



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are rapidly moving towards Christmas and are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas concert. This year each class will be contributing to a show that is linked by our Christmas theme of reindeer. All the classes will be taking part and we hope that every child will feel happy and confident to do so, but on the day they may or may not come into the hall. I hope that you will be understanding of this and enjoy the performance even if your own child/young person chooses not to come into the hall. We would also request that you do not take pictures or film of the performance, however we are more than happy for you to get a picture of your child/young person at the end of the performance.

We have had a busy term, the pupils have had a visit from a theatre group, been out and about on the bus and are now preparing for Christmas.

We have been part of a research project that is based on supporting pupils Self Esteem and this research is due to be published soon, when we have the paper we will post it on the website for you to read if you wish.

We continue to prepare for our Ofsted inspection that could happen at any time, as part of this your views are very important, you can access Parent View at any time through the link on the website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to 2020!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries

In Maple and Willow we learn to enjoy books in lots of different ways. We all come together twice a day for a group story but work individually to develop our skills and enjoyment of story time.

This term our Learning Intentions are linked into our communication through books.



I like
Listening
to a story
narrated
by the
Author.

I watch the
story on the
Plasma Screen
and giggle when
it comes to the
swishy swishy
grass.



We're going on a
Bear Hunt by
Michael Rosen is
one of my
favourites.

PIC-COLLAGE



I like to ask my teachers to turn the page and ask for more story. If I don't like the story I am able to ask the teachers to stop and I will choose something else.



I use the
Eyegaze to
create stories.

The Eyegaze is a
special computer
which senses where I
am looking. A little
red dot lets you see
where I am looking.



Once I select my
characters and
setting the computer
makes it into a story
for me to share with
my friends.

PIC-COLLAGE



I am learning to enjoy books and learning some Makaton signs so I can join in with the story.

I can sign orange.



PIC-COLLAGE



I like sensory stories,
I especially like
looking at the Bag
Books and using my
feet to explore the
props.

This story is all
about Granny
coming to visit.
She knocks on
the letter box
when she comes
and is wearing a
lovely tweed suit.

PIC-COLLAGE



I use an auditory
scanning book to
select which story I
want the teachers
to read to me. I
listen carefully to
my choices and
then raise my hand
to select the one I
want. I also use a
Big Mack switch to
ask for more when
the teachers stop
reading to me.



If you scan the QR
you can see me busy
with my reading.



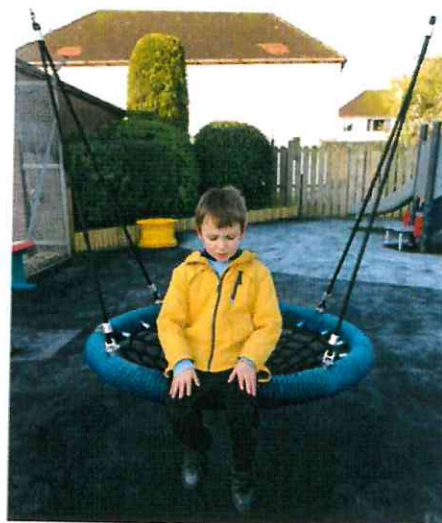
I love looking at
books and sharing
with my friend Molly
Dolly. I often go and
choose a book to
share with her.

PIC-COLLAGE



I am learning to
track from left to
right to help me
with enjoying a
story. I look at my
friends when my
teachers say their
names and I am
beginning to start
in the correct place.

PIC-COLLAGE



October 2019 ❄️

We have had lots of fun wrapping up warm and playing outdoors this month in Elm Class. We enjoyed playing in the frost with our friends. It was great fun feeling the ice, and watching the frost disappear!

Beech Class

Beech Class have been learning about Julius Caesar and the Romans. As part of their learning, the children designed and made their own Roman shields. Alongside this the children explored the differences between the Roman army and our current day army.



Sycamore Celebrations, Autumn 2019



We worked out together for Children in Need.



We made fruity 'fireworks' kebabs and toffee apples for Bonfire Night.
Halloween pumpkin carving too!



A happy 13th
birthday!



Diwali rangoli
art work.



Wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences during anti-bullying week.
Guess the feet competition!

Oak Class- November 2019



This term Oak Class have been working hard on a range of life skills and practical activities. We have been doing lots of outdoor learning, creating a wildlife friendly garden at Allanton Village Hall. This will be used as part of the class John Muir Award.



We have also been using our cutting, drilling and sanding skills to build bird boxes which will be hung in the garden and using willow to make frames for climbing plants.



We made "seed splats" to throw onto the ground to encourage wildflowers and got really messy making bird feeders for the winter. Our students have been very enthusiastic and have really enjoyed digging in the mud to prepare for the planting.

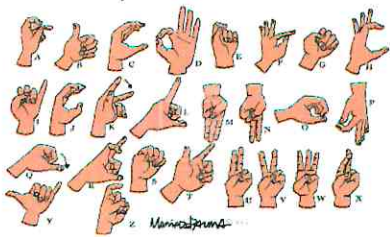


Oak Class wore odd socks to mark Anti-Bullying week and we had a great day for Children in Need and many of the class came in interesting clothes to help raise money for this worthy cause.

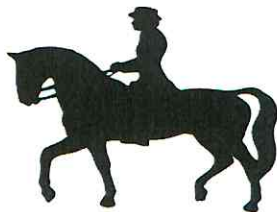


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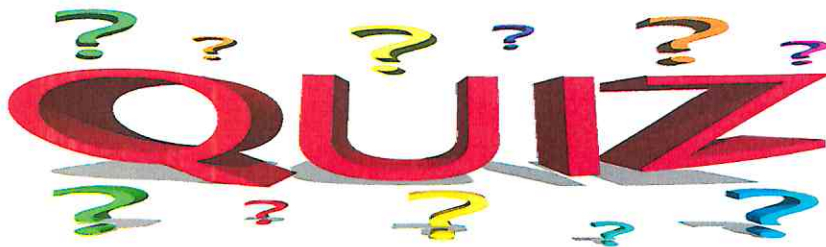
Thursday 21 November 2019:- Makaton with SLT Therapist Sue Emery from 2.00-3.00pm



Monday 2 December 2019:- This is the last horse riding day this year



Monday 16 December 2019: - Family Quiz Night - 6.00-7.30pm



Wednesday 18 December 2019:- Children/Young people Christmas Lunch and Party



Thursday 19 December 2019:- Whole School Christmas Concert followed by Tea and Coffee 9.30am



Friday 20 December 2019:- Finish for Christmas Holidays at 3.00pm

