



Willow Class Newsletter Summer Term 2025

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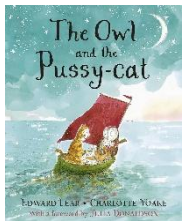
Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Welcome back – we hope you have all had a good break and everybody is ready for the new term.

SOUNDS-WRITE

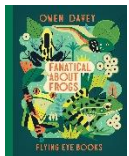
The Sounds-Write programme continues throughout the academic year for both Year 1 and Year 2 and all the children are now familiar with the approach we use in class and are confident in their learning. The Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 will take place during the week commencing Monday 9 June.

ENGLISH



Writing Roots: Our first text is 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat', by Edward Lear, illustrated by Charlotte Voake. The story is set in a nonsensical land full of adventure. When their beautiful golden ring is stolen, the Owl and the Pussy-cat must travel far from the safety of the Bong-tree glade and their search for the thief leads them across the Sea, to the Chankly Bore and beyond ... We will explore the themes of the poem, write in role as the characters, create fictitious interviews, create lists of items they can take on their honeymoon and eventually innovate upon the poem to create their own versions.

Seeds: Many of the spellings are based on vocabulary used in our text. The children will also look at the spelling rules and patterns for the The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words



Leaves: For our Guided Reading sessions we will be using Fanatical about Frogs. We will leap (or possibly hop) into this fascinating illustrated guide to the most diverse amphibians in the world, from the lumbering common toad to the beautiful but deadly poison dart frog. Find out where they live, what they eat and how we can protect them.

MATHS

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We will be using the knowledge gained from looking at place value to work on the four mathematical operations (+, -, x, ÷). We will also be working on the x2, x5 and x10 times tables aiming for fluency of recall.

SCIENCE

This term we will complete our learning on Life Cycles of animals and then move on to Plants. We will: identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees as well as identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees; observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants; find out and describe what plants need to stay healthy.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Art	Look at the work of L S Lowry
Computing	Data and Information
D&T	Design boats and a suitable lunch for an owl and a pussy-cat!
Music	Round and Round and Your Imagination
PE	Gymnastics Athletics (field and track)
PSHE	Relationships
RE	What do Christians believe God is like? Who is Jewish and how do they live?
Geography	Wonderful weather looking at the local area and wider afield

House-keeping notes:

- The school gates open at 08:35. We take the register at 08:45 and will start work straight after that with reading and additional support sessions. It is important therefore that all children are in class by 08:45.
- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday and PE Kit should be worn to school for both those days. The kit is a green T Shirt, plain black shorts/joggers, PE Hoodie and suitable trainers.

HOMEWORK

The focus for homework will continue to be on reading and spelling but please expect some tasks based around maths.

As a Teaching Team we welcome constructive conversations and interaction and are always prepared to make the time to speak to parents either by email, phone or in person. We would ask that you respect that the mornings are busy and an important time for all children as they settle in to school – sometimes an advance email is a good idea.

Willow Teaching Team