WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting and enriching week at The Willows, with pupils enjoying a wide range of memorable learning experiences. As part of our Black History Month learning, every class took part in an engaging Aboriginal virtual-reality workshop, giving children the opportunity to explore culture, stories and traditions in an immersive and meaningful way.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Wednesday's yoga session in the school hall. It was an extremely calm space and Mr Oscar received some lovely feedback including, "Can we have them more often?"

Chestnut Class enjoyed a successful visit to the Science Museum in London. Overall, for a first education visit this term, we were pleased with the way pupils represented The Willows throughout the day.

A polite reminder: please ensure that your child brings their home–school link book into school each morning. These books are an important part of our home–school communication, allowing staff to record daily points and share a brief summary of your child's week each Friday. We have provided several replacement books where they have been misplaced, so your support in helping children keep them safe and bring them in each day is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed tackling our Daily Riddle. Why not take a look on the back page and have a go together if you have a spare moment?

Wishing you a good weekend.
Miss Jones

Elm Class

This week in Elm class, we enjoyed a sensory play activity using cereal. We hid vegetables in the cereal for the children to discover, and some even had a little nibble!





Pine Class-Science





This week, Pine Class investigated different types of human teeth and their functions. The children were amazed to learn that adults have 32 permanent teeth, whilst children have 20 primary (baby) teeth! We explored how incisors cut our food, canines tear it, and premolars and molars grind and chew it. It's been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered how our teeth help us eat and stay healthy.

Maple Class-History

Maple Class has been working hard on our Black History Month project, preparing a special role play about an inspiring figure from Black history. This week, the children have been practising their parts, making sure everyone knows their role and feels confident taking part. There has been lots of excitement and enthusiasm during rehearsals, and it has been lovely to see the children supporting one another. We are very proud of their hard work, teamwork and growing confidence!

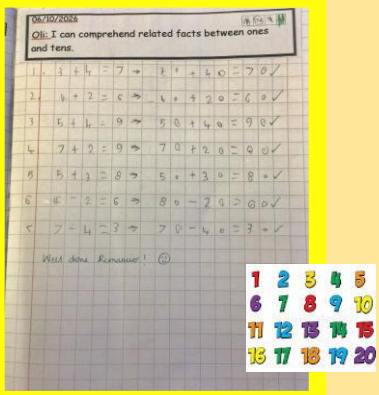




Ash Class - Maths

This week in Ash Class we have been focusing on basic addition and subtraction, working with both 1 and 2 digit numbers. We then moved on to looking at and understanding related number facts between ones and tens. We all had lots of fun with our learning.







Beech Class - English

This week **Beech class** started to explore "Dear Diary" writing, in English class. It soon became apparent that a different writing style is required, when noting all the things and feelings that have happened within a day. In PSHE we are getting to know one-another better by exploring emotions and we created a feelings fan. The class also played Pétanque on the football pitch in three teams for the last time, next week we learn another sport during PE.



Chestnut Class-Science

The children had an amazing visit to Wonderlab at the Science Museum this week where they explored a range of exciting, hands-on scientific exhibits. They investigated forces, electricity, sound, space and light through interactive experiments and demonstrations.

The visit linked particularly well with our science learning about **light**. The children explored how light travels, how it can be reflected and how different materials and surfaces interact with light.

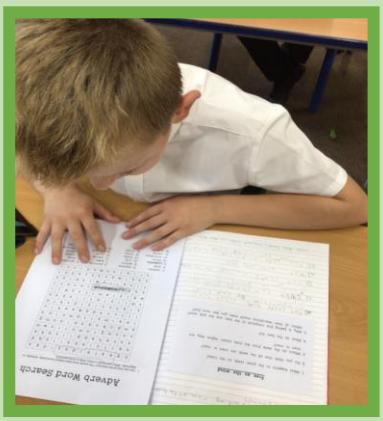


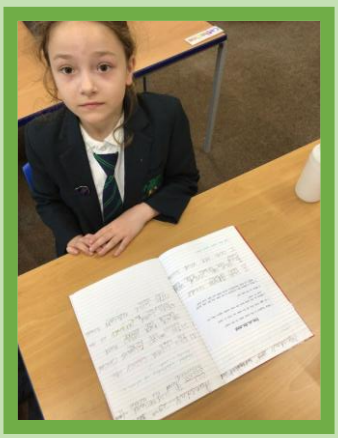


Lime class English

This week, **Lime Class** built upon their grammar foundations by deepening their understanding of **adjectives, verbs, and adverbs**. The children put their knowledge straight into practice by incorporating these descriptive word classes into their creative **story writing**. It has been wonderful to see how introducing powerful verbs and precise modifiers has brought their narrative settings and characters to life



