

Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School families,



We hope this newsletter finds you well and that your children are enjoying their learning journey so far this term. As we approach the midpoint of the school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting progress and accomplishments we've witnessed so far.

We are so thrilled to see the growth and achievements of our children in various areas. Whether it's mastering new math concepts, developing strong reading skills, showcasing creativity in art projects or enthusiastically joining in with enrichment activities, each child is making significant strides. We encourage you to celebrate these achievements with your child and take a moment to acknowledge their hard work. We also appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of curiosity and a love for learning at home

Warm regards,  
Miss Cerepanova

Important dates	
Monday 29 January	Y4 Curling Enrichment
Monday 29 January	Y1 The Bristol Zoo Project Trip
Tuesday 30 January	Y3 Swimming 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Friday 2 February	Y2,Y3 and Y4 Zoo Lab Workshops
Tuesday 6 February	Y3 Swimming 1.30pm and 2.30pm
Friday 9 February	YR Welly Walk
Friday 9 February	Last Day of T3
Monday 19 February	First Day of T4

## Gem Power and Value of the Term

**Learning Gem Power of the Term:** Sapphire Power

**KOA Value of the Term:** High Expectations

**British Value of the Term:** The Rule of Law

### Sapphire Power

*The ability to stay focused*



- I can manage distractions
- I listen to others
- I stay focused
- I use a correct sitting position
- I focus on the most important thing in the moment
- I don't procrastinate

### High Expectations

*We have high expectations when...*



- We dream big
- We follow instructions and are responsible
- We communicate clearly
- We value learning
- We are Artists, Mathematicians, Authors, Historians, Scientists etc.

## Road Closures

This is a reminder that Brook Road is closed to all vehicles from 08:25 – 08:50 and from 15:00 – 15:20 (blue badges exempt). This means that no vehicles should enter, be moving on, or leave the road. This is to keep our children, families and staff safe. Please also ensure that when using all roads around the school, you are parking respectfully (e.g. not blocking driveways).

## SEND Family Support Sessions

We are very pleased to confirm that Miss Roscoe, the Head of Inclusion and Lead SENDCo, will be holding SEND Family Support Sessions for the families of King's Oak Academy from 5-6pm, in the LRC (Middle School site).



These dates are:

- 28 February 2024 - Sensory Needs
- 27 March 2024 - Transition from Year 11 To Post 16
- 01 May 2024 - Transition for Year 6 To Year 7
- 29 May 2024 - Accessing Literacy & Numeracy- (Including Dyslexia and Dyscalculia)
- 26 June 2024 - Social Communication and Interaction
- 17 July 2024 - Summer Sen Offers & Summer Support in The Local Area.

In these sessions parents and carers of SEN students can meet to discuss a range of SEN strategies, develop a supportive network, and learn about SEN resources within the local area.

Spaces for these sessions are limited to 25 people and can be booked via Eventbrite (a link for this has been sent home to families, if you have not received a link please drop us a message).

Please note that each session will need to be booked separately.

## CLF Big Bake

A student in Year 4 who took part in the CLF Big Bake came second. Congratulations and very well done!



## Reception Vet Visit

We have been incredibly fortunate this term as we had a real-life veterinarian visit Blossom and Catkins classes to enhance their learning about looking after pets.

Children were able to engage in role-play, learn about animal care and safety, explore equipment and protective clothing and ask lots and lots of questions!

We'd like to use this opportunity to thank our fantastic visitor, who is also a King's Oak academy parent.



