



Willow Class

Welcome to a new school year! It has been lovely getting to know the children and beginning our Year 2 journey together. I am really looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful term ahead. If you have any questions or would like to speak to me, please feel free to do so before or after school ☺

English

In English, we will continue with **daily phonics** and spelling/handwriting practice, alongside promoting a love of reading. We will regularly share class texts and take part in guided reading sessions to develop decoding, fluency and comprehension skills. Children will also explore a range of writing styles and grammar, including expanded noun phrases, statements, questions and commands, primarily through our class text, ***The Dam* by David Almond**.

Science

We will be learning **what animals, including humans, need to survive and thrive**. We will further our understanding of lifecycles of animals and observe the incredible changes that can occur from offspring to maturity. We will learn about eating a balance of foods and the importance of hygiene. We will also observe the effects exercise has upon our body and record the impact. **As soon as possible, please bring in a photograph of your child as a baby or email a copy to the office.**
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History

We will learn about the key events of the **Great Fire of London**, exploring its causes, consequences and impact on the people and landscape of London. We will also compare London in 1666 with London today, identifying similarities and differences.

Art

Inspired by our class story *The Dam* and our learning about the Great Fire of London, we will explore how muted colour can create atmosphere and how paint, texture and mark-making can show movement and detail. Children will experiment with colour mixing and a range of tools and materials before creating their own **atmospheric landscape**.

Mathematics This term the children will be developing their knowledge of **place value**. They will be identifying, representing, and estimating numbers in different ways using a range of resources. We will also be collaborating through **problem solving activities** using our knowledge of place value, partitioning and ordering numbers. There will be a strong focus on learning the **2-, 3-, 5- and 10-times tables**, including division facts. **Look out for Times Table Rock Stars logins for home challenges.**

RE Children will be introduced to **Hinduism** and explore key beliefs, teachings, stories and practices. They will learn about the importance of the Hindu temple and begin to understand how Hindu beliefs about God influence daily life and worship.

PE

PE days for the class are **Mondays** and **Thursdays** but this can change. We will be focusing on **Dance** and **Playground Games** this half term.

Please provide an outdoor kit for your child as the weather changes – black jogging bottoms and jumper.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent home each **Friday** and should be returned the **following Friday**.

Wednesday: Your child will bring home their Little Wandle reading book. Please read this together and **return it on Friday**.

Friday: Your child will bring home a reading-for-pleasure book to keep for the week. Please encourage them to **read for around 10 minutes each evening** and record this in their reading tracker.

Computing

We will be learning about **online safety**, including what private information is, how to use technology safely and where to go for help. Children will explore some of the risks of using the internet and create their own online safety posters to help others stay safe.

PSHE (personal, social, health, economic)

Our PSHE focus for this term is **'relationships'**. We will discuss what makes a good friend.