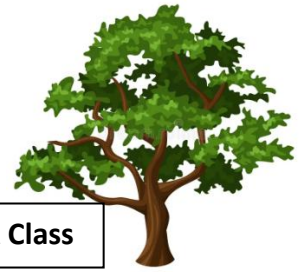
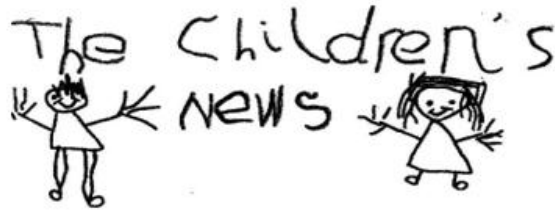


Ash Class



Oak Class

Week ending 20th March 2026

Science Week

Last week, the children took part in a variety of activities to mark British Science week. The theme was Curiosity: What's your question? Our question in Ash and Oak was; Where did dinosaurs live?

We talked about the role of scientists and how they investigate to answer questions. The children became scientists and posed lots of questions about where dinosaurs lived. They then investigated using a variety of sources. They thought about modern day animals and how their bodies have adapted to their habitats and then applied this to dinosaurs. We found out that dinosaurs with long necks probably lived amongst the trees, and that dinosaurs with wings could fly far and wide to search for their prey. We looked at the meat-eating dinosaurs and looked at their body shapes and sharp teeth and thought about how horns and spikes were used for protection. The children were very interested and engaged throughout.

The children then used this information and made their own dinosaur out of clay representing the features they had learnt about. They thought about whether it was a plant eater or a meat eater, whether it had wings or fins. They then very carefully sculpted their dinosaur. They used a variety of clay tools to help them to add details. When they were dry, they painted them. They have turned out really well.



The children used their scientific enquiry skills throughout the week, asking questions, thinking about how to answer them, making careful observations and drawing conclusions. Well done Ash and Oak Class!!

This week, we are continuing with our topic on dinosaurs and finishing up the non-fiction dinosaur books that we have been writing.



Phonics

It was lovely to see so many of you at the phonics session on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed it and found it useful.

We have been asked about additional reading books during the week. We change the children's reading book weekly on a Friday and encourage you to read the book together several times to build fluency. If your child would like a different book during the week, or you need to add in a bit of variety we encourage you to visit the Oxford Owl e-library.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

When in the site, select the Oxford Owl for School section and then enter your child's login details which can be found inside the front cover of their reading diary. There is a lovely selection of books matched to your child's reading level which you can read together on a laptop, phone or tablet. Feel free to write these down in the ready diary if you have read one together.

Maths

In maths fluency this week, the children have continued to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children have also revisited the concept of cardinality – the idea that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether. They have been given further opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence. Once they have become secure with their counting skills, they will be able to continue the counting sequence and be able to identify missing numbers within it. The children have also been practising the key differences in the number names e.g. between 'teen' and '-ty' numbers.

In our other maths sessions, we have focused on comparing length and time and sequencing events in order. Some of the key vocabulary we have been using is; long, longer, tall, taller, short, shorter. We have also been seeing how many hops, jumps, claps etc the children can do in 30 seconds to help them to develop their concept of time.



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Forest School dates

Mon 13th April – Inset day

Mon 20th April – Ash

Mon 27th April – Oak

Mon 4th May – bank holiday

Mon 11th May – Ash

Mon 18th May – Oak

Homework/ Show & Tell;

Reading & Phonics;

Daily reading & daily HRSW practise

Spring Handwriting Homework;

Letter-join 

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

Diary dates

Friday 20th March – World Down Syndrome Day

Wear odd socks to school and wear something red for Comic relief

Thursday 26th March – Ash and Oak board games day

Friday 27th March – Ash and Oak no uniform day & Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring Term

Tuesday 14th April – term begins

Wednesday 29th April – Reception Class Assembly 2.30pm (more info to follow)

WC 25th May – Half term

Monday 1st June – back to school

Important Reminders:

- We need junk modelling resources. Ash and Oak love junk modelling and we regularly run low on items. Please send in any small boxes/ plastic containers etc. They need to be clean and can't have contained products containing nuts. We can't accept tins or glass, medicine packaging, loo rolls etc
Thank you
- If you are having a sort out over the Easter holiday, we would be very grateful for donations of different coloured papers, cards, notelets, envelopes etc. We would also be grateful for any craft items you are looking to pass on (sequins, ribbons, buttons, paper/ foam shapes etc etc).

Wishing all of our families a very.....

