



# WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a truly wonderful Book Week, filled with imagination, performance and a whole-school love of reading.

We began on Monday with a fun assembly quiz—complete with special dip prizes for correct answers—before launching our poetry handwriting competition and poetry performance opportunities. The excitement continued on Tuesday when visiting storyteller Gordon McLellan captivated the children with a rhythmic tale told to the beat of his drum. Every child joined in, chanting and drumming along. Gordon then visited each class for more storytelling, followed by creative story-box making on Wednesday.

Thursday brought high-energy fun as the whole school arrived dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. Thank you for supporting your children with such imaginative, joyful costumes—homemade and ready-made alike. The staff joined in too, welcoming pupils into school and setting the tone for a day of celebration. Our costume parade gave every class a moment to shine.

Today we rounded off the week with prizes for:

- the best book corner (well done, Pine Class),
- the best poetry handwriting in each class,
- and standout poetry performances.

A special mention goes to Lucas who confidently recited a poem all about Maple Class to the whole school.

A huge well done to all our children for their enthusiasm, creativity and brilliant participation throughout the week.

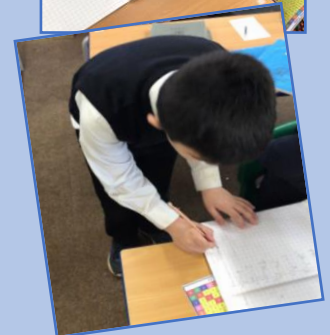
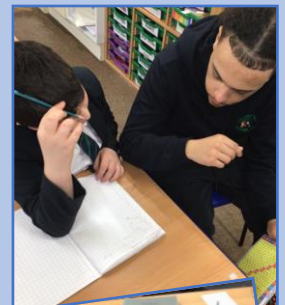
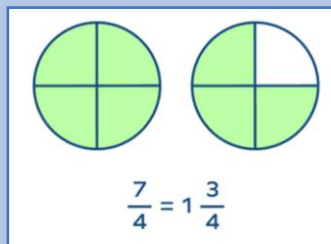
Next week, we turn our attention to Science Week, and we can't wait to continue the learning adventure.

Enjoy the weekend,

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## Lime Class - Maths

We have continued learning about fractions this week. Our focus has been improper fractions (also known as top-heavy fractions). Lime class utilised their understanding of division to help them convert the improper fractions into mixed numbers!



## Chestnut - Science

In Science this week, the children continued their learning about forces and magnets by exploring friction. They investigated how different surfaces affect the movement of an object by carrying out an experiment using a slope covered with carpet, shiny plastic and sandpaper. Using a timer, the children observed how the same object moved on each surface and discovered that the rougher the surface, the greater the friction, which slowed the object down. This hands-on investigation helped the children understand how friction works and how it can affect movement in the world around us.



## Elm - Kung Fu

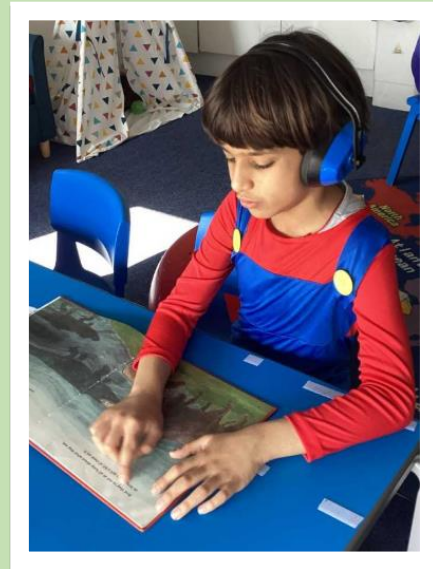
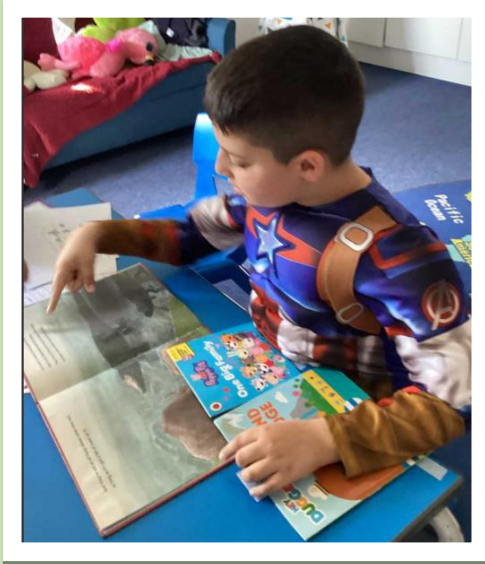


This week in Elm Class the children enjoyed their 2nd lesson of Kung Fu. They followed the instructions given by sensei very well and showed skill to punch the pad with both hands in the correct order and take the next step to bring their knee high and kick the pad with the correct technique.



