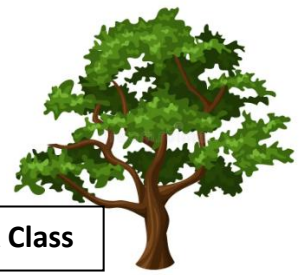
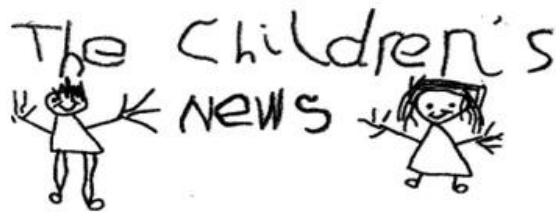


Ash Class



Oak Class

12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

We wish you all a very happy new year!! We hope you had a good Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have enjoyed telling us all about their holidays.

Last week, we started our new topic which is based around the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed going on a treasure hunt around the playground to find clues as to which story we are focusing on. They then enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases from the story and huffing and puffing like the Big Bad Wolf. We have started creating a 'working wall' containing pictures and vocabulary linked to the story. The children will draw a story map and use this to retell the story, trying hard to sequence the key points from the story correctly. We will think about the contents of Little Red Riding Hood's basket and discuss whether they were healthy choices or not and then write our own list of what we would put in the basket. This will help the children to practise their writing skills leading up to them writing their own sentence about one of the characters from Little Red Riding Hood.



**Please do encourage your child to write at home; they could label pictures, write short phrases or sentences. We encourage the children to use robot arms to sound out a word and then write down all the sounds they can hear. You can use the sound sheets that we gave out at parents evening to help if they can't remember how to make a sound. Please do share any writing on Tapestry.**

The children enjoyed their first PE lesson of the new term this week. Just a reminder that PE is led by a specialist PE teacher from Premier Sport. This is usually Mr Mason who knows the children well. Please continue to send the children in on a Tuesday dressed for PE. Please dress them warmly as they do continue to access the outdoor area throughout the day. The pictures below show the children practising their balancing and ball skills.



## Phonics

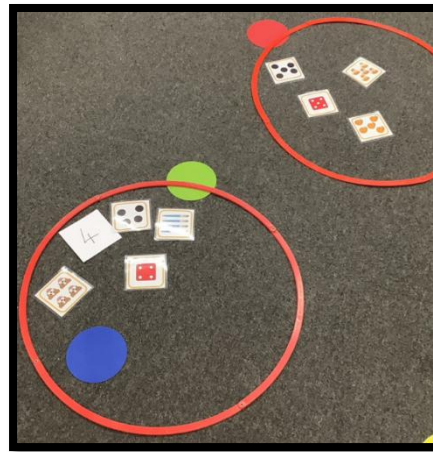
Last week the children learned the new sound **oo** as in wood, book and foot. This week we will be learning; **ar** as in card, **ur** as in turn, **oo** as in food and **or** as in storm. We will investigate the fact that even though the oo grapheme looks the same it can make different sounds such as in wood and food. We will practise trying out which sound works when we are reading a word thinking about what makes sense in the context of the picture or the sentence we are reading. The children often enjoy doing this detective work and finding the correct version.

We are also learning harder to read and spell words; **they, all, are**

## Maths

For the next couple of weeks, our Maths topic is '1,2,3,4,5'. We will be finding and sorting different representations of 4 and 5, work on subitising (recognising straightaway) 4 and 5, look at the composition of number 1-5 and find different ways to make them. We will also look at 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 5 and begin to explore the concept of zero.

The children have already been enjoying looking at different pictures representing 4 and 5 and sorting them into the correct groups.



## Diary dates

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 5.30pm – Nursery Bedtime story. For all children below school age whether they attend GMA or not. Do sign up and bring your little ones along (older siblings are welcome to attend too)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9-10am – Mastering Maths Parents Workshop (more info to follow)

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 4.30-7.00pm – Parent Consultation evening

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 4.00- 6.30pm – Parent Consultation evening

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm – Nursery Bedtime story. For all children below school age whether they attend GMA or not. Do sign up and bring your little ones along (older siblings are welcome to attend too)

## Forest School dates

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ash

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – Oak

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ash

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Oak

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash

**Half Term**

## **Important Reminders:**

Just a reminder that library day is now on alternate Tuesdays.

We welcome Mrs Maycock back to Oak class in the role of Teaching Assistant Monday to Thursday and Mrs Russell is Oak class Teaching Assistant on a Friday.

We are not currently having a PE session on a Thursday.

If you send a morning snack in for your child please make sure that it is a healthy snack such as fruit, yoghurt, crackers, breadsticks, cheese etc. Many thanks

## **Homework/ Show & Tell;**

Reading & Phonics; Daily reading

**There is still time to upload maths and topic homework from last term if you haven't had the chance yet.**

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/page/?title=Homework&pid=121>