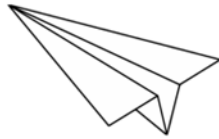


## Airbus Enrichment Visit

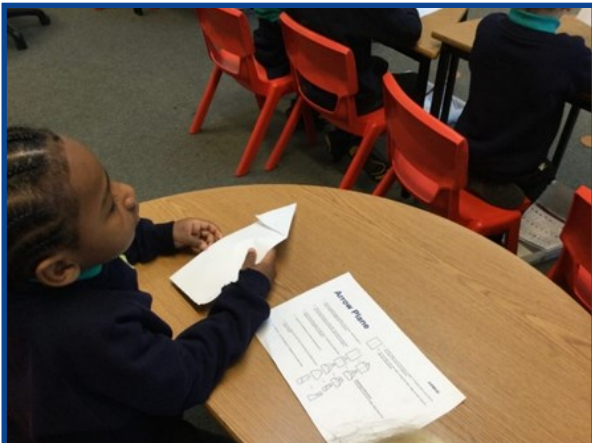


### Your task

1. Pick a paper plane template
2. Build your paper plane
3. Fly your paper plane
4. Does your plane fly straight?
5. If not why not?
6. Modify your paper plane, investigating the effects of adding blue tac to different areas
7. Who's paper planes flies the longest?



We were really lucky to have Airbus representatives visit our Year 1 and Year 2 classes this week to deliver Paper Plane STEM workshops. We found out all about making aircrafts, explored forces acting upon planes when in flight and made our very own plane models having considered weight distribution and different mechanisms. We were being engineers, mathematicians and scientists!



## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Visit

Josiah from South Glos Council visited Lower School to conduct an EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) audit at KOA. As part of this, he met with staff and children to gather their views on culture, belonging, working and learning at KOA. Our children were absolutely incredible when talking about their values and learning behaviours, and their Citizenship learning in class.



## Progressive Sports Enrichment

This year's PE enrichment sessions for Y1-Y4 take place every Monday afternoon for the term. This means that each week a different year group will participate in an enrichment session. This term, children will participate in Curling sessions!



See below for each year group and when their enrichment session will be for Term 3.

Year Group	Date
Year 4	Week 5: Monday 29 January 2024

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on their enrichment day.



## Reading for Pleasure

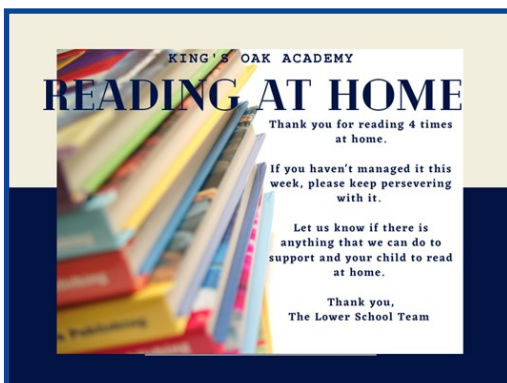
Lower School children have been immensely enjoying their Friday Book Clubs. They have been sharing book recommendations with adults and peers, exploring texts available in class book corners and simply relaxing with a good book.



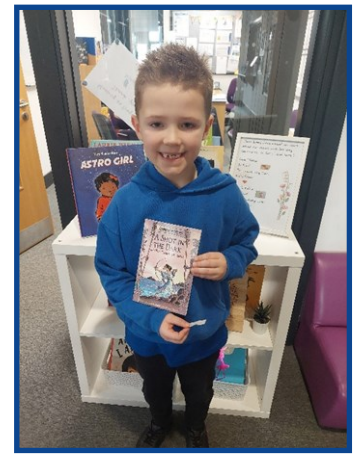
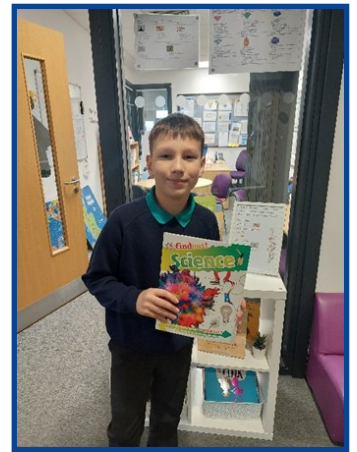
Our Year 4s are so into their reading for pleasure, they won't put their books down at lunchtime!

