



# WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Carers and Parents,

As you can see, it has been another busy learning week at The Willows Academy, with science and mathematics taking centre stage. Science is a topic of focus this year and it is encouraging to see the pleasing quality of learning experiences. Overall the learning is the school is going very well and the classes are settled into the daily routines and rituals. In particular, if your child is in year 6, please remind them that the effort they put into their learning will, in most cases, be fairly reflected in the results at the end of Key Stage 2.

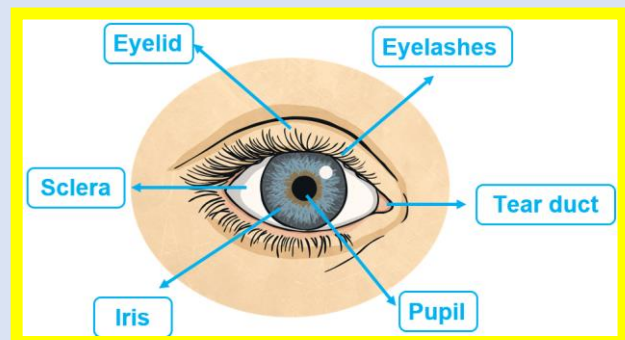
Today, we celebrated Remembrance Day with a special assembly; the children had an opportunity to place their poppies, made in class, on a table especially set out for Armistice Day. It is always encouraging to see how respectful the children are at times like this, and today was no exception.

Have a peaceful weekend  
Paul Gregory-Hunt  
Head of School

## Pine – IPC Science– How humans work

This week, Pine class investigated how the human eyes work. **Reflections** help us to see objects – we see objects when light from a source reflects off objects and back into our eyes. We can't see objects in the dark because there are **no reflections** entering our eyes.

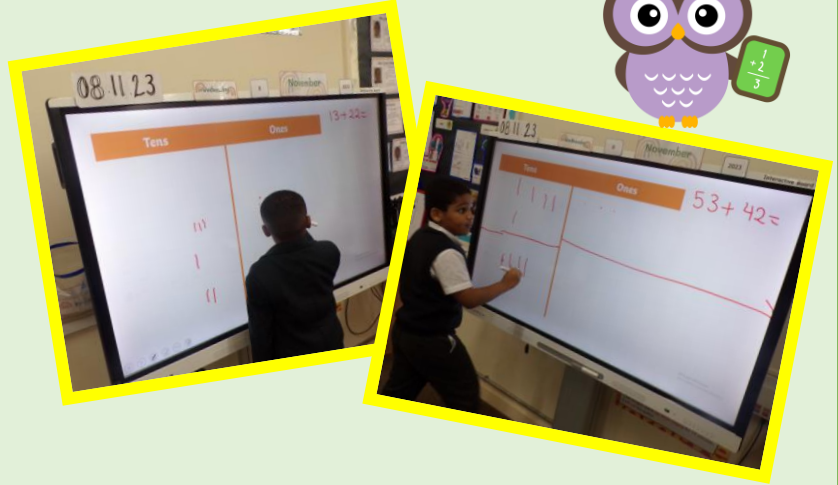
We usually see light as being white, but it actually contains all the colours of the **spectrum**.



## Lime - Mathematics – Place Value



This week our Maths explorers were diving into the exciting world of addition with dienes, colourful blocks and clever charts. We will be adding with ease and having a blast along the way!



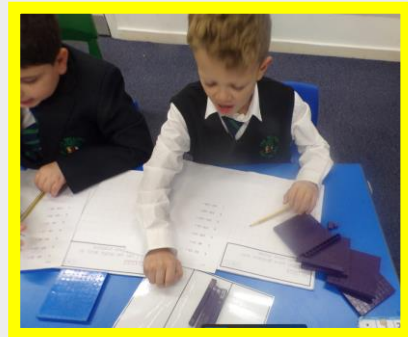
## Elm - Cardboard Art

This week in Elm class, the children got involved in some lovely art activities. We decided that we wanted to build a cave to have in class, which we made out of cardboard and painted. The children have done a fantastic job so far, and are looking forward to completing it.



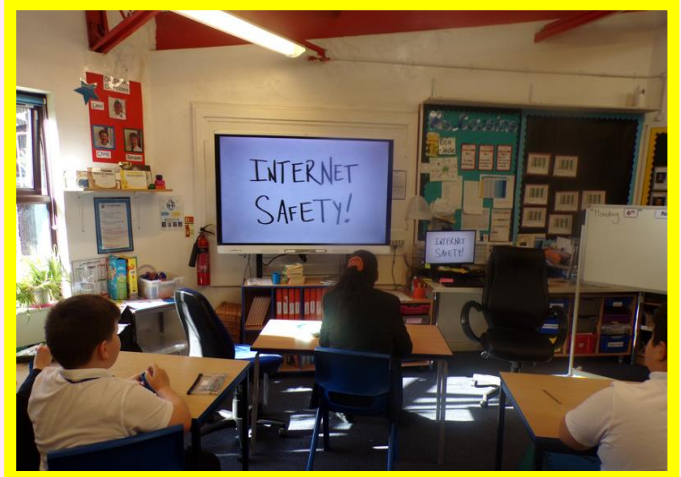
## Maple - Mathematics – Subtraction

Maple class has been practicing their subtraction this week. They have been using dienes and place value cards to help them with taking away tens and ones.



## Ash – Computing - Online Safety

Ash class has been getting involved in discussions and activities based on internet safety. All students have been thinking about the importance of staying safe online.



## Beech – IPC Science - Materials

Beech class has been investigating different mixtures and solutions. First, the children hypothesised whether different materials could be separated and how. Next, they put their theory into practice and recorded their findings.



## Oak – IPC Science – Forces around us

This week Oak class learnt about gravitational force and the role gravity plays between the Earth and a falling object.



# Remembrance Day



## Autumn Term

First Day of Term Staff only - INSET day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Staff only - INSET day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Pupils back	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Last Day of Term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Dreary**

... dull or bleak  
e.g., The picnic was  
cancelled due to the dreary  
weather.



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