WILLOW CLASS

Autumn 2 Newsletter 2026



WELCOME!

Welcome back Willow Class!
We have an action packed half term ahead of us!
In Geography, we will be diving into our first unit of the year, exploring the human and physical geography of Europe. In Science, we will continue our investigations into the properties of sound. To bring our learning to life, we will be taking part in an exciting interactive workshop led by the School of Noise.
Of course, we will also be enjoying the magical build-up to Christmas and taking part in the many festive activities happening across the school.







Maths

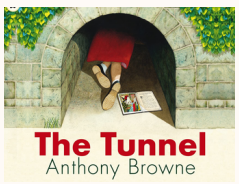


This half term we will continue developing our understanding of multiplication and division applying our times tables knowledge to solve calculations and tackle word problems.



Talk for writing

This term our writing will be inspired by two exciting texts as we explore different forms of non-fiction. We will continue using The Tunnel by Anthony Browne using this story to help us write a diary entry. Our second unit of writing we will be creating explanation texts using The Teacher-Pleaser Machine as our stimulus.





Dates for the diary

- 02.11.26 - Back to school
- 13.11.26- Own clothes day - chocolate
- 16.11.26 - Odd socks say
- 30.11.26 - School of Noise sound workshop
- 07.12.26 - Open classroom
- 10.12.26 - Christmas jumper day
- 11.12.26 - Reindeer run
- 15.12.26 - Openbox theatre production
- 16.12.26 - Carol service
- 18.12.26 - Last day of term - 1:15pm finish







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

Online saftey

Online safety is one of the most important aspects of safeguarding children's wellbeing. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child's use of online gaming and social media.

The following websites provide helpful advice and guidance:

NSPCC - advice about parental controls, online safety quiz and how to talk to your child guidance. www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Childnet - help and advice for both parents and children around key internet safety topics. www.ceopeducation.co.uk

Homework in Year 4

Spelling (10 minutes daily)

Each Friday, children will be given a new set of ten spellings to learn. These will be tested the following Friday. Children can practise using their individual Spelling Shed logins and/or complete the homework sheets that are sent home each Friday.

Times Tables (10 minutes daily)

Quick recall of times tables is an essential skill in Key Stage 2. Please support your child by encouraging them to practise daily using Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS).

Reading (10 minutes daily)

We encourage children to read every evening whenever possible. Please support your child by listening to them read, discussing the text and recording their reading in their reading journal.

Additional English or Maths Homework

At the end of a topic, children may be set a short homework task to help consolidate their learning. This will usually be completed on SPaG.com or Maths.co.uk and should take no longer than 20 minutes.