

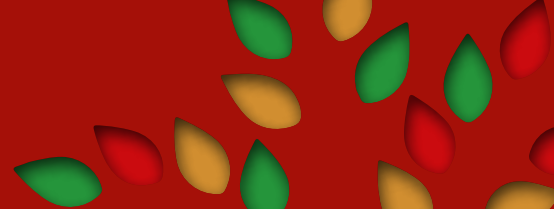


SCHOOL NEWS

**FRIDAY 13TH
NOVEMBER
2020**



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Message from Miss Nawaz

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who participated virtually in our Parents Evening's this week, the partnership between home and school is such an important part of developing children. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed discussing progress and next steps with teachers.

As you will all be aware from your conversations, we place a huge importance on the teaching of reading – it is at the heart of our curriculum and we know we will be most successful when we are working in close partnership with you.

Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in a classroom and in the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read- even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

In order to support parents we have linked a useful documents with top tips for busy Mums, Dads and Carers.

[CLICK HERE FOR
Top Tips](#)

Staffing Update



I would like to inform you of some staff changes coming into effect from the spring term (Jan 2021).

After many years of commitment and work with young children and their families Mrs Chekhar will sadly be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Chekhar has worked at this school for 11 years.

This was a difficult decision for her to make but she has decided to take the opportunity to spend more time with her own family and have a well-deserved retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the positive difference she has made to so many of our children and to this school. We wish her all the very best in this exciting new phase.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Chekhar will be replaced by Mrs Harrison to be the new Reception teacher from January 2021.

Mrs Harrison is an experienced EYFS practitioner with a background of working in an outstanding school. We feel very fortunate to have her join our growing team here at DVS.



NEWS BUDS

ACORNS

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Acorns class have been enjoying reading different versions of 'The Gingerbread Man' story as part of our 'Traditional Tales' topic.

The children have been making a list of animals which could be included in a new version of the story and have tried hard to use their phonic sounds in their writing.

We have also been talking about different celebrations and events which take place at this time of year. The children have created some super fireworks pictures using a Paint program.



BIRCH

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Birch Class have been very busy learning about our local area this week.

The children have used the new Ipads to explore Google maps and have especially enjoyed using street-view to look at local landmarks. Using satellite images, we created our own maps of the school thinking about position and scale.

We noticed the different shapes we could see when we looked at the school building and created our own works of art inspired by the artist Paul Klee. I was really impressed with the children's creativity and careful use of watercolours and look forward to displaying these in the corridor for everyone to enjoy!



Left to right: Jensen, Petra, Sophie M, Lauren

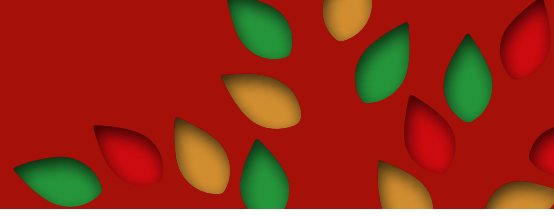
WILLOW

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In Willow class this week, we have been learning about the ocean layers and the different living things you might find in each one. Last week we looked at the effects of plastic pollution to ocean life. In Design and Technology, we are researching how to reuse plastic to make a water toy.

We have been classifying animals into different groups for science. In Maths we have been using formal written methods for addition and solving missing number problems for addition too.

For remembrance day, we were proud to make our poppies out of recycled plastic bottles and observe the two minutes silence.

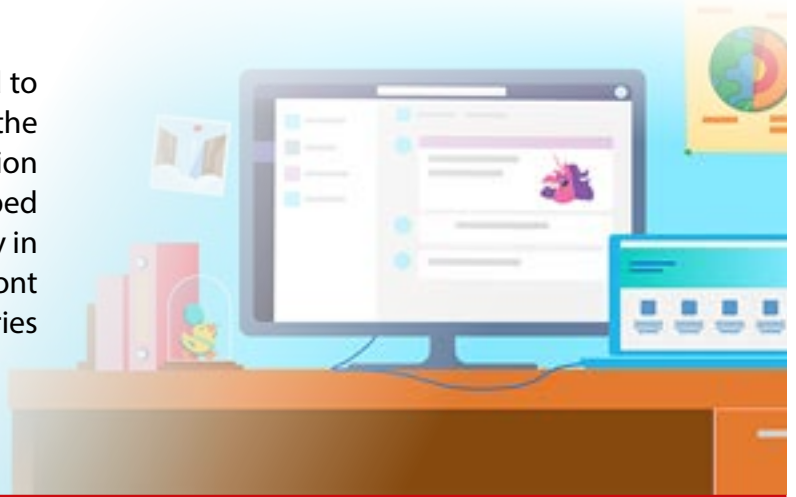


Home Learning

Today we will send home to all classes a letter regarding home learning and the implementation of the use of MS Teams, should we have to revert to remote learning for any reason.

Please check your child's bag and use the weekend to log on to MS Teams and familiarise yourself with the platform. We have also introduced the application Spelling Shed for Year 1 to Year 5 to help embed spelling practice into the children's learning journey in a fun way. Your log in for this will be stuck in the front of the reading record. A reminder that these diaries should remain in your child's bag daily.

All information on our remote learning policy and home school agreement can be found on the school website under key info/school policies.

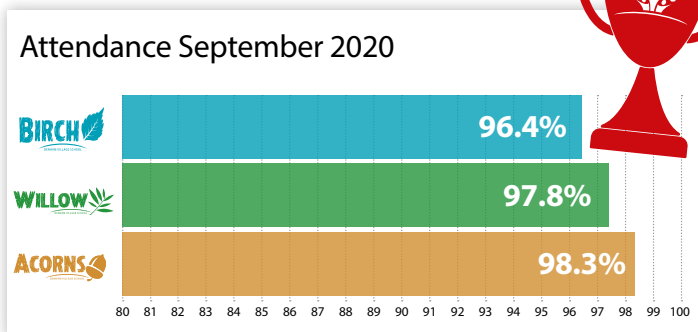


Paying our respects

On Wednesday 11th November all of our children impeccably observed the 2 minute silence.

Denham Village School is committed to making sure all our pupils understand Remembrance and the importance of peace.

Attendance



The best attendance cup is awarded to:



Upcoming Key Dates

November

30th – St Andrews Day, children to dress in blue

December

Virtual Christmas Nativity Reception & Y1/2

Virtual Y4/5 Christmas Carols

17th – End of Term Book Look – 2.40pm

18th – End of Term – School ends 1.30pm

January

4th – INSET

5th – Spring Term Begins

February

10th – Reception Stay and Play

15th – 19th Half Term