



Mundford Mail

The newsletter from **Mundford C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

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Worship Theme: Compassion "Should you care more about yourself or others?"

Winning House Team: DANES

Stars of the Week

Oak: Grace-Mae
Hazel: Elsie
Maple: Lillie
Cedar: Sienna
Rowan: Maya
Elm: Evie
Sycamore: Emerson

Wow of the Week

Oak: Jack
Hazel: Teddy
Maple: Blaise
Cedar: Louie
Rowan: Stanley
Elm: Lewis
Sycamore: Betsy

First Week Back!

We are really impressed with how brilliantly the children have settled back into school this week. Here's just a taster of what each class have been up to:

- Oak Class have had their first week at school and have been doing really well learning new routines, playing together and singing lots of new songs!
- Hazel Class are settling in well and are learning about how we can fix the earth after receiving a broken solar system puzzle.
- Maple Class have enjoyed their first week back at school and were very excited to receive a Polar Bear in the post! We are currently learning how to look after a polar bear and why you might not find them in our neighbourhood!
- Cedar class have settled well back into school and have been making the most of the weather with some outdoor learning. We have been getting excited about all the fun learning we have planned for this term. In particular, we have enjoyed starting to read our class reader, and have been thinking carefully about the things that animals and humans need to survive.
- Rowan Class have been discussing what it means to help our local & global neighbours. Each time we earn a house point we have the choice of deciding whether to put it towards a class reward or donate it to help people around the world. So far, there are more counters in the 'help others' pot, showing just what generous and caring children we are!
- Elm Class have found a refugee's back pack in our classroom which is leading into our Power

of Reading book – The Journey. We have also started to look at how flowers reproduce - by dissecting flowers and by looking at how insects transfer pollen.

- Sycamore have had a great first week back, looking at what a danger zone is and have discussed themes which have been in the news currently. We have looked at human and natural disasters, exploring how we can help our global neighbours which have been affected. We have also started to look at different examples of artwork which have been used to give out a message and help our global neighbours in need. We are going to work towards creating our own pieces of artwork which promote awareness and a positive message to our global neighbours.

Watches

We are happy for the children to come to school with watches/fitbits etc., and are pleased they are using them to support their learning. If we find they are a distraction to their learning, the class teacher will speak to you and you may be asked to leave them safely at home. Thank you.

Homework

This academic year we will be setting our homework on Fridays via our Google Classrooms. The amount of homework set will increase as the children move up through the school years. The activities mentioned below will be the children's regular weekly homework, class teachers may add to this sporadically and that will be communicated through your child's Google Classroom/email.

For the Autumn Term:

Reception: Reading and letter sound work

Year One: Reading and Numbots

Year Two: Reading, Numbots, Ed Shed and discussion question to explore

Year Three: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, Ed shed and Timestable Rockstars.

Year Four: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, Ed shed and Timestable Rockstars.

Year Five: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, Ed shed and Timestable Rockstars.

Year Six: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, Discussion questions to explore, Ed shed and Timestable Rockstars. Either a written task or a maths task dispatched weekly.

We understand that family life can be very busy so we have designed our homework requirements to allow children to be as independent as possible in their learning. Reading will require you to sit with your children to listen and ask them questions. This simple activity can have a huge impact on their development and progress, as being able to read unlocks the whole curriculum for children.

The rest of the homework set is mostly based around our online learning platforms which encourage children to read, spell and manipulate numbers through game based activities. If you are struggling to get on the platform please contact your child's class teacher for details.

Covid

As we move to living with the virus many of Risk Assessments have been updated and new ones have been put in place. You will find all of these and further Covid information on our website:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h6ZgdqKS9IzhL9fglKCaOKcZqSaz7b_c

We have also attached our contingency plan details alongside this newsletter so you have a clear picture of what happens if local cases begin to rise.

All plans and Risk Assessments are reviewed weekly in line with Government and Local guidance and guidelines.

We are Reading

As a school, we want to promote a love of reading in every child. As well as daily reading sessions, each class also listens to a class reader. These books are carefully chosen to inspire children, broaden their reading experience and expose them to language they may not read independently.

Currently we are reading ...

Oak: The Adventurous Snail by Dick King-Smith

Hazel: The Bolds by Julian Clary

Maple: *The Twits* by Roald Dahl

Cedar: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

Rowan: *Attack of the Demon Dinner Ladies* by Pamela Butchart

Elm: *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday

Sycamore: Boy Giant by Michael Morpurgo

Why don't you ask your child about the book? Have they enjoyed it? Can they tell you the story so far? What do they predict will happen next?

MyEd

There have been a few issues this week with messages not having been received via the MyEd App, we understand this may be because the App has been inactive over the holidays, please check your account is still active and update if required.

Diary Dates

Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

Half term

Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Christmas Holidays

Monday 20th December 2021- Wednesday 5th January 2022

After-School Clubs

Monday Multi Sports: Cedar & Rowan

Wednesday Lego Club: Maple

Wednesday Multi Sports: Elm & Sycamore

There are still spaces available, if your child would like to take part please complete the MyEd form which was sent out earlier in this week.

Online Resources

Our main online platform is Google Classroom, and class teachers will share your child's log-in to their new class. The following resources can also be used to support your child's learning at home.

Letterjoin www.letterjoin.co.uk

Desktop Login username: **Mund** password: **ford**

Tablet Login username: **Mund** passcode: a capital 'L' shape starting at top left

This site allows children to practise their handwriting and spelling.

Purple Mash <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mundford>

We use Purple Mash for teaching computing, but it also contains games sections for practising English & Maths at home.

Bug Club <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Bug Club is our online library of reading books, where you will find books assigned to your child's reading ability.

Spelling Shed <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Here you can play online games to practice spelling, as well as the assigned weekly spellings for your child's class.

Numbots <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35246> & **TT Rockstars**

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>

Practice number facts and times table in a fun game-based situation.

If your child needs their log-in details for any of these, please contact the class teacher.

School Uniform

<https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?sfw=pass1614943921>

www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

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