## Reading at Home

Lower School children have been very proud of their home reading for both pleasure and practice this term. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home and your ongoing encouragement to explore and



Here are just some of our recent Reading Raffle winners:



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## Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day

Children's Mental Health Week - w/b 5th February 2022

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

This year, in order to celebrate our Citizenship curriculum, we are going to dedicate the whole of the afternoon to mental health, wellbeing and online safety themes. Pupils across the Lower School will engage in a variety of learning opportunities to explore different ways of staying connected and make space for conversations about life online. We are also going to enjoy a special online assembly delivered by a Mental Health Support Team colleague. We are very excited to share our learning with you.



**This year's themes:**

**Children's Mental Health Week – My Voice Matters**

Activities and learning opportunities to take place on this day:

- Children's Mental Health Week assembly delivered by our Mental Health Support Team specialist
- **Feeling Proud:** an activity that encourages pupils to celebrate themselves and each other
- **Letter of Gratitude:** an activity that helps pupils to think about 'mattering' and explore the idea that every child matters.
- **What Matters to You:** an activity that helps children explore and record things that matter to them and why.
- **Speak up and make a difference:** an activity that helps children explore ways they can use their voice to make a difference in a positive way

Should you wish to complete any additional exploration of these themes at home, please follow the link below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools/primary-age-activities/>

Safer Internet Day - Together for a better internet



We need to ensure that all young people understand what constitutes respectful behaviour online, and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else. Our theme for Safer Internet Day is: **'Together for a better internet'**.

Activities and learning opportunities to take place on this day:

- Learning about technology through time.
- Learning about the influence of the internet.
- Learning about safe practices and safe relationships online.
- Learning about prompt reporting of online safety issues.

Should you wish to complete any additional exploration of these themes at home, please follow the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

Support with apps and age restrictions:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/apps-parents/how-do-i-know-if-an-app-is-age-appropriate-for-my-child/#:~:text=You%20can%20also%20look%20at,more%20prone%20to%20malicious%20apps.>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/app-age-rating/>



## Parent Helplines

**YoungMinds** have a telephone and online service for parents who are concerned about their child under the age of 25.

Telephone service is available: 0808 802 5544.  
Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm.

The online chat service is available using the link below and is open the same times as the telephone service.

[Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

There is also parent support line from Action for children which can be accessed via this link:

[1:1 chat - Parent Talk \(actionforchildren.org.uk\)](https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)

## **Teddy Bear's Childcare**

Teddy Bear's are offering holiday club during the February half term on Tuesday 13 & Thursday 15 8.30am to 4pm.

Tuesdays & Thursdays will be offered during each of the school holidays during the rest of this academic year.

Please view the times and prices below and let us know if you would like to book anything.

Fees will be:

8.30am to 4pm = £28  
8.30am to 3pm = £25  
8.30am to 12.30pm = £15.40  
12.30am to 3pm = £9.65

We may also be able to book shorter sessions at £4.50 per hour should you want this.

Any questions or to book please contact us via [info@teddybearschildcare.uk](mailto:info@teddybearschildcare.uk) or contact Cathryn on 07760 237663.

## **Online Home Fire Safety Check – Free information to keep you safe:**

Avon Fire & Rescue Service are encouraging everyone to use the new Online Home Fire Safety Check to keep your home safer from fire risk.

The Online Home Fire Safety Check gives you personalised fire safety advice unique to you and your home. The check takes approximately 15 minutes and helps you explore risks in your home – completing the check and following advice could help save lives.

[Complete the check](#)



## Miss Baber's Maths Challenge - January

Below is Miss Baber's next challenge for Lower School pupils. You can record your thinking in any format you like and hand to your class teacher or Miss Baber directly when you are in school by the end of next week! Class teachers will celebrate entries in class and Miss Baber will share her favourite entries in assembly.

# MATHS IN PICTURES



**HOW MANY INDIVIDUAL FLOWERS DO YOU  
THINK THERE MIGHT BE?  
HOW DID YOU DECIDE?  
THERE ARE TINY POLLEN BEETLES ON THE  
FLOWERS - ONLY 3MM LONG, HOW BIG IS  
THE FLOWER HEAD?  
WHAT OTHER QUESTIONS COULD YOU  
ASK?**

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR THINKING WITH YOUR CLASS  
TEACHERS AND MISS BABER**