



Leatherhead Trinity School and Nursery
Inspiring Learning, Unlocking the Future

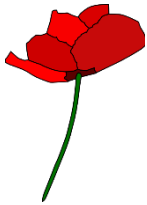
Autumn Term

Newsletter No. 09

Friday 10th November, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about Remembrance.



The Fallen (extract)
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

By Laurence Binyon



With so much conflict happening across the world at the moment, Remembrance Day gives us all an opportunity to stop and pause and give thanks for all those who gave their lives in service, and to pray for all those individuals who continue to work for peace in such challenging situations. We paused today for 2 minutes at 11am to reflect upon all of our Remembrance learning.

We are about to embark on our Outdoor Play and Learning journey. OPAL is a whole school development priority to ensure that every child has at least one hour of outstanding outdoor play every day. Research shows that children's mental and physical health is deteriorating and that great play can make it better. During seven years at primary school, children spend 1.4 years at play!

What is OPAL?

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) is a community interest (CIC) company dedicated to providing services to schools and organisations in England and Wales to improve the quality of play opportunities for all children. OPAL staff have expertise in teaching, school improvement, landscape design, project management, play and strategic planning. The OPAL Primary Programme offers schools a structured process, with mentored support provided for up to two years and many resources, to enable schools to permanently change both their environment and their culture to enable provision of amazing playtimes every day.



We are assembling a working group who will meet with our OPAL mentor over a period of 18 months (across 6 meetings), and we would love for one member of the group to be a parent. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to express an interest, then please do let the school office know.

We would also really appreciate parent input as part of our baseline survey. If you have 5 minutes, we'd be very grateful for your feedback on playtimes. <https://forms.gle/iT1c5PUrN6Fuu3Vb6> **The survey closes on Wednesday 15th November.**

Kind regards,
Mrs Elizabeth Killin
Headteacher

Christian and Learning Values

Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:

Commitment: Charis (Hawk), Hazel (Oak), Blair (Chestnut), Harper (Squirrel), Freddie (Hedgehog) Amila (Eagle)

Resilience: Alfie (Hawk), Cory (Fox)

Love: Alice (Willow), Madison (Love)

Respect: Billy (Osprey), Issac (Badger)

Fine Diners

Winners this week are:

Skye M, Lucy T, Kyla-Mai C, Carly S, Khushi A,
Riley O & Razvan B

Well done!



Top Classes for using TTRS this week

1st Oak
2nd Osprey
3rd Willow

Highest number of coins

1st Mouna
2nd Albie
3rd Caleb

Most improved studio speed

1st Maciee
2nd Albie
3rd Willow

Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned

1st Aagash
2nd Matilda
3rd Oscar



Congratulations for passing the next stage of Numbots: Aagash & Jesse



LANGUAGE OF THE HALFTERM

UKRAINIAN

Learn as many of the following expressions as possible and try to use them as much as you can throughout your day.

Доброго ранку Dobrogo ranku	Good morning
Бувай Buvay	Bye
Як справи? Yak spravu?	How are you?
Я не розумію Ya ne rozumiu	I don't understand
Допоможіть мені Dopomojit' meni	Help me
За здоров'я! Za zdorov'ja	Cheers (good health)!
Смачного! Smachnogo	Enjoy your food!
Всього найкращого! Vsiogo naikrashogo	All the best!
Дякую Dyakyu	Thank you

PROJECT

If you would like to take part with the project, please choose one of the following options:

Cook a Ukrainian Recipe

1. Bortsch



Make a fact poster



Create a peace in Ukraine Art work



Learn a Ukrainian song or dance and perform it to your class teacher



Entries must be handed in by **Monday the 4th of December** to **Miss Repiso**.

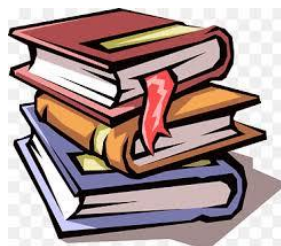
Prizes will be awarded on that week's celebration assembly.

Words of the Week

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.

Vocabulary!

Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!

