

What's up, Little Oak Explorers?

So, the wind on September 29th (Michaelmas) was SE for the vast majority, and the wind on November 11<sup>th</sup> (St Martin's) was N/NE for the vast majority of the UK. Cold, long and hard winter ahead then, with snow for most! Good work on helping us work this out with your wind reports – we were able to get a great overview of the whole of the UK thanks to you all! You smashed it with your windsocks too, we loved receiving all your photos!

A reminder of what the various wind directions mean for winter (note this is different for each season):

Southerly winds – Always means a milder air flow.

Westerly winds - Always means a warmer and damper air flow.

Northerly winds – Cold, bitter winds. Can carry lots of moisture too depending on a few other factors.

Easterly Winds – Cold, bitter winds. Dry winds too.

Of course, you get slight variations (NW/ SW) etc. You learn as you go and will learn over the years with this methodology. But for sure this gives you a great starting base of knowledge.

Please can you do the same for us on 21<sup>st</sup> December (St Thomas?), the next vital wind day!

Now we know you are confident on wind days, we need to get you confident with the moons! Overleaf you will find circle (moon shapes) for December, January and February). Print off one page for each month, or why not draw your own circles? Each evening please step outside into the garden, or look out the window, and fill in each circle with the shape of the moon. The first circle represents the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, the 15<sup>th</sup> circle represents the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. And so on.

Keep your moon phase sheets, as we will be delving further into these in the Spring update.

Yes, it is a lot of work, but indeed the work never stops as a little oak explorer. It is crucial that you understand the moon phases each month (or should I say moonth)? This is the very first task and it is essential you understanding how this works.

Well done Little Oak Explorers! We are super proud of you!

**Oakley and Pip**

