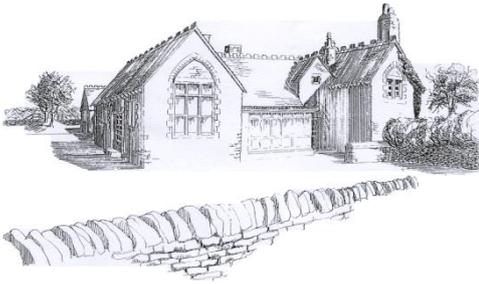


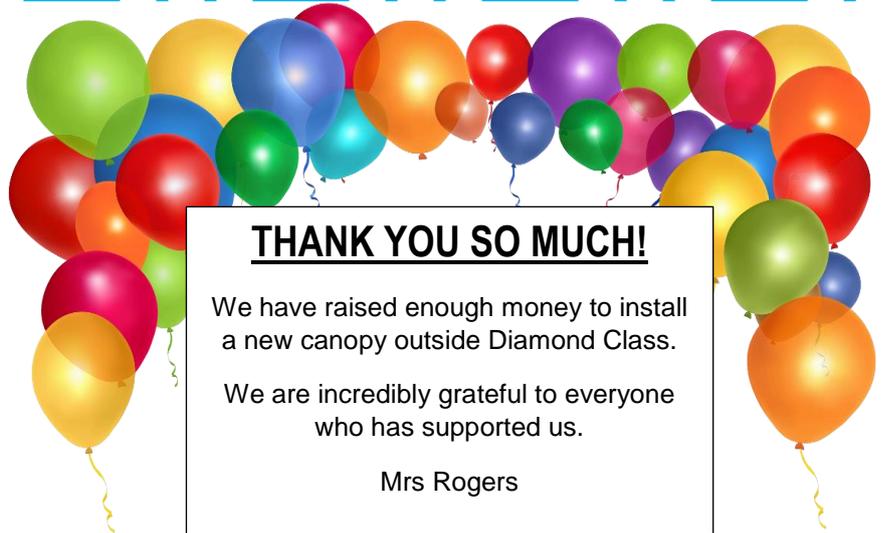
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This term's value is: **Courage**

Courage is being able to face our fears. It is having the inner strength to be the best that we can be. Courage is doing what we know is the right thing, even when it is very difficult.

Parents and carers can encourage children to have the courage to make the right choices in their community. When people are dropping litter—have courage to make the right choice and put your rubbish in the bin. If people are cheating in a game, have the courage to make the right choices and play fairly.

It takes courage to deal with failures.
It takes courage to admit when you are wrong.

LEARNING TIP

Sleep is often an issue that parents ask about – 'How much sleep should my child be getting?'. Research shows that, for children's brains to develop and bodies to grow, a child of Primary school age needs between 10 and 12 hours of sleep a night.

During sleep, children make sense of their day, connectors are formed and these help to build long term memory capacity. Children who receive enough sleep are more likely to be settled emotionally and thrive more academically. So the big question is how to ensure healthy sleep routine is developed. The professionals leading the research have offered a few simple tips.

Make sure there are no electronic devices including phones, iPads, televisions or gaming devices in bedroom spaces, many adults struggle to make their bedrooms a haven for sleep so it is important to build this relationship early on. Turn off all devices around an hour before you want your child to settle in bed, this stops over stimulation of the brain and begins the winding down process. Try a warm shower or bath to soothe and calm your child and then into pyjamas to signal the going to bed process.

Once your child is in bed, a couple of stories will continue to settle them and then lights out. If your child likes to sleep with a light on try to make it as dim as possible, light can disrupt the sleep cycle and will often keep your child in the lightest part of the cycle. Try not to say things like 'Go to sleep' if your child finds drifting off hard but say 'It's time to let your body rest now so close your eyes and try to relax'.

There are wonderful relax music tracks you can play through a speaker, on the BBC Sounds App they have teamed up with CBeebies. As with most things in life, the key to success with sleep is routine.



Thank you to Mrs Lygo for designing our fabulous new school poster.

