KS1: Fir and Oak – Weekly Newsletter

Fir Class (Mrs Lewis and Miss Brownley) Oak Class (Mrs Morrell) Supporting Adults: Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Atkinson, Mr Cruse	Date: Friday 18th 2026

We have had another lovely week, and the children continue to settle really well into their class.
We have particularly enjoyed Dot Week, an international art day inspired by the wonderful story *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. The story is all about bravery, having a go, and being willing to make a mark and see where it takes you.
This week, we have all created our own dots, as well as a piece of artwork inspired by concentric circles, in the style of the famous artist Wassily Kandinsky.
We certainly have a bunch of children who truly believe they are artists and are more than happy to have a go! It has been wonderful to see their creativity, confidence and willingness to experiment shine through.

In English:
In Talk for Writing, we continued our new project on *The Three Little Pigs*.
This week, we looked at how we can make our writing even better by adding adjectives and exciting verbs to make our sentences more interesting for the reader.
The children have produced some lovely pieces of writing and have really enjoyed thinking about how they can make their stories more exciting!

Topics:
Science: This week, we have continued investigating Autumn, looking at the changes that occur and discussing what we can see and notice in our environment
Computing: We are still practicing logging on and painting pictures.
RE: We have been looking at "forgiveness"
Music: This week we have been singing, the children really enjoy sharing their favourite songs. In Fir we have focused on copying and finding the pulse.
History: We have continued with our topic on Childhood in the 1950s, looking at timelines and sharing some of the important events in our own lives.
The children enjoyed talking about their birthdays, family holidays and special toys, with receiving a special toy when they were born certainly being a popular memory! It was lovely to hear the children sharing their experiences and thinking about the important moments in their lives.
Art: Dot Day – please see Mr Tomlinson's Newsletter 'The Keys' for some photographs of the children's work.

In Maths:
Year 1 – Place value within 10
In Maths, we have been looking at 1 more, counting on from a given number and counting backwards. The children have been thinking carefully about what happens to a number when we add 1 or take 1 away, and explaining why the number changes. We have been using lots of practical activities and discussions to help us understand our numbers and explain our thinking.
Year 2 – Place value within 100.
Year 2 have been focusing on partitioning numbers, writing numbers to 100 in words, flexibly partitioning and writing numbers in expanded form (all within 100).

Important Messages/Dates:

Transition meeting for Year 1 Oak class
Tuesday 22nd September 3.45pm or 5pm

We have put the White Rose Maths Homework book on the website. These will be put on for each topic.

A polite reminder to please inform either the class teacher or the school office if your child is going to be collected by a different adult. Fir class have started Wilford's diary and the next to take home is Fred (to be returned Friday 25th Sept).Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.