

Dear Families,

We have loved getting out and about in the sunshine this week especially for Forest School. Also, our intrepid Scientists in Oak class had great fun at KCC making vehicles, we are very lucky to have this fantastic opportunity for our children. This week I spent some time in Oak class learning all about fractions with our magnificent Mathematicians. As a school we follow the White Rose Maths scheme of work which has excellent parent resources which I would highly recommend - <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>



Please do let the school office know if you would like a printed version of any of the White Rose Maths resources.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Coombe


Family Reading Session

Wednesday 5th March - 2-3pm on Zoom - Free Family Support Session - Supporting your child on their reading journey.



English Hubs
Ilsham English Hub


FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON
THEIR READING JOURNEY
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH
2-3PM ON ZOOM



Ilsham National English Hub would like to invite you to attend a **FREE** session to support you with helping your child at home in their reading journey.

During this free, hour-long session, The Ilsham National English hub team will be sharing videos and practical solutions to support practice at home. The focus will be on supporting your child to become an expressive fluent reader. This session is targeted at families (including grandparents), carers, childminders and before/after school provision workers. It is designed to support children from pre school age up to the end of Key Stage One (Year 2). Please note, this session will not be recorded.

Any questions or queries please contact:
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[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/KJHUJU312B](https://forms.office.com/E/KJHUJU312B)



Some lovely news....

Information for Parents - Autism and us Programme

Devon's SEND Local Offer

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/what-is-send/communication-and-interaction/autism-and-us/>

Support for parents or carers of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

The 'Autism & Us' programme and associated themed/topic-based workshops are a great way to find out more about neuro diversity.

No.	Programme topic	Programme one date	Programme two date
1	Autism overview	Tuesday 21 January: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 6 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tuesday 28 January: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 13 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tuesday 4 February: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 20 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tuesday 11 February: 10am – 12pm	Thursday 27 March: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Workshop topic	Date and time
DiAS (Devon Information and Advice Service) and PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon)	Thursday 1 April: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing and integration	Tuesday 25 March 9.30am – 12pm
Autism and girls	Wednesday 12 March: 9.30am – 12pm
Autism – Demand avoidance and PDA	Wednesday 13 February: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (speaking children – support strategies)	Tuesday 11 March: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress and anxiety	Thursday 20 March: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability and online safety	Thursday 27 February: 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (non/limited speaking children – support strategies)	Thursday 6 March: 10am – 12pm

WEBINAR - Supporting your child with SEND with SEMH



Children and young people with SEMH have severe difficulties in managing their emotions and behaviour. They often show inappropriate responses and feelings to situations. In this webinar experts will share information and strategies to help you to support children with SEND with their SEMH. We will also share some useful tips and advice to support each other.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-supporting-your-child-with-send-with-semh-tickets-1214712169799?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&keep_tld=1

Some important information for next week-

Forest School Dates – 12th March (Years 3 & 4 Hazel and Chestnut), 26th March (Oak and Chestnut)

KCC Science Masterclass Year 5 – 12th March

SATs Booster Club – Tuesday and Friday 8am start

Sports Club – Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 – 4pm

Art Club-Wednesday 3.05-4pm

West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

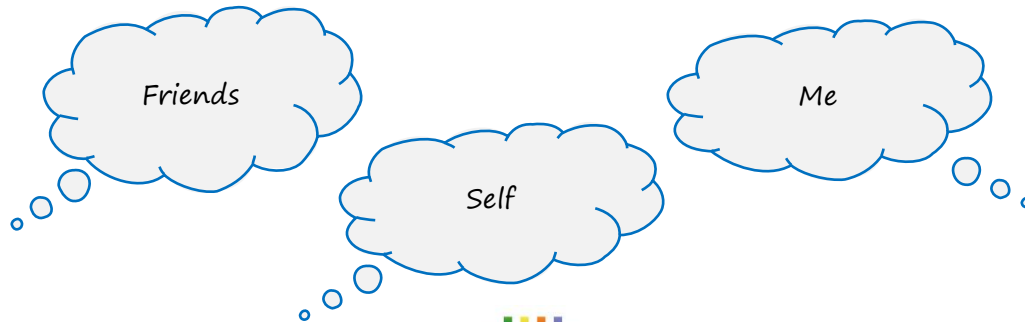
Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Chestnut - Nursery



WOW Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...



Tapestry Tuesdays!

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night. We can't wait to see!

Hazel Years R-2

We have had a lovely week back after half term.

On Wednesday we have a really nice Forest School session in the sunshine. We built some great dens in the playground using equipment. We also hung out in the hammocks.

As Historians this week we have started to learn about Neil Armstrong as another significant individual. We learnt about how he was the first man to land on the moon, we watched the video and learnt the famous words that he said.

As Designers this week we have started our new unit on wheels and axles. We now know what the purpose of a wheel and axle is as well as where we might see these.



Homework task- Can you make your own rocket to go on display in the classroom

Spellings – KS1 only :

Year 1: put, push, full, pull

Year 2: improve, prove, move, every

- Reading

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

RWinc book bag book and completed reading record due in: Thursday

New books : Friday

Oxford owl:

You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday



Reception children:

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Star of the Week!



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Arthur for his super reading and blending the words!



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Last week's attendance was 94%

Well done Everyone!

Oak Years 3-6

This week in Oak Class...

This week, Year 5&6 have been diving into the wonders of the solar system. We've discussed the importance of the sun in our solar system and the concept of gravity. The children have enjoyed learning about the potential for life on other planets and the exciting work done by space agencies like NASA. Year 3&4 have been exploring the fascinating world of sound, investigating how sound is made, how it travels, and how we hear it. We've experimented with different materials to see how they affect sound vibrations and have learned about the pitch, volume, and tone of sounds.

World Book Day (March 6th): Don't forget that we'll be celebrating World Book Day on March 6th! We're planning a variety of fun reading activities throughout the day.

Home Learning

Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.

Reading

Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is

essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day.

Home Learning

This week, I would like the children to create Planet Fact Files – Pick a planet and create a fact file with key information (size, temperature, atmosphere, moons, and fun facts).

Spellings

This week, our spellings are the /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words.

Write

Written

Wrote

Wrong

Wrap

Wrist

Wreck

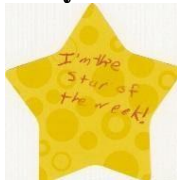
Wrestle

Wren

Wriggle

The children are continuing to learn common exception and high frequency words in class which they can practise at home.

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Billie

For your wonderful enthusiasm and ideas during our English sentence stacking lessons.

Thank you 😊

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March - National Careers Week

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 7th March - Sunday 16th March - British Science Week

Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March - Year 5 & 6 Residential

Wednesday 12th March - Forest school (Year 3&4 Hazel class and Chestnut)

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th March - Forest school (Oak class and Chestnut)

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 29th April - Energy Investigators workshop and Climate Heroes show