



# Wilden VA Primary School



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*The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.*

*Matthew: 13, v 32*

## Dates for your Diary 2020

### January

**Monday 27th** - Reverend Tim to host Collective Worship  
 Tennis Coaching session for Years R,1 and 2

**Friday 31st** - Level 1 Bikeability

### February

**Friday 7th** - Friends of Wilden Film Afternoon

**Monday 17th - Fri 21st** HALF TERM

### April

Monday 6th - Fri 17th April **Easter Holidays**

**Monday 20th** Staff Training Day

Advance Notice: The 2020 KS2 SATs will take place in the week commencing **11th May 2020**

## Golden Notebook Nominations

### Week ending 24th January

Max, Layla

Charlotte,

Freddie,

Cydnie,



Izzy, Nathan and Rosie

### Value Nominations

Blake, Aiden and Max

**Well done to everyone**

## Weekly Attendance

*Hedgehog Class:* 100%

*Squirrel Class:* 88.10%

*Otter Class:* 94.44%

*Muntjac Class:* 97.53%

*Our overall attendance for this week:*  
93.85%

## Message from Mrs Hutchinson

Time is flying quickly this half-term and I cannot believe we have been at school three weeks. I am so impressed with the children's attitudes to learning. It is fantastic to see them engaged and absorbed in their learning of Space. I have enjoyed visiting the classrooms and looking at the displays – the art work is looking superb: 3-D rockets designed by Early Years, control pads created by Squirrels, drawings of Planets using pastels by Otters, sketches of astronauts by Muntjacs. The classroom displays also show the vocabulary that the children will be learning. Please do follow us on Twitter and have a look at some of the achievements of the week.

This week, we are emailing knowledge organisers to all parents and carers; this is a go-to document for the topic: each one identifies the key information that children need to have learned by the end of the topic. It also acts as a tool to support children in retaining and retrieving knowledge for life-long learning.

Lastly, I wanted to share one of my highlights at Wilden this week: I was particularly pleased to see some Year 3 and Year 4 pupils wanting to read the new Anthony Horowitz books in the library – they quickly disappeared off the shelf! It was also lovely to see a member of staff help a pupil pick their next library book.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hutchinson

## **NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
 The brand new year ahead.  
 Help me live the way I should  
 As each new day I tread.  
 Give me gentle wisdom  
 That I might help a friend,  
 Give me strength and courage  
 So a shoulder I might lend.  
 The year ahead is empty,  
 Help me fill it with good things  
 Each new day filled with joy  
 And happiness it brings.  
 Amen.

**Just a reminder..... children  
 need to wear sensible dark  
 school shoes to school, not  
 trainers, thank you.**

## Muntjac Class Blog

### What have the Muntjacs been up to?

In maths, we have been doing algebra and place value. One of our starters was to uncover a 'BODMAS' joke; the algebraic sums unlocked the code for the letters. We then had to use our answers to decode the message. The joke ended up being:

'What happened to the plant in the maths lesson?'

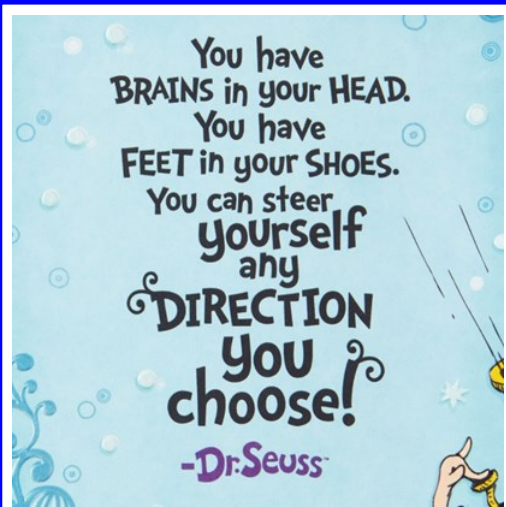
**Answer: It grew square roots!**

In English, we have been boosting our creative writing skills. We revised all of the different word classes: Adverbs, Adjectives, Pronouns, Verbs and Nouns. We also revisited Adverbials and Expanded Noun phrases. Some eerie photos of dark streets at night, enabled the Muntjacs to put their skills to the test.

In geography, we have been doing biomes. One of our lessons involved making our very own biome from recycled plastic bottles.

In RE, we have been learning about Hinduism. Our research is uncovering their theories on reincarnation and karma.

In music, Muntjacs had to learn: Mary had a little lamb, a Welsh Lullaby and 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven on the piano.



### **Did you know?**

Buzz Aldrin was 90 years old on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. He was one of the first humans to land on the moon.



Our value of the month is **Resilience**

*Mistakes are proof that you are trying.*

'If there is one thing that recent years have shown us, it is that anything that is possible is sooner or later done.'

Arthur C Clarke, Exploration of the Moon, 1954

### **Feedback/Suggestions**

Please complete this slip, detach and return to school if you have any comments, feedback or suggestions that you would like to share with us:

Child's Name:

Class:

Comments:

Thank you for your time, we value your opinions.