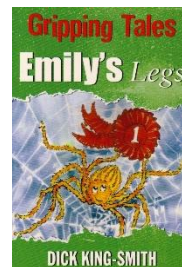
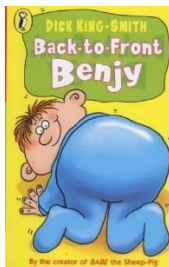
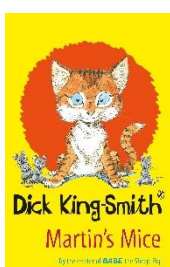
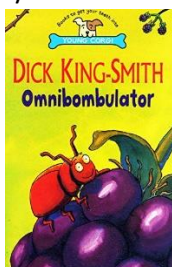


Words of the week next week:	
Reception: Decorate and Surprise	
Year 1: Non-fiction and Fingerprints	Year 2: Offspring & Lifecycle
Year 3&4: Hazard & Caution	Year 5 & 6 : Mournfully & Doleful

Book Review

Each half term in the library we have a different author as a focus. Previously we have had Anne Fine and Malorie Blackman. This term it was Dick King Smith that was chosen due to his wide range of engaging books. When the children have read a book, they have been coming to see me to give me a quick book review and claim a prize. I have had a huge number of visitors this time and it has been great to see so many enthusiastic children talking about what they have read. Below are just a few book reviews from some of my visitors!

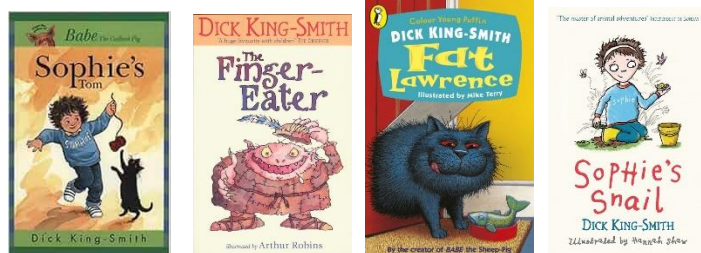
Mouna – Omnibombulator – There was a small insect and he thought he wasn't special so they called him a long name so he could feel special. He gets into a shoe and the farmer puts his smelly foot into it... I gave it 9/10.



Isaac – Martin's Mice – There's a cat called Martin and the mice are his friends. Martin gets sold and then he goes to the barn with the sheep! I gave it 8.5/10.

River – Back to front Benji – He is born on a backwards train so he always goes back to front. He gets a rear view mirror so he can see behind him. 10/10 because it is quite funny!

Lucy – Emily's legs – It's about a spider who was the fastest and won every race. Then one day they discover she doesn't have 8 legs... she has 10! I gave it 10/10.



Sophie – Sophie's Tom – On Sophie's 5th birthday she wakes up and sees a black cat called Tom! But her Daddy doesn't like cats so she is only allowed to keep it if it is catching mice. So they make a plan to make sure they can keep the cat. I gave it 8/10.

Kameela – The finger eater – It's about an unusual troll who eats fingers! A little girl finds a solution to stop him. It was funny so I gave it 8/10.

Alice – Fat Lawrence – It's about a cat who was very fat, and his friends tell him he needs to be on a diet. He actually goes to 3 different houses to get 3 different meals! I gave it 10/10 because it was funny.

Arthur – Sophie's snail – They have a race with the snails. Sophie picks a small snail to race, and the first race the boys won because theirs were bigger. But then the 2nd race is different. 7/10 I liked it but would like more adventure!

Mrs Harris- Literacy lead

Attendance



Class	W/E 03/11/23	W/E 09/11/23
Bumblebee	88.7%	92.15%
Ladybird	90.45%	92.60%
Hedgehog	91.9%	96.4%
Squirrel	94.05%	98.2%
Badger	96.5%	98%
Fox	94.75%	96.65%
Chestnut	95.2%	99.16%
Redwood	87.7%	96.8%
Oak	90.8%	93.03%
Willow	93.75%	98.75%
Eagle	95%	97.7%
Osprey	93.8%	90.4%
Hawk	94.8%	96.1%
Owl	91.15%	96.95%
100 % Attendees	268	284

Well done to Chestnut class for being so close to 100%! A much better week throughout the school with many children on track for November wrist band.

Mrs Gray - Deputyhead

BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION



Well done to all the children who took part in our school writing competition, it was such a pleasure to read so many amazing and imaginative stories. The stories have been submitted and we'll be contacted in mid-December to find out whether the stories have made it through to the first round of judging.

For now, I would like to congratulate our school winners. We chose a winning story from each year group. Well done...