Ruby Class



Ruby Class have been investigating what are 2D shapes and 3D shapes? What are they called? How are they different? What do they look like? We went on a shape hunt inside and outside the classroom to see where we could spot them. Maybe the children could find some outside of school too and remember what they are called?

Our topic this half term is all about 'The Blue Planet' so we have painted a blue ocean in our classroom and we are adding lots of lovely sea creatures to our display. We will show you soon!



Some children have been writing stories in independent learning time and then they enjoyed reading them to the rest of the class.

If the children wish to write stories at home they can bring them in and they will get a sticker and a marble for the class marble jar!

We are focusing on correct letter formation this half term. You will find in your child's bookbag a sheet showing the rhymes to help form their letters correctly. This is important to help them prepare for transitioning into year 1. Please help your child grow in confidence in this area. Thank you for supporting your child.

Miss Harley and Mrs Newell



Diamond Class



The children are enjoying the start of our new writing journey 'The Great Paper Caper' by Oliver Jeffers. Peggy Parrot made a friend over the weekend and entered a paper aeroplane competition. We all made a paper aeroplane and also had a competition – what a fun way to



get the children hooked into our new writing text. We have also been doing a lot of drama and really focusing on getting into character as well as developing our speaking and listening skills.

We have been measuring mass, using the weighing scales – this has been very fun!

We have planted seeds and are doing a mini investigation to see what conditions are needed to help the seeds grow. I wonder if the one in the cupboard with no water will grow or the one with light and water outside? We are yet to find out!



Miss Thomas

Sapphire Class

Sapphire have had a great 2 weeks. We have been enjoying learning new tennis skills and have been practicing our serving and stance. We wrote some amazing descriptive writing using river stories and have moved onto The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. We are also really engaged in Re (exploring miracles) and Geography/Science (understanding the water cycle) at the moment which is fantastic. Just a reminder that homework is being set on google classroom again and all children should be reading at home.

Thanks, Miss Davies

Topaz Class

Topaz class have been settling into our new routine as the whole team are back together. We have explored RSE, creating websites, the human and physical geography of Nigeria and the science of dissolving.

In English, we have begun our latest learning journey. We are preparing for a court case to fight the deportation of the two main protagonists of our class book. Some children have even taken on the challenge of being the prosecution! After learning all about the British justice system last week, we will be holding our own court case towards the end of term.

Finally, keep a look out for the most recent challenge we have set the class: to say Thank You, earnestly and meaningfully to someone every day for a week!

Dr Wallis and Mrs Tuach.

Sun Hats

With the warmer weather due soon (fingers crossed) we have been looking for good quality sun hats for the children. We have found a company who will embroider our logo on to the hats, and provide them at a cost of £3.50 per child.

We would like to know how many parents would be interested in purchasing one.

Please email alexcastle@clanfield.oxon.sch.uk to register your interest.

We would prefer that the children keep their sun hats in school for any outdoor activities/visits.

Many thanks.

New Dates for Diary

Please note the new dates in the diary. COVID allowing we are hopeful these can still go ahead.

Volunteers Required – Cycling Proficiency.

We would like to run our Yr 6 Cycling proficiency programme, on the following dates.

In order for us to take the children out for their road training sessions we require a minimum of 3 volunteers for each lesson.

8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th June 12.45-3pm.

Road cycle test date – 12.30-2.30pm on 29th June

Please contact Miss Castle by no later than Friday 21st May to allow us time to organise the groups and enter the required documentation.

Dates for your diary

Cycling Proficiency (Yr6)	w/c 7 th June 2021 TBC
Individual school photos	16 th June 2021 TBC
SATs Week /Assessment week	w/c 21st June 2021 TBC
Leavers Hoodies allowed in School (Yr6)	From 25 th June 2021 TBC
Sports Day	w/c 28 th June 2021 TBC
Summer Performance Yr 3-6	w/c 12 th July 2021 TBC
Leavers Assembly (Yr6)	19 th July 2021 TBC
Ice Cream party (Yr6)	19 th July 2021 TBC

Celebrations/Awareness Days

May	International Space Day
June	World Ocean's Day + Forces Day