazing to see how much information they have absorbed but also, how the topic has changed their minds about certain things. They are already fired up for our new topic : Time for Change.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We will continue to have our Celebration Assemblies on a Friday morning. If your child has a certificate, medal, trophy etc for something they have achieved out of school, please send it in first thing Friday so that they can share it with the rest of the school.



ATTACHMENTS: