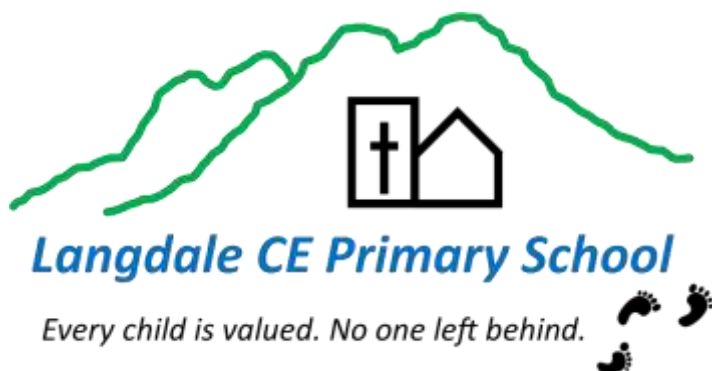




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Dear Parents and Carers,

National Story Telling Week

This week, each class has focused their English learning around the theme of 'Soundtrack Your Story'. On Tuesday, Big Oak and Maple took part in online workshops, with Year 1 and 2 exploring stories through sound with Annemarie Anang and Years 3-6 exploring story telling through rap with Alim Kamara. After the sessions, each class group set to work developing their ideas and vocabulary, before creating fantastic stories and poems.

National Story Telling Week is the first event this year as part of the National Year of Reading. National Year of Reading is a government backed campaign to help combat declining reading rates. The 'Go All In' campaign aims to encourage children and adults to connect reading with their personal passions. Further information for families can be found on the 'Go All In' website or by following this link - [Go All In](#)

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday, the school community took part in the NSPCC Number Day. Each class group took part in discussions about the important work that the NSPCC does and completed different number day activities focusing on how maths is used day to day in the real world. As a school, we chose not to ask for donations from families. However, if you would like to donate online to the NSPCC Number Day via the NSPCC website.

Celebrations

Well done to all of the winners of this week's awards:

Class awards:

Lochlan EH – For trying his best and showing great resilience.

Lochlan B – For his determination in our learning, mastering tricky maths concepts.

Greta – For her stunning typography poem/artwork.

Writing:



Noah – For his fantastic version of 'Home for a Stone'.

Maths:

Daisy – For her perseverance with her addition and subtraction learning, including mastering exchanging!

Oak



This week, Reception and Nursery children discussed the different places they feel a stone would like to live. And at the top of their list, a rockery!

And so they built. They gathered different sized and shaped stones to assemble in an ever-increasingly cone shaped structure.

Next came decoration before some children recognised the structure as being similar to 'a tower on a hill'. After this, the children desperately described and modelled cairns, which led to a wonderful journey through the grounds mapped by them.



For their Out and About this week, the children ventured to Ambleside Library! They perused the shelves and spotted books that took their fancy. From these, they flicked through the pages, telling the story and reading words along the way. The children also took part in a 'book hunt'. Having selected their favourite book, they identified features such as the title, characters and front cover before drawing their own versions. These will be compiled in another 'Little Oak Publication'.



This week, Big Oak have loved celebrating National Storytelling Week! The children have explored the story "I Am Nefertiti" by Annemarie Anang and they were very lucky to take part in a workshop on Tuesday led by the author herself. Inspired by the story, they got creative and built their own drum sets and musical instruments using classroom objects! Books, tables, and whiteboards became drum sets, wellies used to stomp, and even the abacus became a shaker! In the story, Nefertiti shrinks to the size of a thumb when

she is made to feel small. The children discussed what they would do if they were that small, and created their own tiny adventure tales, riding squirrels up trees, flying on birds' backs and zooming around on their pets! The children also had thoughtful discussions about how they could grow big again and who helps them to feel brave, confident and powerful. A wonderful week of stories, creativity and big ideas from small storytellers!

Maple

Maple class have had a fun packed week taking part in National Story Telling and the NSPCC Number Day.

On Tuesday, the children took part in an online workshop with Alim Kamara to explore story telling through rap. They then developed their vocabulary bank by completing a positive affirmation A-Z, thinking carefully about what qualities make them special and unique. Finally, children used these words to



create a piece of typography artwork, using the words to define their facial features.



On Friday, Maple explored all things number related when talking about how maths is used on a day-to-day basis in the real world. They thought about their potential future careers and how elements of maths would play a part in what they choose to do. All discussions led back to the fact that maths was an important knowledge base to have, especially the fundamentals of being able to mentally calculate information and knowledge of times tables.

Next week, Maple will be heading to Ulverston on Tuesday to visit the Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre. Children will need to wear their usual school uniform for the trip. Please can children also have a bag with them so that they can store their lunch and drink in them. Children who usually have a school lunch will be provided with a packed lunch. We will be back in time for Year 3 and 4 to go swimming in the afternoon so please help your child/ren to remember their swimming kits.

All families should now have received information about the Edinburgh Residential. Please can we ask that the medical and consent forms are returned to school no later than Thursday 12th February. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

(Recently added or changed calendar events will be highlighted in **red** each week)

Monday 9 th February	Chinese New Year Curriculum Day – Including themed lunch
Tuesday 10 th February	Maple Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre Ulverston
Tuesday 10 th February	Y5/6 Live Lesson on Polar Regions, hosted by WWF and joined by Steve Backshall.
Wednesday 11 th February – 2-3pm	EYFS Stay and Play – Valentine's theme
Friday 13 th February	Maple Young Voices concert Manchester
<i>Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February</i>	
Thursday 26 th February	Library Van visiting
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day and themed lunch
Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11 th March	Maple residential Edinburgh
Thursday 12 th March	Oak – The Big Farming Quest workshop
Friday 13 th March	Maple – The Big Farming Quest workshop
Tuesday 24 th March – am	Maple Glow Dodgeball event Lakes School
Wednesday 25 th March - pm	Maple hockey tournament Lakes School
<i>Easter break – Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April</i>	

* Please note - If you do not wish your child/ren to take part in any of the visits outlined above, please notify the school office and provision will be put into place in school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Langdale Staff Team