- ❖ **Aagash V- Year 1**
- ❖ **Ada T- Year 2**
- ❖ **Keeva K- Year 3**
- ❖ **Riyad Z- Year 4**
- ❖ **Jude T- Year 5**
- ❖ **Zaighum-Abbas H- Year 6**

Miss Deacon -Year 5 Class Teacher

Eagle Class Learning

This has been an even busier week than usual in Eagle Class and across year 5. On Monday, we had our final (and second) rehearsal in the hall for our Year 5 assembly. The children were very enthusiastic and did a great job of learning their lines and the song. We performed to parents on Wednesday and it went well despite local road closures causing chaos for both the audience and the performers. Thanks to all parents/carers who could attend.

In class, we are into our third week learning about fractions. We have ordered, compared, found equivalence and will be moving onto adding and subtracting fractions next week. We have really enjoyed writing our own Greek myths based on, 'The Odyssey.'

In RE we have been studying Judaism and learning about what's inside a synagogue and in PSHE we have been exploring our own identity. We are also about to embark on a new geography topic, 'Water, Weather and Climate.'



Mr Gattey
Eagle Class Teacher



Year 1 – Visit to the oldest house in Leatherhead

Last week, to launch our new topic, 'Local history' (linked to buildings and homes) Squirrel and Hedgehog class went to visit the oldest house in Leatherhead at The Fire and Iron Gallery. Lucy who lives in the house with her family gave the children a tour of the house. She talked about how her father use to live in the house and she showed us pictures of the house during different times. During our tour, Lucy pointed out many features that are different from houses that are built today. The children will be learning more about this in the coming weeks. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the house and going into the cellar! They also got to walk through the gallery and see Lucy's children making objects from iron! Thank you to all our helpers on both afternoons for walking with us.

Please look at our class page on the website for more photos of this and other recent trips.

Year 1 Teachers



Leatherhead Community Hub – Advice Café



Need help on debt, benefits or other important issues?

Their sessions, in partnership with [CAP - Christians Against Poverty UK](#) , [Citizens Advice Mole Valley](#) , [Epsom & Ewell Foodbank](#) , [Surrey Community Action](#) , [Mole Valley Employment & Skills Hub](#) take place every Thursday at 9:30 - 11:30am.

Drop in to get help with whatever is troubling you.

Mrs Gattey

Designated Safeguard lead/Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 14 th November	Nursery Parent Meetings	1.30pm-4pm
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 6 Class Assembly	9-9.20am
Wednesday 15 th November	Nursery Parent Meetings	1.30pm-4pm
Thursday 16 th November	Nursery Parent Meetings	1.30pm-4pm
Friday 17 th November	Year 4 Library Visit	1.30pm-3pm
Friday 17 th November	Children in need SPOTacular Mufti day	All Day
Saturday 18 th November	FOLT – Bingo Night (adult only)	7pm School Hall
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 6 trip to Synagogue	9am-12pm
Tuesday 28 th November	Ladybird class and Nursery (Mon, Tues & Wed am session) Nativity Play	2-2.45pm School Hall
Friday 1 st December	Bumblebee class and Nursery (Wed pm, Thu & Fri session) Nativity Play	2-2.45pm School Hall

Friday 1 st December	FOLT – Second hand uniform sale	3pm – KS2 Playground
Wednesday 6 th December	Rocksteady Concert	9am – Parents invited
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Lunch	12-1pm
Wednesday 6 th December	FOLT – Nursery Elfridges	All day at school
Wednesday 6 th December	Full Governing Body Meeting	Evening
Friday 8 th December	Mufti Day for donations towards the Christmas Fair	All Day
Friday 8 th December	FOLT – Elfridges	All day at school
Monday 11 th December	FOLT Christmas Fair	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	FOLT – Christmas Disco	After School in School Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Nativity – Hey EWE!	2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas Nativity – Hey EWE!	9.30am
Friday 15 th December	Reception – KS1 Pied Piper Theatre company – Can Bears Ski	10-11am
Friday 15 th December	End of Term	Early Finish 1.30pm
SPRING TERM 2024		
Monday 1 st January	Bank Holiday	All Day
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY	All Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET DAY	All Day
Thursday 4th January	Start of Spring Term	All Day
Friday 12 th January	Yr 5 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm
Friday 19 th January	Yr 6 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm
Monday 22 nd January	Olympic Athlete	1-3pm
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term	All Week
Monday 19 th February	Start of Term	All Day
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term	Early Finish 1.30pm