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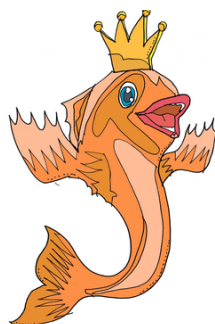
Welcome back and Happy New Year Willow Class! We hope you all had a good break and got to spend some time with the people you love.

We have an exciting half term ahead. In History we will be moving forward on the timeline to find out what happened next in Britain after the Romans left. The Anglo Saxons and Vikings will be the focus of our learning for this unit.

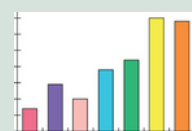
In Science we will be investigating States of Matter and as part of this topic we will visit a water treatment plant to see the water cycle in action. In RE we will start our first non-Christianity unit where we find out how ibadah (worship) can show us what is important to Muslims.



Back to fiction writing this term where we will be writing a wishing tale. Our model text for this unit is called The King of the Fishes. This sequence will involve exploring more ambitious vocabulary as well as perfecting the use of speech punctuation. The toolkit focus for this piece of writing will be description.



In Maths we will complete our topic on multiplication and division before moving on to study data and graphs.

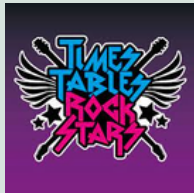


Dates for the Diary



06/01/2025: INSET Day - no school
07/01/2025: First Day back
31/01/2025: FOSMAS Bounce for Books
03/02/2025: Open classroom from 2.45pm
07/02/2025: NSPCC Number Day
11/02/2025: Trip to FlowZone
14/02/2025: Last day of term
24/02/2025: INSET Day - no school
25/02/2025: Back to school

The times tables check is later this year, so speed and accuracy are of the essence! Please access using your child's account at home for short sessions as often as possible. You can also use times table songs from YouTube to help them learn tricky multiplication facts.



To log on, go to www.ttrockstars.com

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

Our big priority:

Spelling is our big priority in Willow Class this term. Please encourage your children to make use of Spelling Shed to learn their weekly spellings. Each week we learn a new rule and when we check learning on Fridays there are two bonus words not from the list that follow the same spelling rule.

Regular reading will also boost your child's spelling as they become more familiar with spelling patterns.



How to help at home...

Literacy

Please ensure that you login and record your child's reading each day using the GoRead app.

Hear your child read and also read to your child. The benefits of reading to children include developing their vocabulary, their language skills and their literacy, building their empathy, and helping them learn how to handle challenging feelings.

Exposure to a broad range of stories will help to further strengthen your child's writing ability.



Numeracy

There are lots of opportunities to help children with their Maths skills at home.

Let them handle coins, practice telling the time on an analogue clock and discuss simple problems using these skills. Play games with dice and playing cards.

Strong mathematicians will develop improved problem solving and reasoning abilities, and thus become more adept at making decisions and understanding their environment.