

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 13th March 2026

We have had another good week. The children have been learning how to keep themselves safe, and the Year 2 children had a workshop with the NSPCC.

We are looking forward to next week, with the Year 2 children going on their residential and the fun music day for Year 1.

If you haven't seen it already, the kit list for Year 2 is on the website.

In English:

In Talk for Writing, we have continued looking at an information text all about dragons. We explored what we already know about dragons: what they look like, where they live and what they do, this time linking our ideas to the storybook *Zog* by Julia Donaldson. It certainly engaged their imagination!

We have also continued our grammar learning, focusing on capital letters, full stops, conjunctions, exclamation marks and fronted adverbials. The children have come up with some fantastic descriptions, and we have certainly enjoyed reading them.

In Topic:

Science – This week it has been Science Week. Oak Class investigated how important bees are to flowers, and Fir Class looked at the strength of pegs. Lots of fun was had by all.

Creative Arts – This term, our DT topic is *Levers and Sliders*. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring how these mechanisms work and designing and making our own moving pictures. This week, we have been looking at how levers work and made our own seagulls fly.

Computing – We have been looking at coding and making our own music.

RE – This term, we will be learning about the Easter story and the concept of salvation. This week, we have been thinking about, *Why were people sad on Good Friday*.

Music – We are exploring the beats we hear in music by listening carefully and tapping them out.

Geography: We have continued learning about Captain James Cook and how he was the first explorer to map parts of the oceans.

In Maths: Addition and Subtraction

Year 1 – Length and Height

This week we have started looking at our new topic on length and height.

Year 2 – Length and Height

We finished our maths topic on length and Height and have begun to look at Mass and Capacity. The children have been amused to find out the weight of a kg is the same as a watermelon.

Important Messages/Dates:

Year 2 Beaumanor Trip Monday 16th/ Tuesday 17th

Easter egg competition: Friday 27th March.

Phonics

The Year One children are doing a fantastic job in Phonics and are really enjoying using their newly found knowledge in both their reading and writing. It is wonderful to see their confidence growing each week.

To continue supporting your child at home, please could you take some time to look at the Year 1 tricky words on our website and practise these regularly.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. The children are all very motivated and are enjoying working towards earning their bookmarks.

New topics Maths homework books have been put into the folder on our website.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Our outside PE provider, Gordon, has given the children a little piece of "homework" this week to help build their core strength. While cleaning their teeth, he has asked the children to stand on one leg, alternating legs each day and gradually building up to staying still for two minutes. Have fun.