



Willow Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers

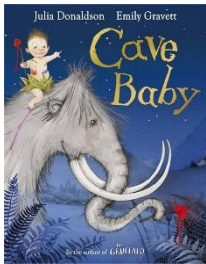
Hello and welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a lovely holiday enjoying some very warm weather. I am looking forward to my second year in Willow Class working with children from last year and getting to know all our new children from Ash Class and beyond! We have spent Thursday and Friday reconnecting with all the children, hearing about their holidays, talking to them about school and family and building good relationships to take us on through the term. We have played some games and listened to each child read and sent home a reading book.

Please note that **PE will now be on a Monday** and PE Kit should be worn to school on this day. The kit is a green T Shirt, plain black shorts/joggers, PE Hoodie and suitable trainers.

SOUNDS-WRITE

Our learning of phonics continues with the Sounds-Write programme. I am sure most parents are familiar with how it works as I know Mrs Hunt did an introductory session. If you have any queries about the Sounds-Write programme, please do let us know.

ENGLISH

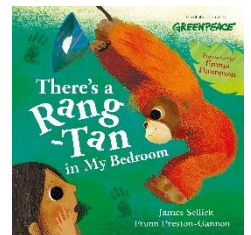


Our first book which we will use to help with writing skills is 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett

A hairy mammoth takes a cheeky little baby on a thrilling ride through a moonlit landscape populated by a sabre-toothed tiger, a leaping hare, a laughing hyena and even, just maybe, by a big brown bear...But where are they going? And what has it to do with the baby's scribbles on the cave wall? The text is a lyrical narrative that is set in the Stone Age and follows a mischievous baby who goes on an outdoor adventure and meets a plethora of animals, some of which are extinct.

We will also be reading 'There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom' by James Sellick and Frann Preston-Gannon.

When a little girl discovers a mischievous orangutan on the loose in her bedroom, she can't understand why it keeps shouting OOO! at her shampoo and her chocolate. But when Rang-tan explains that there are humans running wild in her rainforest, burning down trees so they can grow palm oil to put in products, the little girl knows what she has to do: help save the orangutans! When looking at this book we will do a lot more talking where we encourage the children to share their feelings about what is happening and touch on links to the environment, conservation and endangered species.



These are great books to start the term and we are looking forward to seeing how the children interact and learn from the texts and illustrations.

MATHS

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We will be revising all we know about place value and then going deeper into working with larger whole numbers (Year 2) and continuing to embed addition and subtraction.

We will be covering many other subjects over the next term and onwards but I wanted to ensure that my first newsletter of the new academic year focussed very clearly on English and Maths which

are such important subjects for young children. Rest assured we have plans for all the other subjects in the curriculum and I will let you have details of those when they are timetabled.

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 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