



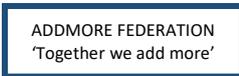
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This Half Term's Value: Hopefulness

Edition: VIII

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back all! I hope you all enjoyed a restful break. It has been wonderful to hear all about the children's holiday activities!

I would also like to thank all of you for adjusting so well to the new drop off/ pick up arrangements. As ever, I am grateful to those of you that have offered us feedback as to how we could further improve in this area and as a result you may notice one or two tweaks have been made during the week! So thank you all for your continued support.

You will see that our value has changed and that this half term the focus has shifted to that of 'Hopefulness'. This term we will be reflecting on how, with hope in our hearts, we can all strive towards better outcomes; not only for ourselves but also ensuring them for others. That may be by making our own lives better in some way by the acts we perform or perhaps the way these acts improve the lives of others. I look forward to sharing with you over the coming half term the ways in which all the children have worked towards improving not only themselves but also the lives of others.

This week's learning update is from Miss Archer and pupils in **Oak Class** ...

Oak Class's topic for learning this half term is 'Winter Wonderland' which, as you can imagine, has been rather exciting to launch. Children have kicked off this half term's literacy learning by immersing themselves in autumnal poetry where they have been busy developing their own personal poems based around the colours of autumn. Of course, this included a trip to the forest for a first-hand experience of joys of autumn and was extremely beneficial, helping the children to develop exciting language for their poems. The children have also been very enthusiastic to get started with our new guided reading scheme, where this half term we are enjoying the story 'The Ice Palace'.

Cross Country was a huge success on Thursday and all the children were a huge credit to our school. Congratulations to Isabel Cope for coming 1st in the Year 5 girls race and Eira Nixon for coming 3rd in the Year 4 girls race. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and it was amazing to see such great sportsmanship, compassion and encouragement, with children celebrating every child's achievement.



Attendance

This week's winners are Chestnuts!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week</u>	<u>Last week</u>
Chestnuts	100%	84.5%
Oak	97.2%	98.6%
Whole School	98.1%	94.6%

This week's Star Pupils!

This week's pupils of the week are:

Chestnut – Cooper W for his great attitude to learning this week

Oak – Phoebe N, Elliott K, Chester W- For fantastic English work

Congratulations we are all enormously proud of you!

Cross Country

Finally, an enormous well done to everyone who participated in the Cross Country Event at the Grove School; it was just another example of what complete super stars our children are! Everyone took part, offered support to their friends and represented the school in a way that makes us all so proud. Congratulations to Eira and Isabel who secured an amazing 1st and 4th position in their race!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – enjoy the fireworks!

Mrs S. Henney

