

Welcome back to Term 2. It's been a very busy start to the term with Remembrance, Sparkle and Shine, Anti-bullying week, Children in Need and the start of Nativity rehearsals.

In Oaks, we made models of Anderson Shelters that were used during WW2 to protect civilians living in towns and cities who were being bombed by the Luftwaffe. We made them from cardboard and masking tape and then added a decorative touch to make them appear as they used to in the 1940s.



We then simulated them being 'bombed' by dropping 500g and 1kg from a height of 1m and then from 2m. Many sadly perished, but the remaining few had a 1kg weight dropped from 3m high! Some miraculously didn't tear but were pretty flat at the end!



Last week, we commemorated Remembrance Day by having a whole school collective worship led by year 6. They focussed on people from the commonwealth who fought in the World Wars and shared poetry they had written. We all had 2 minutes silence at 11:00 in our separate classes.

Elsewhere in the school, every class made poppy wreaths and talked about the War along different themes. Year 3 looked at the War from the perspective of the children who were affected by it and made a poppy wreath in the shape of a rainbow. Year R looked at a beebees video about remembrance. Year 2 explored remembrance by looking at the service animals who helped during the war and made a purple poppy wreath. We took the wreaths up to church where they were used as our contribution to their remembrance service last Sunday.



Hazel class loved making their wreath for Remembrance Day. They were thrilled with the end result!

Nativity

The Nativity will happen over two performances this year on the 9th and 10th December at 2pm in the Church. These are also on the school calendar. We are hoping to go ahead with these performances (the KS1 classes are full of Christmas music and dancing) but will have to keep an eye on the cases of Covid within the school and the local area. If we have to cancel this year, we unfortunately do not have the facilities or people expertise to be able to create a DVD. More news will follow about the arrangements for tickets etc in due course and Covid may still have an impact on how we sell and distribute tickets for the days. We look forward to dazzling you with the children's performances.

Forest School

Since returning from half term, we have still been blessed with beautiful dry, and often sunny, weather!! The children have enjoyed making nature masks, drilling the centre out of elder sticks and threading them, whittling sticks as well as making a bow and arrow!





Ide Hill Awards

Saplings	<p>Skyla – for your positive, enthusiastic attitude to your learning. We love sharing your ideas and seeing you enjoy your learning.</p> <p>Rupert – we are very proud of how well you are learning your phonic sounds and how you love numbers. Now we would love you to share what you can do even more with us!</p>
Elms	<p>William – for trying really hard with his learning.</p> <p>Mia – for playing with the Saplings when they are sad.</p>
Beech	<p>Felix – for always participating during whole class teaching, you regularly offer lovely creative ideas.</p> <p>Ivy – for having a great focus on your traditional tales story writing, including lots of imaginative ideas.</p>
Willows	<p>Joshua – for using all his learning including his Nature School exploration to help him to create his mythical character.</p> <p>Phoebe – for using her equipment and the methods we are learning to work independently and confidently in maths.</p>
Hazel	<p>Leo – for always being so incredibly kind and helpful to his friends and for his amazing reasoning in maths this week.</p> <p>Summer – for working so hard in English producing some fantastic sentences describing the plight of refugees.</p>
Ash	<p>Alex - for his positive attitude in maths this week, you can do it, well done!</p> <p>Amber - for her superb information about her family for our remembrance Day homework.</p>
Oaks	<p>Phoebe – for her excellent firework writing – great vocabulary!</p> <p>Nathan – for his excellent problem solving to put the angles of a regular pentagon on to a straight line and full turn.</p>



Bradley M
Eden
Georgina
Grace L
Matty
Phoebe A
Sammy
Max K
Sophia
Toby

Ralph H
Nathan
Alex H
Keyan
Fleur
Ronnie
Frankie
Ivy S
Charlotte B

Upcoming Dates

23 rd November	Flu Vaccination for children in years R to 6
26 th November	KS2 Author Visit
29 th November	Saplings Class visit to the Church
1 st December	Open morning for prospective parents (September 2022 entry)
3 rd to 5 th December	Christmas Tree Festival in the Church
9 th and 10 th December	KS1 Nativity Play performance to parents in the Church at 2pm
14 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch – please wear a Christmas jumper
17 th December	Last day of term