



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks for another successful week. It was so pleasing to see so many parents attend our coffee morning this week to hear from our attendance officer and the invited guest. The feedback I received from those parents that attended was fantastic. Brilliant to hear from our external speaker that our school has an overall attendance figure for pupils of 93%-whereas the national figure for special schools is 86%-so our pupils are accessing their learning at a higher rate-well done Willows pupils!

It is pleasing to see the children in the school choir working so hard with Mr. Ward for the borough wide competition of Sing24. We are moving ever closer to the day of performance and will let you know when we hear further information about it.

The PTA - Friends and Families of The Willows-are busy organizing the last day of term where we will be having a school disco in the morning when it is the children's toy day and non-uniform day. There will be notices sent out regarding this closer to the time; we look forward to this as well.

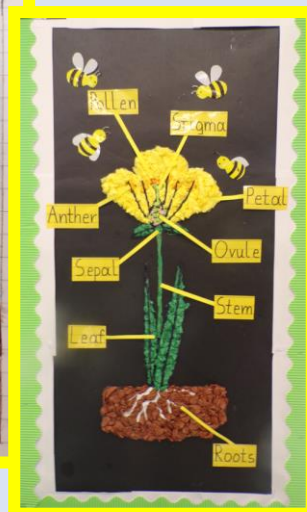
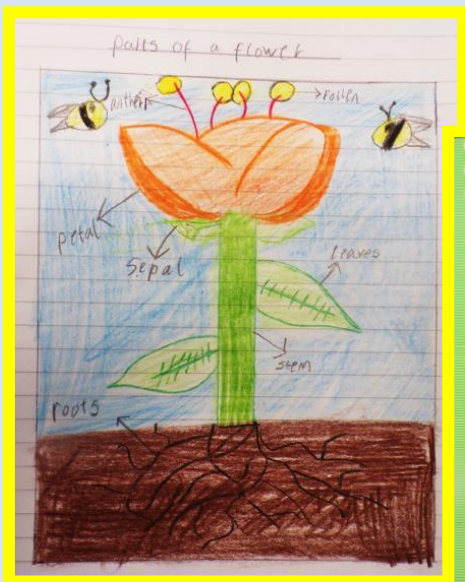
I do hope all parents are receiving communication and updates regarding their child and the learning they are undertaking-if there are any issues with the communication please raise it with myself or the school office.

Have a wonderful week.

Malcolm Shaw

Head Teacher

International Primary Curriculum – Let's Plant It



This week, Pine class focused on investigating the parts of a flower! The flower mainly consists of four parts the sepals, petals, stamens, and the carpels of the pistils.

Did you know that the rose is considered to be not only the most popular flower in Britain, but throughout the world.



Mathematics - Money

Lime Class focused on adding and subtracting money as well as calculating change.

Students used coins and notes to become familiar with pounds (£) and pence (p).



Buddy Reading

For spring term, Oak is continuing Buddy Reading with Lime class. This is an opportunity for older and more able children to support their peers with exploring different texts and encouraging each other to read.



Computing - Coding

Students in Beech class have been coding their own games using 'Scratch'. Beech class identified how to use variables to add a score system to their game!

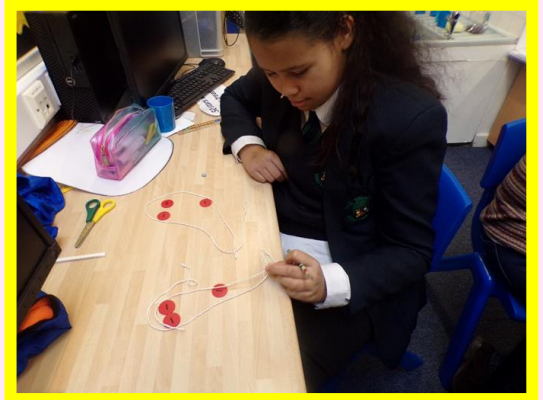
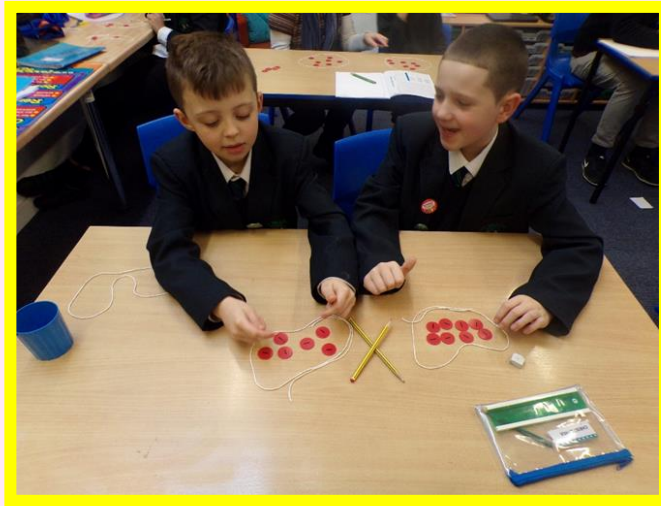


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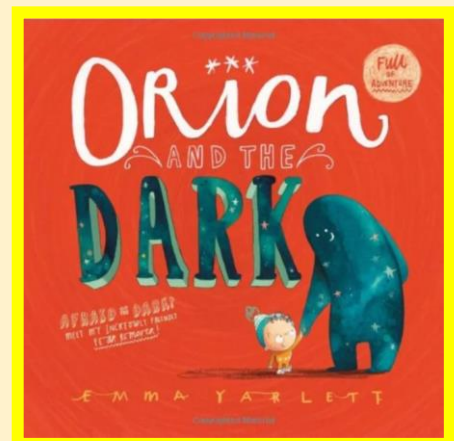
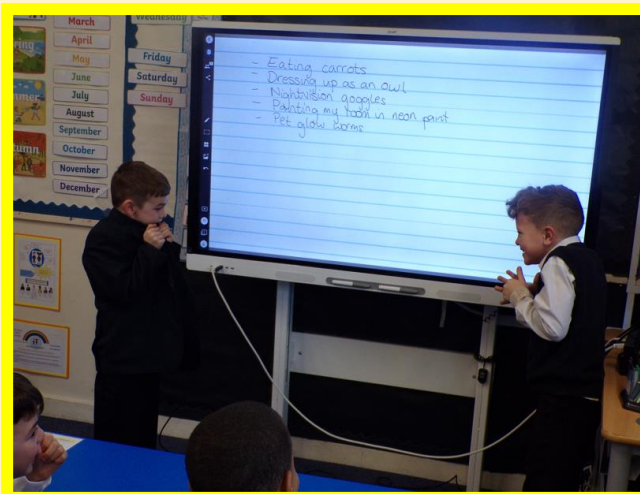
Mathematics - Multiplication

This week, Ash class has been focusing on multiplication facts. A multiplication fact is the product of two specific numbers. And the order in which the numbers are presented does not change the product. For example, $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $3 \times 2 = 6$.



Literacy - Role-playing

Students in Maple class have been enjoying their new book – Orion and the Dark. We used role-playing and drama to act out the role of mum and Orion.



Physical Education – Pony Riding

This week, Elm class have thoroughly enjoyed getting back to pony riding. All students had a lovely time grooming the horses. Pony riding has numerous benefits including enhancing core strength and muscular development, allows the children to form a relationship with an animal and accept responsibility for the love and care of a pony. It can also improve social skills and boost confidence.



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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Absurd; contrary to common sense.

e.g. You are making a preposterous suggestion!



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