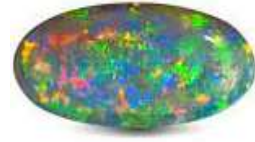


Opal Class News



8th September 2023

Things to note:

Welcome back to another year at Alexander Hosea. Though we are only a week into the academic year, the children have settled really well and it has been a great start to the term. Hopefully, you will have seen the new versions of our reading records whereby you can record your child's reading throughout the week. The expectation is that each child reads a minimum 5x a week.

We are also currently planning our 'meet the teacher' meeting. During this meeting, it is likely that all the year 5 will meet together to show that there is consistency between the classes. We will be in touch in the near future regarding the date for this meeting.

This week:

In our first week, the children have familiarised with the classroom as well as the upper juniors area. They have enjoyed their Wow day which has launched our project linked to space. The children seem very enthusiastic about it already and we have seen stories and books from home as we are so eager to get started.

This week in Maths, we have started looking at Place Value. We are right at the very beginning, looking at 7 digit numbers and learning what the value of each digit. It was lovely to see that at the beginning of the first lesson, most children only felt confident with 4 digit numbers but by the end of the lesson, lots of us were reading up to 9 digit numbers. It was wonderful to see how proud they were of themselves.

In English, we started with an assessment writing task. We would like the opportunity to see which skills the children have confidently retained since year 4. The children watched a clip of a chimpanzee being sent off into space as inspiration. It certainly did the trick as there was some lovely vocabulary and descriptions.

We also started our PE sessions and we have designed our Christmas cards already... believe it or not!

