



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final week of this half term, we are looking forward to marking Mental Health Week, where our focus will be on exploring simple, meaningful ways to feel good and look after ourselves. Alongside this, we will also be raising awareness during E-Safety Day, helping our pupils understand how to keep themselves safe online and make positive choices in the digital world.

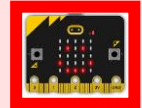
Our Eco Warriors have launched a new project and are asking for donations of plastic lids and bottle caps. They plan to reuse these to create a collaborative piece of art that shares an important Eco message. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

A gentle reminder to please inform the school office of any updates to your contact details, so we can ensure our records remain accurate.

Enjoy the weekend,

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Lime Class - Computing



This week, Lime class created code and programmed their own microbits. Children were able to create sounds, lights and test their code on an emulator and then on the microbit itself.



Chestnut - Geography

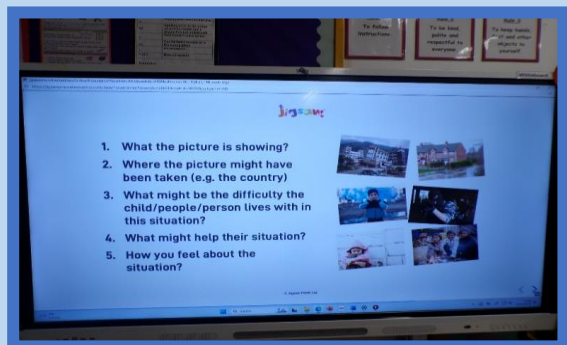
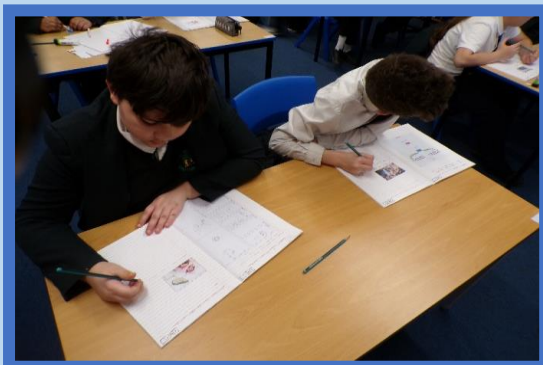
Chestnut Class became young geographers as they explored compass points and practised using real compasses to locate key landmarks from a fixed position.

The children developed important fieldwork skills, including observation, directional language (north, south, east and west) and spatial awareness. They also strengthened their map-reading understanding by linking physical features in the environment to directions, while building teamwork and problem-solving skills as they worked together to check and refine their findings.



Oak Class- PSHE

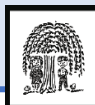
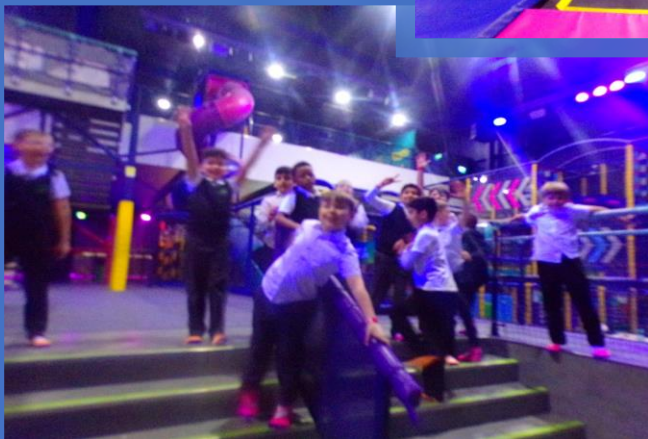
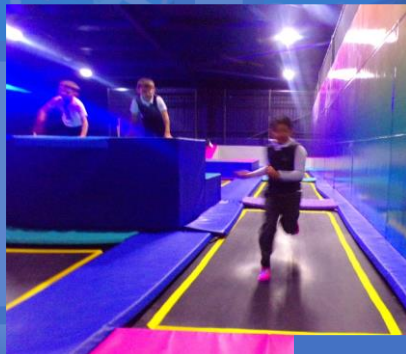
This week in Oak class we have been engaging thoughtfully in PSHE where we have been focusing on world problems. As a class, we have researched and discussed the wide range of global issues affecting people around the world. Oak class has demonstrated great maturity and empathy when discussing topics such as inequality, environmental challenges, and human rights



Maple -RE

In RE this week, we learned about the Christian belief in the resurrection and how Easter is a message of hope. We discussed that people may believe different things, and that we should respect everyone's views. The children then created a mosaic rainbow, sharing some of their own hopes for our class display.

We also enjoyed a special treat last week as Maple Class visited Oxygen as a reward. The children had lots of fun and were proud to be recognised for their hard work in the classroom.



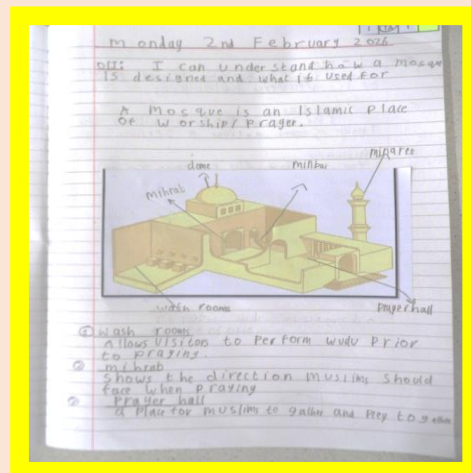
Elm Class - Music

This week in Elm Class, the children worked in small groups during Music to explore a range of string instruments. They listened carefully to how each instrument sounded and compared the different tones of a bass guitar, an electric guitar and a ukulele. The children took turns sensibly and showed a great understanding that these instruments all belong to the string family.



