



# Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 26<sup>th</sup> March**      **OAK Class**  
*Parents/Carers are invited to come and share learning from 2:30pm*
- 26<sup>th</sup> March**      **SEND & Family Support**  
*Coffee Afternoon for parents / carers to find out what support we can offer you and your family.*  
*Held at Summerfield School at 1:45pm*
- 27<sup>th</sup> March**      **Fun Friday**  
*Children are welcome to come to school in dress-down clothes*
- 27<sup>th</sup> March**      **END of Spring Term (2)**  
*School CLOSSES at 3:10pm*
- 30<sup>th</sup> March—  
10<sup>th</sup> April**      **END of Spring Term BREAK**
- 13<sup>th</sup> April**      **School OPENS at 08:45am**  
*Summer Term (1)*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April**      **END of Summer Term (1)**  
*School CLOSSES at 3:10pm*
- 25<sup>th</sup> May—  
29<sup>th</sup> May**      **MAY Half-Term**

## HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to finally enjoy some sunshine this week as we begin to see signs of spring approaching. The brighter weather definitely lifts everyone's spirits, and it has been great to see the children making the most of it.

Maple Class certainly picked the perfect day for their Seasons and Senses walk and session at Linford Wood. The children had a fantastic time exploring the environment and engaging their senses in the outdoors—an excellent way to bring their learning to life.

After Easter, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school. More information will follow soon, but this will be a great opportunity to promote a love of reading and for children to explore a range of new books.

Attendance continues to be a concern. Our whole school attendance this half term has been 92.8%, 94.8% and 91.0% across the weeks—well below our 96% target. Thank you to those families who are ensuring their children attend regularly; this really does make a difference. We will continue working closely with families where attendance needs to improve.

We are also looking to enhance our play provision and would greatly appreciate any donations of "small world" resources (such as toy figures, animals, vehicles or similar items) that children can use imaginatively at playtimes.

It is a very short half term and already seems to be flying by! Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ian Fraser-Kirkup  
Executive Headteacher



## EYFS - Ash

The past few weeks have been very busy. We have moved onto the book, 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have learnt the story map, described the turnip and even written parts of the story.

In Maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 10 (eg. 1+9, 2+ 8 etc). To do this we have been exploring multilink towers of 10, ten frames and numicon. The children have started to be able to tell me different ways to make 10.

Our topic has allowed us to explore how vegetables grow, role play planting and growing, and create our own art work based on our story. We have also been able to watch our tiny caterpillars grow and grow. We have watched them grow 5 times the size—we think they soon will be chrysalis'.

Fingers crossed this happens before our the school holidays!

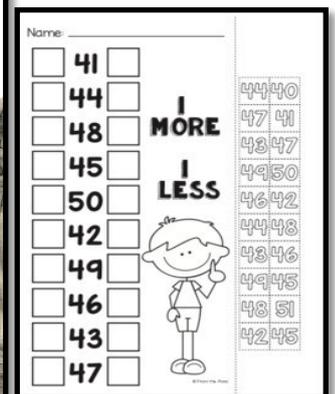
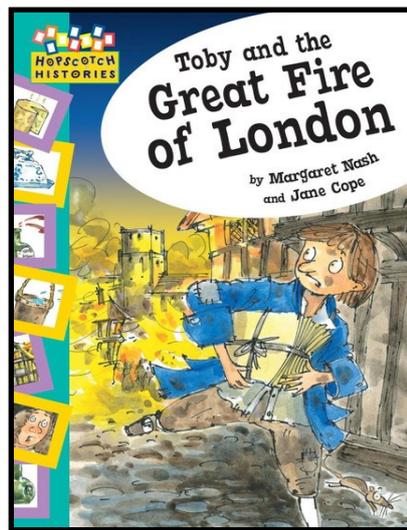


## YEAR 1 - Maple

This week in Maple class we've been working hard on our writing for our story 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. We've been making sure we use our capital letters, full stops and our best handwriting.