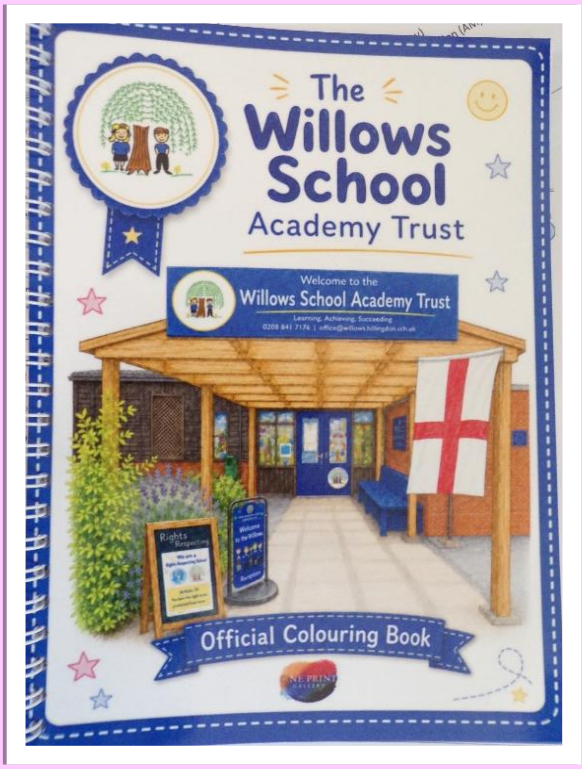




Nour had a fantastic week and has been eager to explore a range of different activities. She thoroughly enjoyed building with Lego ,using her imagination to create interesting models and structures. Nour also took part in Jenga, where she demonstrated excellent concentration, patience and hand eye coordination while carefully balancing the blocks.







We hope that all of the children have received their Willows School colouring book. We thank Leo's Father (One Print Gallery) for creating the books especially for The Willows.

We took part in a PANATHLON at Oak Wood School





The children enjoyed taking part and earned some certificates and medals!











We were proud to take part in a range of activities!

Friendship • Teamwork • Respect • Inclusion

Adapted basketball | Table tennis | Curling | Target games | ...and others!

We are a Rights Respecting School

Article 2
We have the right to be treated fairly.
(non-discrimination)

Article 12
We have the right to be heard.
(respect of views)

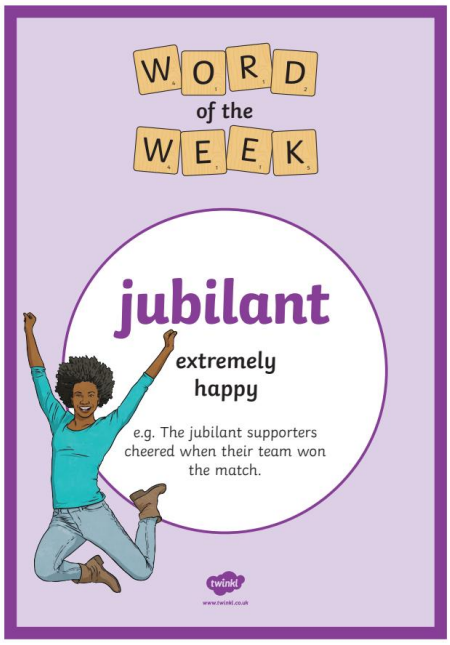
Article 28
We have the right to learn.
(education)

Article 19
We have the right to be safe.
(protection from violence)

Article 24
We have the right to be healthy.
(health & services)

Article 31
We have the right to play.
(leisure, play & culture)





Weekend Riddle



I have a face but no eyes

I tell you the time but never talk

I live in the kitchen and let you

know when dinner's ready

What am I?