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Values of the term: Diversity, tolerance and equality

“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their colour.” – Maya Angelou

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand-new term. I hope you all had a joyful and restful Christmas break, filled with special moments with family and friends. As we step into this new year, we are all, here at Buckland, excited about the opportunities ahead for growth, learning, and success. This term brings fresh challenges and exciting activities – the first being Oak’s trip to Williams F1 on Tuesday next week, where our oldest children will be experiencing a STEM enrichment day - they will have a chance to learn about engineering, career possibilities and even have a turn in the simulators! We very much look forward to hearing all about their experiences upon their return.

This week in classes:

Acorns have enjoyed exploring the ice in their garden and during messy play. We have discussed why we have so much ice and even found some icicles. Little acorns have been learning about repeat patterns in maths whilst big acorns have been learning about the numbers 0-5.

Beech have settled quickly back into the routine of school and have earned one whole jar of pebbles already for excellent learning. In science the children have made animal classification posters, whilst in art we have made a start to our printing project.

Sycamore have started a new topic in English. We are reading the Firework-Maker's Daughter, the children have been creating their own firework ready to write instructions on how to make it. In Maths, we have been looking at multiplying two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers - they have all done well! In PE we had our first Yoga lesson, we have also been looking at China and South Asia in our Geography lesson.



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Oak have started the term by analysing different biographies before writing their own on a famous person of their choice. The children have written their 'dream or goal' for this term, which is now on display in the classroom. We have identified where Benin is on a world map and shared the benefits of its location as a class. In Maths, the Y6's have continued to solve a range of ratio and proportion questions whilst the Y5's have been tackling questions that involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Dodgeball provided a fun and energetic PE session, despite the cold weather on the playground.

Topic Webs

These have been sent home today with information on what your child will be learning this term.

Wellbeing

In this week's wellbeing worship, we introduced our Circle Time theme for this term, "Goals and Dreams". We talked about how we might have New Year's Resolutions or goals that are personal or learning based. Some children shared long term or short term goals that they had. We then watched a front row seat of a rollercoaster and talked about working towards a goal is like a rollercoaster as it has some ups, downs, twists and turns but that we will get to our end goal. The children seemed to really enjoy this idea. We will continue to explore this next week in worship but the children know that we will also be covering it in classes as part of our Circle Time scheme for this term.

Thanks to Mr Henry for sharing his goal of running the marathon- a huge one but a great example for the children 😊 Good luck Mr Henry.

This week's wellbeing message is from Mr Stevens:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Staffing

Next week we are welcoming Milli Rane who will be joining Oak Class as a student teacher for 8 weeks on placement with Oxford Brookes University. We are also delighted to have Mrs Viner back in school – so lovely!

We are still looking for a School Administrator – if you know someone who would be interested in this role, please share.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2025-BCEPS-08357>



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Achievements

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	48	64	53
Running total	48	64	53

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Arabella and Denver

Beech – Georgia and Tudor

Sycamore – Albie R and Ava

Oak – Ruth and Matilda

Bronze badges have been awarded to:

Ox: Dexter and Laura

Dragon: Miranda and Georgia

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team