In Maths, we have been learning to find 1 more and 1 less than a number up to 50 using tens and ones.

We've had a wonderful Science day carrying out different experiments such as 'how do crayons melt?', 'how do boats float?' and 'how can we make dirty water clean?' All the children were very engaged and had a really fun day!



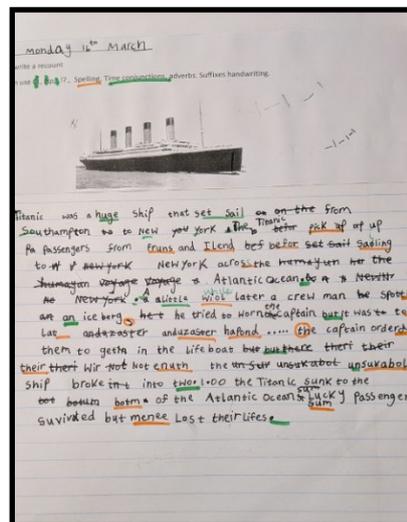
## YEAR 2 - Oak

In Oak Class we have been learning so many fascinating facts about the Titanic. Did you know it had a swimming pool and gymnasium on board?

Our recount writing has shown that we know all the key dates and events of this tragedy.

In our Maths we have been learning about equal and unequal groups, repeated addition and the multiplication symbol. We are getting very good at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's now.

In Science and DT, we have been learning about how the Titanic could float, even though it was made of metal. We looked at how it was designed and why they thought it was unsinkable! We are looking forward to our Immersion Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March where we can show off all that we have learnt.



# Celebration Assemblies...

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values: **RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE**

# VALUES

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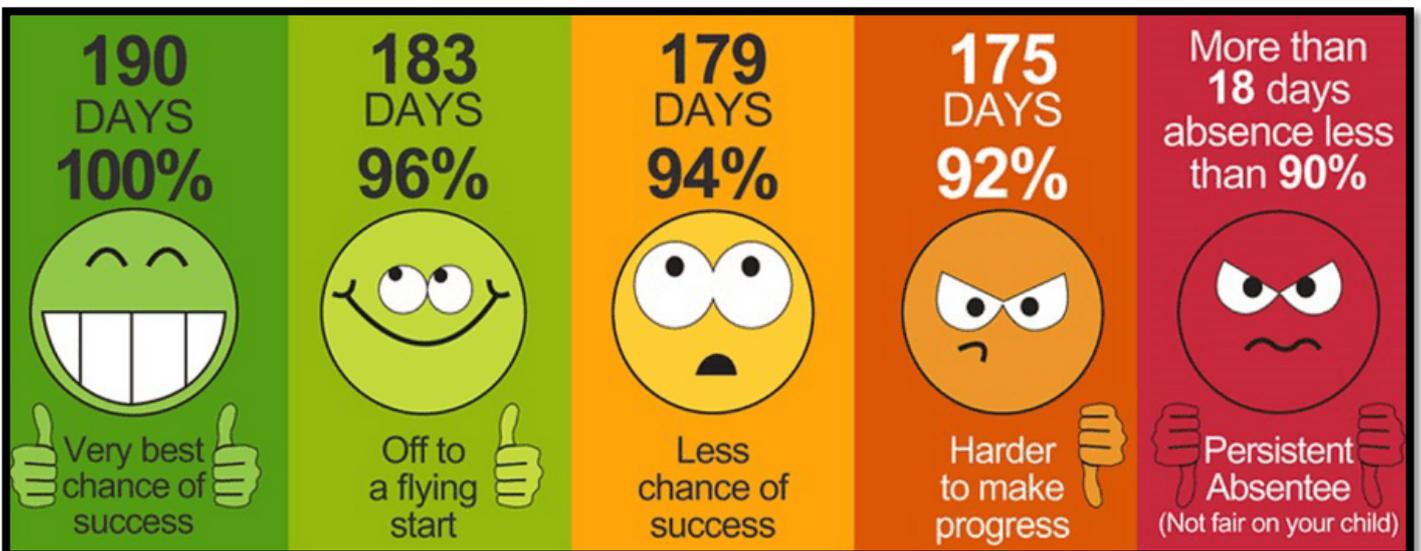
# Attendance...

