



WILLOW CLASS - Spring Term

"Our Wonderful World"



English

In Talk4Writing this term, Willow class will begin by writing non-chronological reports using their understanding of volcanoes and earthquakes. They will also be deepening their description through writing character descriptions based on stories we read as a whole class. This will involve the implementation of exciting vocabulary to interest the reader and enhance a descriptive setting. They will then write for different purposes. In Talk4Reading they will continue to explore a range of texts and their meaning with a focus on vocabulary and develop their comprehension skills to answer more challenging questions. Daily Spelling and Grammar sessions will continue and weekly spelling activities using The Spelling Shed.

We are reading...



RE

The two focuses for RE this term are: "What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?" and "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?"

Children will be looking at different cultures, sacred items and beliefs whilst comparing it to Christianity.

Maths

We will focus on daily basic skills sessions for quick recall. Areas that children will cover include:

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Mass and Capacity

Willow class will be developing their formal written methods and the use of four operations. TT Rockstars will secure their knowledge of times tables and they will complete regular arithmetic tests. All understanding will be challenged and scaffolded using mastery and reasoning.

Science



This term, our science topic is States of Matter. The children will compare and group together everyday materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases.

The children will be taught to observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)

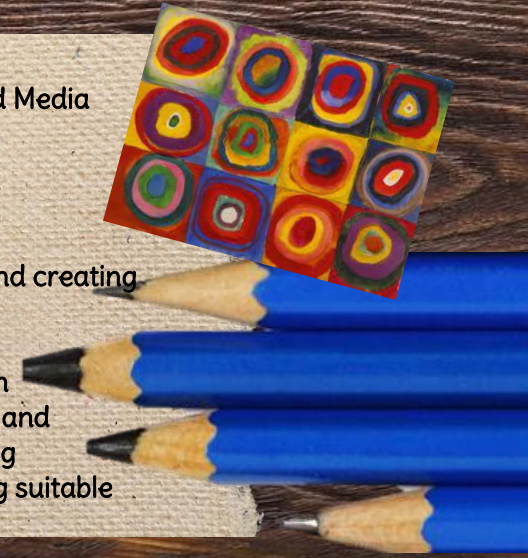
Art and DT

In Art, the children will be focusing on Paint and Mixed Media which will include Art skills of:

- Darkening and lightening colours
- Painting to create different effects
- Focusing on proportion and composition

Willow class will be focusing on the artist Kandinsky and creating art work inspired by those techniques.

In DT, the focus will be making Electrical Systems such as torches. They will be identifying electrical products and explaining why they are useful. They will be conducting research to identify features of torches whilst creating suitable designs for a functioning torch.



History

This topic in the first part of this term is more of a geographical based topic.

After half term, the children will be focusing on the Lost City of Pompeii through the disruption from Mount Vesuvius.

They will be:

- Outlining causes and effects
- Identifying the importance of different sources (primary and secondary)
- Understanding the history behind the Lost City

Geography

Our topic is all about 'Our Wonderful World.'

The children will be focusing on earthquakes, volcanoes, Mediterranean Sea and hemispheres to:

- Label layers of the earth
- Identify how a volcano is made
- Locate on maps where famous volcanoes are
- Explain how an earthquake happens/ occurs



Music

After half term, the class will focus on Body and Tuned percussion. They will

- Use musical rhythms using body percussion
- Create simple tunes
- Build and improvise compositions
- Explore structure and texture



PSHE

This term, our PSHE curriculum will be split into two areas; Dreams and Goals, and Changing Me.

Dreams and Goals focusses on identifying dreams and ambitions, facing new challenges, recognising obstacles and evaluating own learning.

Healthy Me includes different friendship groups, leaders in groups and smoking / alcohol and its effects



Computing

This term, the children will start by Coding with Scratch and create a quiz using different variables through exploring different purposes of variables and controls.

Then they will look into the journey inside a computer through identifying basic input and output features, understanding the purpose of computer parts and decomposing a tablet computer.

French

Willow class will continue to learn French through learning items inside the classroom and naming lunch items. They will be learning new words through pronunciation. They will be able to answer questions using new words.

PE

We will continue with practising the skills and techniques necessary to be successful in team games through football, basketball, dance and gymnastics.

These skills include:

- Catching and throwing the ball
- Positioning and marking
- Playing in different positions
- Working as a team

The children will take part in Moving Targets at Hereford Courtyard.



Values of the term:

January - Hope
February - Love
March - Creativity
April - Respect