



# Willow

**AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER 2024**



Welcome back Willow Class!

We have an action packed half term ahead of us!

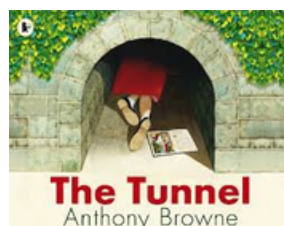
In our first Geography unit this year we will be finding out all about the human and physical geography of Europe.

In Science, we will continue to investigate the properties of sound and this learning will be consolidated by an in school workshop from School of Noise. As well as this we have a STEM workshop this term with our friends from SATRO.

We have a week of swimming lessons in week 2, Anti-Bullying week in week 3 and of course the joyful build up to Christmas across the school.



We will continue using **The Tunnel** by Anthony Browne as a basis for our writing, turning to non-fiction recount writing as a diary entry.



Our second unit of writing will also be non-fiction, we will create an explanation text using The Teacher-Pleaser Machine as our stimulus.



In Maths we will be doing further multiplication and division this term, applying our times table knowledge to calculations and word problems with more complex numbers.



# Dates for the Diary



05/11/2024: First day back  
11/11/2024: Swimming week begins  
11/11/2024: Anti-bullying week begins  
12/11/2024: Odd socks day  
15/11/2024: Own clothes day (chocolate)  
19/11/2024: School of Noise workshop  
22/11/2024: Own clothes day (bottles)  
26/11/2024: SATRO workshop  
05/12/2024: Advent Pause Day  
06/12/2024: Christmas Fair  
10/12/2024: Open Box Pantomime  
17/12/2024: Reindeer Run  
17/12/2024: Carol Service 4.30pm  
20/12/2024: Last day of term (finish 1.15pm)  
07/01/2025: First day back

**Our value this  
half term is:  
Service**



Online safety is without doubt one of the most concerning aspects of safeguarding children's well being.

Please be vigilant around your child's use of online gaming and social media.

Many apps popular with children and young people have age guidance and parental control options.

Talking to children regularly about online conduct and safety is invaluable as is restricting time spent online to keep within healthy limits.

At school we dedicate a lesson to online safety at the beginning and end of every half term.



## Homework in Year 4.

### **English or Maths task (30 minutes weekly).**

Homework will be either a Maths or English task, set each Monday, to be brought in the following Friday. Children should spend no more than 30 mins completing this. There is a 30 minute homework club on Friday lunchtimes.

### **Read with your child (20 minutes daily).**

Please make sure that you login and record your child's reading daily using the BoomReader app or online at <https://boomreader.co.uk/>. Individual login details for your child have been provided.

### **Practise their weekly spellings (10 minutes daily).**

Every Monday, we learn our new weekly spellings. We have a test each Friday and children can use their individual logins on Spelling Shed to practise at home.

### **Practise their times tables (10 minutes daily).**

Recall of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables (from Year 3) is important as well as building fluency in 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables going forward. Children will be given access to Times Tables Rock Stars to use at home. Songs are also a popular way of securing these facts, links are on the class page on the school website.