FRIDAY 20th MARCH—CURRENT ATTENDANCE

**ASH** CLASS - **80.4%**

**MAPLE** CLASS - **90.0%**

**OAK** CLASS - **91.3%**



# Science Day...

To celebrate Science Week, the children at Heelands have had a whole day of Science. The theming of the day was based on the word 'Curiosity'; and this is how we introduced our learning.

*What can we be curious about? How can we find out if it works? What happens if?* We then put the children in mixed groups and they had the opportunity to take part in 3 very different experiments.

Here were the three questions they were exploring;

1. What happens if crayons get warm?
2. Can we make dirty water clean?
3. How do boats float?



The children were definitely great Scientists. The children could be heard having some great discussions using fantastic scientific language, *'The particles are moving, it's tuning into a liquid', 'If it is too heavy I think it might sink', 'We need to filter the dirty water'*.

It is always an exciting day and I hope that your child has shared their learning with you.



# Red Nose Day...

Thank you to everybody who helped support our Red Nose Day event.

We managed to raise a fabulous **£256** across the Blue Sky Federation. The children all had a lovely day.

You can find out more about Red Nose Day here:  
[BBC One - Comic Relief - RED NOSE DAY 2026](http://www.bbc.com/comicrelief/rednoseday)



**Thank you  
We raised  
£256**



# OAK Class...

We have had the most amazing day being passengers onboard the Titanic for our Immersion Day.

We have been describing our adventures by writing diary entries and also enjoying a delicious afternoon tea.



## SEND & Family Support Coffee Afternoon...

We will be holding our next SEND & Family Support Coffee Afternoon on **Thursday 26th March at 1:45pm** here at **Summerfield School**.

These meetings are for families to come and find out how we can best support you if you are struggling with anything. It is also an opportunity to connect with other families who may be in a similar situation. Together we are stronger and it always helps to know you're not alone.

We have guest speakers and we can help advise how best to get support relevant to you and your family.

Please do pop along and see how we can help, plus don't forget that there will be tea/coffee and biscuits!



Parents/Carers you are invited to join us for a

### SEND & FAMILY SUPPORT Coffee Afternoon

COME AND MEET US:  
**Kelly Wilson**  
 (Summerfield) **Kate Addison**  
 (Heelands) **Emily Withington**

THURSDAY 26th MARCH  
**1:45 PM**

**JOIN US**  
 HELD AT: SUMMERFIELD School  
 Downley Avenue  
 Bradwell Common  
 MK13 8PG

 THE BLUE SKY FEDERATION  
 - Family Support For All -

## Don't Forget...

# FUN FRIDAY



Dress-down Day!

## FRIDAY 27th MARCH



*A brief guide to...*

## **FIXED PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES FOR HOLIDAYS IN TERM-TIME**

### **FIXED PENALTY NOTICE FOR HOLIDAYS IN TERM-TIME**

Parents or carers can receive a FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (FPN) for taking their children out of school during term time for leisure or recreation.

- 1st Offence...** The FPN is issued for the first offence at £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, and £160 if paid between days 22-28.
- 2nd Offence...** The second offence incurs a £160 fine per parent, per child, payable within 28 days.
- 3rd Offence...** The third offence results in no penalty notice being issued and the case may proceed to the Magistrates Court. Prosecution can lead to criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Parents are advised to complete a leave of absence request form at least four weeks before the leave and return it to the school's Headteacher for authorization. The Headteacher can only grant leave in exceptional circumstances.



For more information on penalty notices and to make payments, parents can contact the Attendance and Inclusion Team at the local council.