



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start the countdown to the Christmas festive season, we are mindful that it can be a difficult time for many. We endeavour, therefore, to make the two weeks leading up to the holiday period a creative time where the children are not only taught about the significance of Christmas in R.E. and SMSC, but get to experience some of the joy and excitement this time of year can hold, regardless of belief. Bring on the Christmas countdown!



Maple SMSC by Maple Class

Maple have been learning about the importance of kindness in SMSC this week.

We should never underestimate the importance of kind words - they can help people feel at ease, cheer them up, and giving someone a compliment is always a great way to help people feel good about themselves.

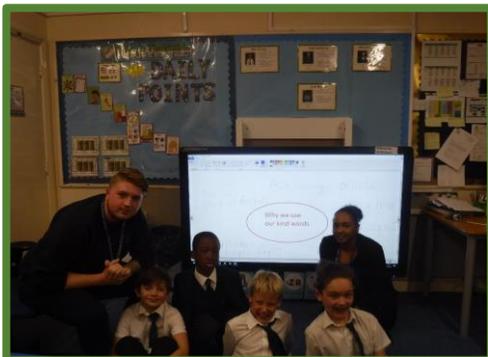
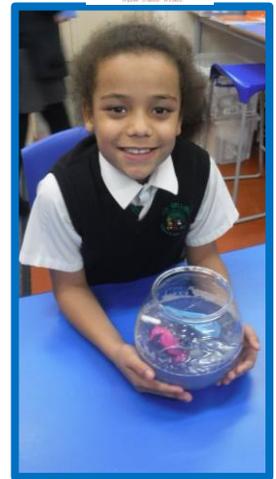
In the playground, we have been practicing using our kind words around our friends and teachers. We have also been practicing using them when out in public, especially at Snakes and Ladders!

How does plastic waste harm sea life?

This week, Elm Class have been thinking about plastic waste and the impact it has on our oceans.

In pairs the children made their own oceans with sand and sea life and observed the effects when they added plastic waste. They shared how they are concerned about how plastic waste is killing the sea life and birds because they eat the plastic and also get entangled in it.

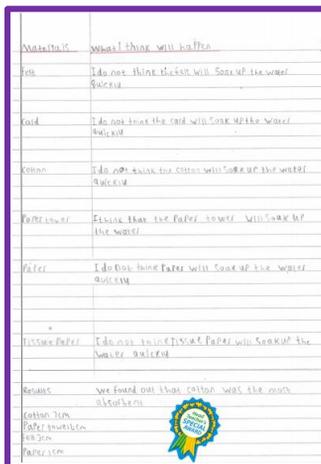
They have been thinking about all the plastic items they use and throw away every day. Chip and Jayden came up with lots of good ideas to tackle plastic pollution.



Learner of the Week

Congratulations to Donte, who is the schools learner of the week.

Donte has been working hard to produce the best quality writing and presentation he can in all his learning and this is the result. Well done Donte! Look how far you have come.





Coffee Morning



Hi Everyone! Debbie Downie here
Thank you to those parents/carers that attended.

This week were able to share, review and discuss ideas around our wonderful Christmas tree.

Mr Shaw also attended to discuss the possibility of our parents starting a PTA group in the New Year. So please watch this space for more details on that.

As this was the last coffee morning until January, I would like to wish all of our parents a very happy Christmas and look forward to working together in the New Year in continuing to take our school from strength to strength.



Ash Science Moves Outdoors

Are You really going to eat that?



With Winter fresh upon us it's a great time of the year to be outdoors. In Science this week Ash class used our school grounds to look for different types of leaves. We collected them and then we studied them in class. After our research we were able to complete our leaf report!



Dates for this Term

Term Ends: Friday, December 21st, 2018

Back to school, Spring 1: Monday, January 7, 2019



Beech Goes Ova the Top With Roman Cooking

This week in Beech, we cooked 'Ova Spongia ex Lacte, an ancient Roman recipe as part of our study of Ancient Rome.

The Roman recipe had honey and milk in it, and was a bit like scrambled eggs, really. Sounds awful? No, it was lovely!



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