



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to Spring 1! The children have settled into the new term well and new topics are underway. It has been lovely to welcome nine new families that have joined The Willows this week and we look forward to getting to know them in the coming weeks.

This term is a relatively short one in comparison to the Autumn Term but that means there is a lot to pack into a short space of time! I would ask for your continued support to ensure your child is in school on time and as regularly as possible so they maximise the learning opportunities we provide for them. This also extends to supporting and encouraging them to engage with any home work they are set.

The weather continues to be cold so please ensure your child comes to school wrapped up with their coat and in full school uniform.

Have a restful weekend.
Malcolm Shaw
Head Teacher

Elm Class - Mathematics

This week in Elm class we focused on learning shapes. Children learned about the differences between shapes by playing with them, building with them, drawing around them and combining them.



Maple Class - Mathematics

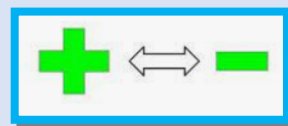
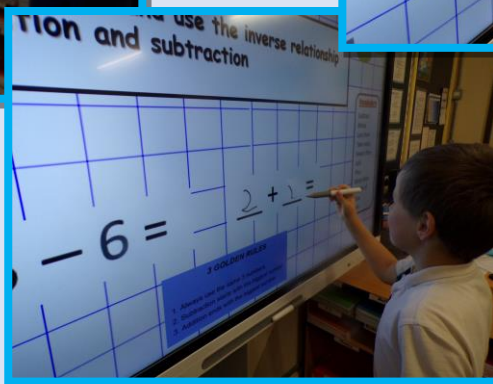
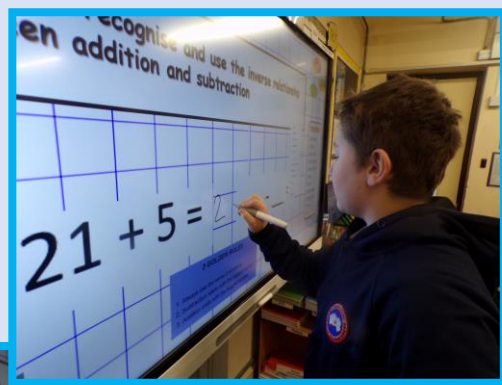
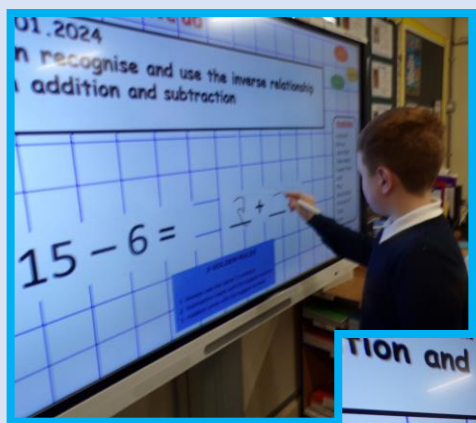
Maple class have been learning about money. They have been finding different ways that coins can add up to make an amount.



Lime Class - Mathematics

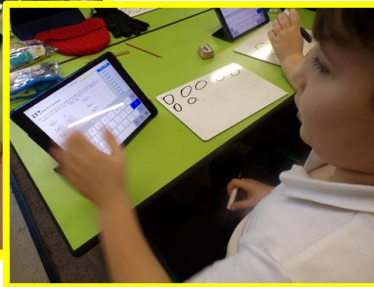
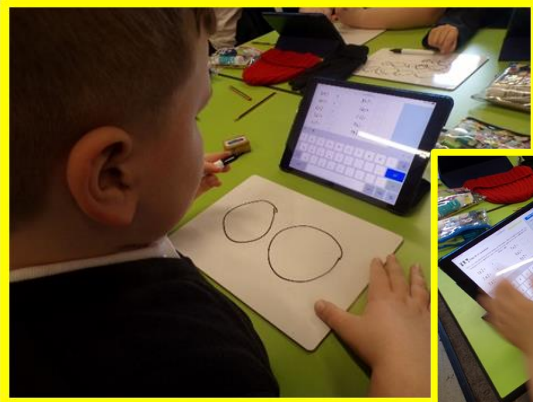
The inverse of addition is subtraction. We used subtraction to check addition calculations.

For example, the calculation $5 + 6 = 11$ can be checked with the calculation $11 - 6 = 5$ or $11 - 5 = 6$.



Pine Class - Mathematics

This week, Pine class focused on counting in multiples of 2 and 3 and used iPads to practice their timetables.



Fun Fact: The first times tables were used 4000 years back by Babylonians.

Ash- Mathematics

Ash have been looking at the times tables. This week we focused on working out the different groups you can put multiplication in.



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Oak Class -BOOK Talk

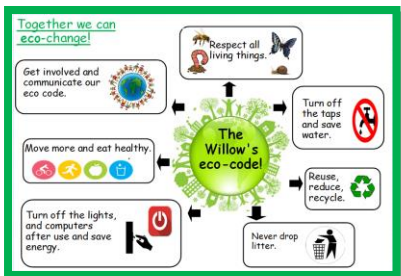


Oak had a busy start to the term. We started a new chapter book for literacy. Throughout the week we engaged in various book talk sessions and analysed the authors illustrations to attempt to grasp an understanding of what the book may be about.



Eco Warriors

At The Willows, we are already eco-minded, so it's about time we earned some recognition for our hard work. We recycle paper and plastics, we litter-pick to keep our areas clean, we have an **OUTSTANDING** outdoor nature area. We also link in with the local community, who help us to grow green school grounds. Take a look at our "Eco Code."



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School Council

The school council met to talk about our £100.00 budget spend for the classrooms.

If the classrooms want anything within the £100.00 budget spend, they have to put their ideas into the suggestion boxes which are in their classrooms. These ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

We also spoke about how we can be buddies for any students that may be feeling sad. We talked about having more buddy sofas in the playground and wearing our high visibility jackets so that students would know who we are when we ask them if they are 'feeling alright'.

By Oliver, Nelly-Rae and Christopher



Beech Class- Role Play

Beech class have been reading 'The Journey'. They created freeze frames to put themselves in the role of the main characters. This helped them come up with ideas, which they then used to create a poem.



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BACK TO
SCHOOL



Spring Term

First Day of Term	Monday 8 th January 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 th February 2024 - Friday 16 th February 2024
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 th March 2024 1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Friday 29 th March 2024 - Friday 12 th April 2024



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