



Willow Class Newsletter



I hope you all had a wonderful Summer break. We are excited to welcome you all back to Thorndon for an exciting new year in Willow Class in 2025. We have already had a wonderful first day back and are excited for the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you any queries as the year goes on. Please find below the information about our learning this term in Willow class.

Mrs Walls



Reading

It is expected that all children in Willow class read **EVERY** school night for 20 – 30 mins. Please record each evening what they have read in their diaries. The children have got 3 reading books in their bags: a book from the reading scheme, a library book and a reading spine book from our classroom. Please record the reading in their reading diaries as they will be checked for reading every day. Children will also be completing 3 weekly comprehension lessons to build on their understanding of what they read using our class reading book Freedom by Catherine Johnson.



History: Maafa



This project teaches the children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora. It also looks at the great Black Britons who have achieved amazing things.



Mary Seacole

Maths

In Maths we will focusing on numbers and calculating using the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will practice using a formal method to calculate using these four operations and will learn to apply these methods to problem solving. We have lovely new White Rose Maths Pupil workbooks this term.

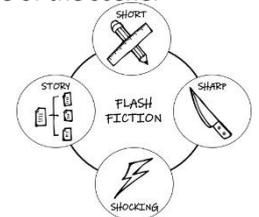


TT Rockstars is a compulsory home activity that Willow children are required to complete at least 3 times a week at home. Ensuring your child has regular practice, will make a huge difference to the children's calculating speed, confidence and ability.

English - Flash Fiction Writing

We will be starting our term with Flash fiction writing. In this piece we will be practicing writing briefly, using strong story moments to engage the reader quickly and using descriptive sentences of characters and settings that give the reader a clear picture of the scene.

The children will choose a genre, choose a dramatic scene and let their imagination guide them to produce some action packed writing.



Science

The Circulatory System

This topic teaches the children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They learn about the healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body.



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PE

PE is on a **Friday** afternoon, please come into school dressed ready for PE on this day. This term we will start with Rugby.



Swimming

Swimming will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be swimming in Diss.

Art/Design Technology



Tints Tones and Shades

Children learn about colour theory by studying the colour wheel. They learn about significant landscape artworks using this knowledge to create landscape paintings.



Trailblazers, Barrier Breakers

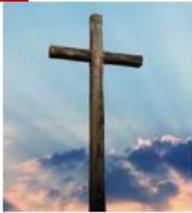
This project teaches children about significant black artists and their work, and provides opportunities to analyse and create artwork inspired by them.



Food for Life

We look at processed food and healthy food choices.

RE



Christian

How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God Incarnate?



Muslim

How does the Tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?



Spelling Shed

We will be continuing our spelling program called Spelling Shed this term. There will be a set number of words to learn each week in class with lots of great spelling activities each day and no spelling test! The children's spellings will come home at the end of each week with a homework sheet attached to the back linked with their weekly spellings – to do at home if they wish to.

Geography



Our Changing World

This topic revises the features of Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. They learn about climate change and the importance of global trade. Children analyse data to find out about local road safety. They study patterns of human settlements and carry out an enquiry to describe local settlement patterns.

Music

Clarinet is back and will be taking place on a Friday. Please ensure instruments are in school on this day. Curriculum Music lessons will take place following this lesson and will be taught by Mrs D'souza



We are all excited for the year ahead and can't wait to get started.

Mrs Walls and Miss Wincol

Mrs Sherriff and Miss West - Barker

Homework Club

I will be running homework club on a Tuesday evening this term on the following 4 dates only. This is for children who, for one reason or another, cannot complete their homework at home or need support. Please see me if you would like to attend.

23rd, 30th September
7th and 14th October

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