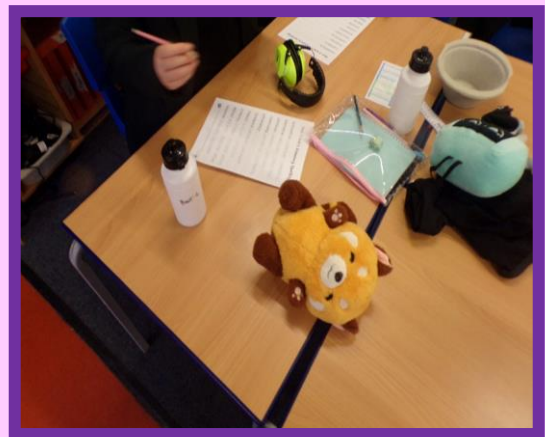
Pine Class - RE

This week, Pine Class explored Islamic places of worship as part of their RE curriculum, discovering the unique architecture and communal importance of mosques. The children learned about key features like the **minaret** and **mihrab**, as well as the tradition of removing shoes to respect the prayer hall.



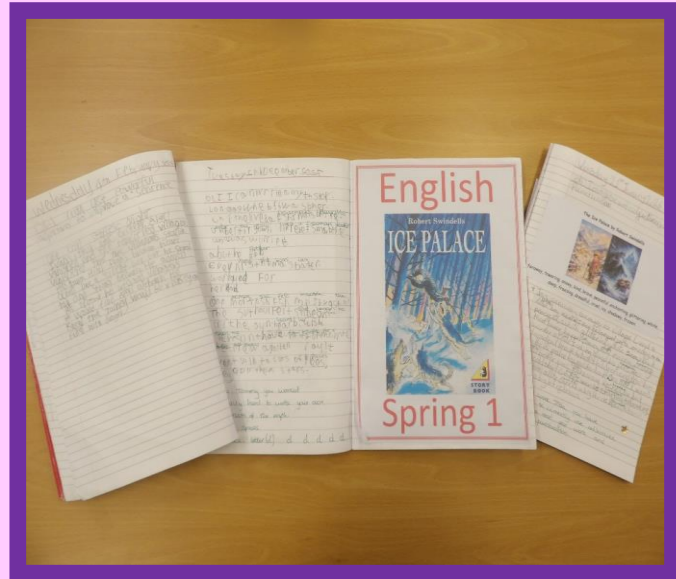
Beech Class

We have had another brilliant week in Beech class. So much exciting and focussed learning. In English we have been focussing on our handwriting and making sure we are concise with our letter formation when writing at speed. We have also covered some past grammar questions and are becoming more relaxed with answering tricky grammar questions. In maths we have continued with our learning of fractions and have been attacking mixed number subtraction. In Science we focussed on fungi and researched their uses and potential benefits and poisons. In Geography we have continued with our research of the Amazon and looked at ways it is actively being saved from deforestation. In computing we have started our "microbit" unit and tinkered with coding different features into our motherboards. Overall a brilliant week and the year 6 team wish you a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday!



Ash Class-English

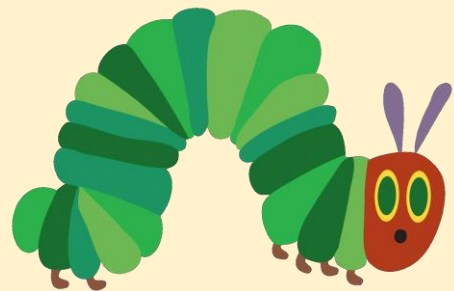
In English, we have been working hard to develop our writing by exploring nouns, adjectives and adverbs. The children have used these skills to write their own imaginative versions of The Ice Palace, adding rich vocabulary and detail to bring their stories to life.



Hazel Class - Literacy and Art

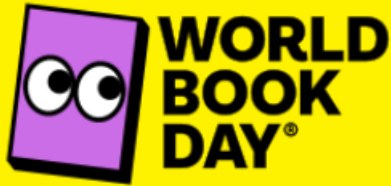
Hazel class have been completing a multitude of activities this week relating to The Very Hungry Caterpillar story.

They enjoyed using a sponging technique to apply paint to create their hungry caterpillars.



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IT'S COMING!... In the second week after half-term, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a special Dress Up Day. All pupils and staff come to school dressed as a book character.

If your child does not already have a costume, please do not worry. We know this can take a bit of planning, and we really appreciate the time and creativity that families put into helping children take part. Half-term can be a good opportunity to think about ideas together, whether that means ordering something or making a simple, home-made outfit.

We also have a small selection of costumes available in school for anyone who may need one, so please let us know if this would be helpful.



Anav loves to spend any free choice time, that he earns, playing with the small world animals. He has a whole collection from domestic and farm animals to wild animals. His most favourite animals are the cows.

