

20th FEBRUARY 2023 OPAL CLASS

Dear Opal Families

I hope everyone had a lovely week – what gorgeous weather, it felt like Spring had sprung! Back to school now. I love this Spring term, looking forward to the Easter Celebrations and watching Spring take hold. We have lots to do with a busy term ahead. I hope to book a trip out for the children this term so watch this space.

We had an amazing end to last term with Opal and Jade class connecting for Children's Mental Health week. The children were very proud to perform their 'dance' to Jade class children. The afternoon ended with Jade class children joining in with Opal's dance—lovely! PE (Jade and Opal class combined) with Mr Ayre and the Year 6 leaders was a huge success. The air was charged with positive energy encouraging the children to connect in healthy, rewarding, meaningful ways whilst exercising body and mind!

We continue our EXCITING READING INCENTIVE

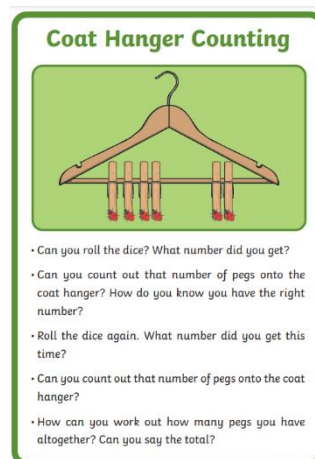
Our reading incentive continues in class (at home and in school)! AMAZING! So PLEASE, PLEASE, make use of this and hear your children read at home every night. One of our Opal class RRS representative is in charge of tallying and ticking a chart for every child who has read at home. Once the chart is full the children are expecting ice cream! YES, come on, please make use of this and hear them read – not only are they really excited but empowered to read at home and at school!

This week's important dates:

- **Music workshop with Jenny Crow** - Monday 20th February
- **Pancake Day –Shrove Tuesday (cooking pancakes)**
- **Mr Chinn PE** – Wednesday 22nd February

Ideas for you at home –Maths

For Maths this week we learn about combining two amounts (under 10) and revise what makes up the number 6,7, & 8. After a little break I always know we will need to go over previous learning! I am attaching 2 sheets of home learning for you to support your children at home. Please have a peek –they are really easy and fun to do at home! For one activity all you need is the bath. The second activity involves a coat hanger and some pegs. Please see attached or go to the school website and look under Opal class emails.



Literacy

For literacy this week we will use the story, 'Mr Wolfs Pancakes' as a stimulus to support learning about Shrove Tuesday. Children will write and learn the art of writing shopping lists. After cooking and eating pancakes on Tuesday children will write a simple set of instructions for cooking pancakes. **We continue to learn common exception words like, you, to, me which I will attach also. Please see chart below.**

Week beginning Monday 20/2/23	Week beginning Monday 27/2/23	Week beginning Monday 6/3/23	Week beginning Monday 13/3/23	Week beginning Monday 20/3/23	Week beginning Monday 27/3/23
to you I the love into put	the they he she me we be	by my go no	he me we she be	all are you into they no go	was they put into you all

New Read Write Inc

Revise previous sounds learnt: **oo (poo at the zoo) oo (look at a book)**

- All set one sounds learnt include: **m a s d t l p n p g o c k u b h l f r j v w q u y z x th sh ch nk ng ll ss ff zz ck**
- Set 2 sounds completed so far: **ee ay igh ow ar oo**

Links to the RWInc site for support with teaching these sounds can be found here:

oo (poo at the zoo) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kQRd6idM/eM61ZlXk>

oo (look at a book) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bXUY9WBP/oPTOCZEQ>

Safer Internet Day

The children asked me to send home the song we learnt on safer Internet Day. This was part of a story I read and discussed with the children on the day. If you would like to read the story you can find this on the School website under Opal emails. The message is clear within the song. If you have any questions please ask.



Any queries at all please always come and ask!

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