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Newsletter Term 3 Number 4 Friday 31st January 2025

Values of the term: Diversity, tolerance and equality

“Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.” – Jane Goodall

Dear Parents,

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is taking place from 3-9th February 2025.

This year the theme is '**Know yourself, Grow yourself**' in partnership with Here4You, supported by The Walt Disney Company and the Inside Out 2 Characters.

Children's mental health week is an important opportunity to raise awareness and encourage open discussions around mental wellbeing. Being able to communicate with others about how we feel is essential to feeling good and functioning well. Children will learn the importance of The 5 Ways to Wellbeing: connecting, keeping learning, being active, taking notice and giving.

Next week on Friday 7th February it is **NSPCC Number Day!**

Children (and staff!) are invited to come into school in non-school uniform with numbers on their clothes based around the NSPCC theme 'Dress Up For Digits'. Children can bring in a WOW fact about a number on their clothes if they wish. The winner from each class will share their fact in Achievement Worship and receive a certificate from Mr Stevens.

Children may also bring a number-based board game into school, which they can play at 2.30pm with friends.

If you wish to make a donation to the NSPCC, please use the link below rather than bringing coins to the gate.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/>

Classes this week -

Acorns - have been learning all about Chinese New Year this week. We have shared the story of Chinese New Year, learnt about how people celebrate and made our own Chinese crafts. We also enjoyed a visit from our mystery reader Adalaide's mummy.



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Beech - have been considering the environmental impact of plastic bags this week inspired by the story One Plastic Bag. Mrs Gorham even brought in a piece of crochet made from old plastic bags. The focus for maths this week has been subtraction across a 10 e.g. $25 - 9$. Year 1 have used number lines to help them, and Year 2 have learnt about exchanging 1 ten for 10 ones to help them. Forest School was amazing this week if not somewhat MUDDY. The children enjoyed the story of Robin's Winter and thought about how birds get food in the winter months.

Sycamore - This week in Sycamore we have finished all our hard work with short division and moved onto lengths and perimeter. In English we have all completed our drafts for our informal letters and are starting to write them into our portfolio books. Additionally, in Yoga, we have been focusing on being calm and focused. The Year 3's went to FCC on Monday for a STEM workshop where they all made ball bearing maze's - it was lots of fun!



Oak

Oak class have started their argumentative writing this week: "Should the Benin Bronzes remain in England?" In our history lessons, the class have been using primary evidence to examine different artefacts from the Benin era. We have continued to develop the skills required to compete in Dodgeball and Football games. In Maths this week, all the children have been working with decimal numbers to solve a range of questions as well as identify when we use decimal numbers in the real world. Today, we were fortunate to have a Science lesson from Mrs Forbes from Faringdon Community College. Earlier in the week, the class had a lot of fun carrying out a science investigation making parachutes as part of our air resistance lesson.



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Staffing

Next Friday, we are delighted to welcome Lesley Harvey, who will be joining the school as our new Admin Assistant; Lesley will be working in the downstairs office 5 days a week from 8.30am – 4.30pm. I am sure you will join us in making Lesley feel very welcome to Buckland School.

Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	90	84	82
Running total	285	339	271

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Alex, Duke and Joshua

Beech – Millie and George

Sycamore – Eddie and Forrest

Oak – Lacey and Bertie

Bronze badges have been awarded to:

Horse: Nestor, Noah and Lleyton

Dragon: Gethyn and Harry

Silver badges have been awarded to:

Ox: Scarlett

Dragon: Grace

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend, **Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.**