



# Willow Class Newsletter

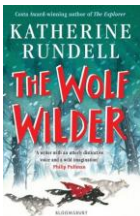
Happy New Year Everyone!

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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We are excited to welcome you all back to Thorndon for an exciting new year in Willow Class in 2026. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries as the year goes on. Please find below the information about our learning this term in Willow class. Mrs Walls



"READING IS A PASSPORT  
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES"  
- HARRY POTTER



## 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.

Our book for this term is *The Wolf Wilder* by Katharine Rundell. The children will answer comprehension questions about this book each session and it will also be used to influence their writing.

## Geography: Frozen Kingdoms



This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them.



emperor penguin



humpback whale

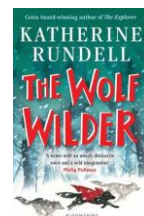
## Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on these topics.

Fractions, decimals and percentages, Area and Perimeter, Multiplication and Division.



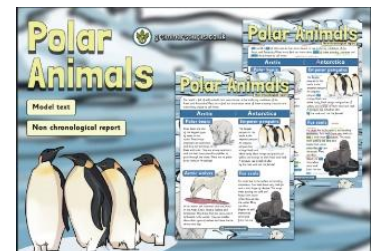
**TT Rockstars** is a compulsory home activity that Willow children are required to complete at least 3 times a week at home. Ensuring your child has regular practice, will make a huge difference to the children's calculating speed, confidence and ability.



## Literacy

This term in our 'Writing for Pleasure' scheme of work we will be focusing on memoir writing: linking this with the book 'The Wolf Wilder' and our main character Feo.

As well as creating non-chronological reports of animals found in Frozen Polar regions.



**Science** This term our Science topic is:



## Electrical Circuits and Components

This project teaches children about electrical circuits, their components and how they function. They recognise how the voltage of cells affects the output of a circuit and record circuits using standard symbols. It also teaches children about programmable devices, sensors and monitoring. They combine their learning to design and make programmable home devices.

**HOMEWORK** – Willow class homework will continue to be topic based, to encourage creativity and independent learning, with a show case **on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** to display the children's creations.

## PE

PE this term will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**, please come into school dressed ready for PE on this day. This term we will be starting with Tennis.



## Art/Design Technology

### Environmental Artists



This project teaches children about the genre of environmental art. They study how artists create artwork that addresses social and political issues related to the natural and urban environment. Children work collaboratively to create artwork with an environmental message.

### Engineer



This project teaches children about remarkable engineers and significant bridges, learning to identify features, such as beams arches and trusses. They complete a bridge building engineering challenge to create a bridge prototype.

### Inuit



This project teaches children about the Inuit way of life, including some of their cultural and artistic traditions.

## RE



### Hindu

How do questions about Brahman and Atman influence the way a Hindu lives?



### Muslim

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



### Christian

How do the Hero's of faith encourage Christians today?



### Spelling Shed

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! Homework sheets will come home on a Thursday for each weeks spellings.

## Music



Music continues to be on a **Friday**, so all children are required to bring in their musical instrument on this day. Our music topics this term are: Ancient Egypt, South and West Africa.

## PSHE TOPICS



Dreams & Goals



Healthy Me

We look forward to a fun, hardworking new year in Willow class.

Mrs. Walls, Miss Wincol, Mrs Sheriff and Miss West

## Computing

**Blogging** This unit allows children to explore blogs and their features, including how they can be used to engage an audience effectively.

**Data Detectives** This unit introduces children to an interactive set of databases challenges that children work through.

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