

## KSI: Fir and Oak – Weekly Newsletter



Fir Class (Mrs Lewis and Miss Brownley)

Oak Class (Mrs Morrell)

Supporting Adults: Mrs Gilbert, Miss Dunthorne, Mrs Atkinson

Date: Friday 10th October 2025

We look forward to welcoming you to parents' evening next week, Wednesday or Thursday evening.

### In English:

- We began our new Talk for Writing unit – Discussion. We are discussing; should Jack be punished?
- We looked at for and against arguments, such as 'should children wear school uniforms?' and discussed our views to get us started.
- We explored how verbs can enhance our discussion – both in the past and present tense.

### In Topic:

- Science –
- Creative Arts – We have really enjoyed looking at artists and still life this week, we choose different artists and copied a piece of still life. Andy Warhol tin of tomato soup was a big hit.
- Computing – We have continued looked at mouse skills by using the paint app and purple mash games
- RE – this week we visited the church for an experience day – Experience the Lord's Prayer. We had a very reflective time and thoroughly enjoyed the activities exploring each section of the prayer and it's meaning to Christians.
- PE – invasion games (indoor) and striking and fielding (outdoor). Building teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Music – Exercise Rhythms, acting out our dances to the songs we have learned.

### In Maths: Addition and Subtraction

Year 1 – We started the module on Addition and subtraction and have been looking at part/ whole modules.

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Year 2 –

- Bonds to 10
- Fact families – addition and subtraction bonds within 20
- Related facts in addition and subtraction (if I know  $2+2$  is 4, I can use this to help me with  $20+20=40$ ),

### Important Messages/Dates::

- Parents evenings Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- Phonics books – some groups are now moving on to chapter books. These may seem challenging, but they cover all the sounds that we have been learning about so far in phonics. We've spoken to the children about this being an exciting part of our reading development, and to read chunks at home rather than the whole book! With this in mind, **we will change these chapter books every two weeks.** The children are aware of this too 😊.