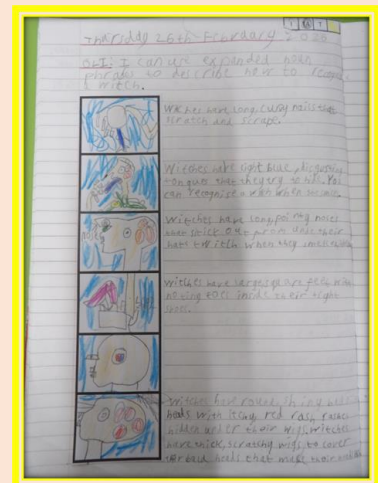
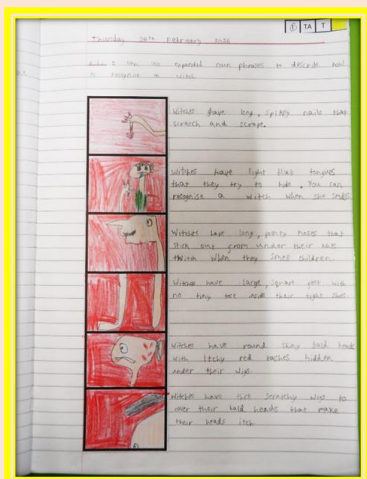
## Hazel - English - Reading

Hazel class took the opportunity to do daily reading this week. They explored books independently as well as with an adult and as a group.



## Pine Class - English

This week, Pine class focused on learning about expanded noun phrases as part of our English curriculum. We are currently reading "The witches" which is a dark fantasy children's novel by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake, featuring a young boy and his grandmother fighting a secret society of child-hating witches in England. Witches appear as ordinary women but have bald heads, claws, and plot to turn all children into mice.



## Beech Class

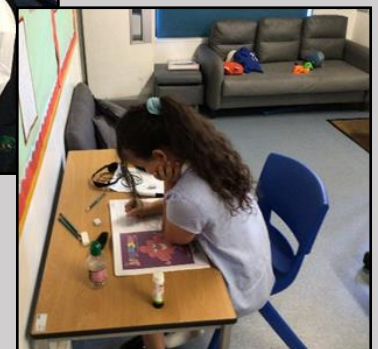
Another fantastic week in Beech class. In English we have continued our analysis of *The Highwayman*. In Mathematics we have looked at percentages and finding percentage amounts of numbers. In Science we researched animal adaptations and what makes them suited for the environment. In History we continued researching *The Blitz* and what cities were most affected in the UK. PE saw us practising our Yoga and our kicking in touch rugby. We also took a lovely trip to Kew Gardens where we managed to physically see the plants researched in our lessons from last half term. We even enjoyed the canopy trail. Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you next week.



## Oak Class - PSHE

In Oak Class during PSHE, we have been looking at taking responsibility for our health and how certain choices can benefit our health and wellbeing.

The children put themselves in the shoes of 'Agony Aunt' that advises and acts like a counsellor to help people deal with scenarios in a positive and effective manner.



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## Ash Class - Literacy

Ash Class have been working hard to practice and perform a poem together. "Please Mrs Butler!"

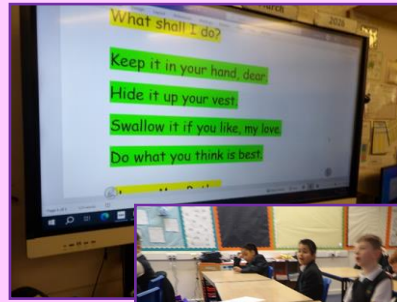
Knowing the correct Oracy skill when performing a poem is very useful.

What is Oracy?

Oracy is about talking and listening well so we can share our ideas and understand other people.

It means:

- Speaking clearly so others can hear and understand us
- Listening carefully when someone else is talking
- Taking turns to speak
- Using kind words and good manners
- Explaining what we think and how we feel



## Maple - PE

Maple Class have been making the most of the beautiful weather this week during our PE lessons outdoors. The children thoroughly enjoyed being active in the fresh air and sunshine, and it was wonderful to see everyone taking part with enthusiasm and energy. It is clear that the children benefit greatly from outdoor learning opportunities and enjoy keeping active together.

Following PE, we also took part in our weekly Kung Fu session. The children demonstrated excellent focus and self-discipline, listening carefully to the coach and following instructions with care.



# World Book Week 2026

