



# Calveley Academy Newsletter 25.11.21



## Willow Class

In English this week we have been exploring the story, 'Star in the Jar', the children have been thinking about what is precious to them and why. We have been writing sentences to match the illustrations that are in the story. In Phonics this week we continue with our Set 2 sounds and the focus has been to apply the special friend sounds in our writing. We have learnt the sounds, (ay, ee, igh, oo, ar). In Nursery Willow the children have been learning the sound 'n' and continuing with the bouncy blending games. If you would like to purchase the Set 2 sound cards you can do so on Amazon. In Maths this week we have been looking at one more, and one less. We have been learning the meaning of the word less and using objects to explore one less within 5 and 10. We did this through practical activities and number stories. The children have been using the language 'less' and 'take away'. We had a special visitor to Willow Class this week....Elf!

Star of the week: Elsie for excellent work in English this week. Elsie is using capital letters and full stops!  
 Handwriter of the week: Reuben for forming all the letters in his name correctly.



## Beech class

This week we have started to write our circular narratives in English! We finished our planning of the characters, locations and key vocabulary earlier this week. We then wrote up our narratives, using all of our planning to guide us. Beech class have produced fantastic narratives about an exciting adventure. In maths, we have been exploring number bonds and consolidating our knowledge of subtraction across both year groups. In our science lesson, we have explored features of autumn and have collected data that we will monitor throughout the year. We took photos of items that show us that the season is autumn. Star of the week: Ada for always challenging herself with her learning and supporting others in class. Handwriter of the week: Arlo for making brilliant progress with his presentation in all subjects.



## Christmas Performance Straw and Order

Our Christmas performance rehearsals are . We would be very grateful if you could help the children learn the songs for these over the next two weeks. These can be found on the school website. All children have been given a part and some children have lines to learn. Please support your child in learning their lines and adding lots of expression and volume when the speak.

Due to the slight rise in positive cases in school, we will continue to keep monitoring the situation and notify parents at the earliest point if we need to change our plans for the school performance or any other planned events over the next few weeks. We are very hopeful that we can still offer these opportunities. If however we are unable to welcome families in to school for the performance we will be able to offer parents the chance to watch the performance remotely. Adults will be required to wear a mask and keep socially distanced from other families at the performance.

- Willow Class Family Performance - 8 December 10am
- Beech Class Family Performance- 8 December 2pm
- Sycamore Class Family Performance- 9 December 10am
- Oak Class Family Performance- 9 December 2pm

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be for sale before the performance starts. Please can we ask that all adults wear a mask and arrive 15 minutes early.

## Christingle Service

I would like remind all families about our Christingle service this Sunday at 6pm at St David's Church. With the rise in positive cases in our school community, I would advice parents to consider wearing a mask. This wonderful event is very popular and we would like to keep our families as safe as possible.

## Sycamore Class

This week in English we have planned our setting narrative, based on an illustration from "The Whale". The children have thought about the key features of writing that they would like to include, such as alliteration, similes and a cliffhanger. In maths we have continued looking at column subtraction and addition and using this to solve problems. Year 3 have been exploring how to recognise when they need to exchange a ten for ten ones. While year 4 have been using column subtraction to find the difference between two numbers. In geography we have been looking at all the local cities and towns in Cheshire and finding these on a map. We have also been doing lots of Christmas play practise! We have been busy learning the songs, learning our lines and making sure we speak with loud and clear voices.

Star of the Week: Ioana for a fantastic first week at Calveley!

Handwriter of the week: George for consistently wonderful handwriting and presentation.



## Oak Class

This week Oak Class have been working on their draft newspaper articles all about our class text of Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman. The creativity that has gone into them is amazing and we cannot wait to read their final pieces. In Maths, pupils used arrays to learn all about prime numbers. The class really enjoyed doing this and they are feeling much more confident in recognising prime numbers. In Topic, pupils have been learning all about map keys and using these to look at these features on maps of Calveley and the surrounding area. This will help the pupils prepare for their final project which will be a research task all about Calveley and our area.

Please can all pupils continue to practice their lines at home, access to the songs in the play is available through the school website and we encourage all children to engage with this.

Please can we remind parents that pupils should be reading 4 times a week at home and accessing Times Table Rockstars for 30 minutes over the course of the week.

Star of the Week: Maisie for being a kind and conscientious member of Oak Class.

Handwriter of the Week: Phoebe for her drive to continue to improve her handwriting.



## Important dates

- Christmas theatre Pantomime and Christmas Jumper day – 10 December
- School Christmas production – 8 December at 10 am/2pm and 9 December at 10am/ 2pm
- Church service - Singing St. David's Church, Wetenhall 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 All families welcome.
- FROCS Christmas Gift Sale – 13 December (Information from FROCS to follow)
- Whole School Christmas Party - 17 December. Children can wear their own party clothes.

## Homework Reminders

Please can all parents and carers record home reading at least 4x times per week as part of our weekly homework. We are celebrating all of the wonderful reading at home in our assemblies and house points are awarded for children who read regularly at home. Parents/carers must sign/ write in the children's reading diaries every time a child reads at home. Children are also required to

## School Uniform

Please donate any old school uniform for our Christmas Fayre. FROCS will collect this in nearer to the time to run a uniform stall and raise money for school.

## Weekly house points

Congratulations! This week House Team Winners are the Squirrels!

- 61 points Fox - Team Captain is Miss Parry
- 46 points Owl - Team Captain is Miss Stanley
- 44 points Hedgehog - Team Captain is Miss Logan
- 44 points Squirrel - Team Captain is Miss Moffat