

Elm Class - Autumn 1 Newsletter 2024

What's happening in Willow Class this Half Term?		
Maths	Year 1 Sorting objects by colour, shape and size Counting objects Counting objects from a larger group To recognise numbers as words To be able to count on from any number To be able to find one more and one less To count backwards	Year 2 Understand the place value of numbers up to 100 Count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s Add and subtract ones Add and subtract multiples of 10 Add and subtract two digit numbers Recognise 2D and 3D shapes. Find and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes Sort 2D and 3D shapes. Make patterns with shapes.
English	In our English lessons, we will be exploring different trad to put known stories in order, retell traditional tales and Year 1 To be able to use our Phonics to write independently. Start using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces within our writing. To use simple connectives within our sentence, such as 'and'.	litional tales. By the end of the half term we will be abl
History / Geography	London's Burning We will be finding out about the Great Fire of London and its impact on London. Find out about the life and diary of Samuel Pepys. Compare life in seventeenth century London to London today. Investigate the building materials before and after the Great Fire of London and consider why.	
Science	An English Country Garden Find out the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. To identify and chart the types of deciduous and evergreen trees in our school grounds. We will be carrying out some simple tree investigations. We will be measuring and recording the width of som of our trees. We will also be identifying the types of leaves and whether the tallest trees have the biggest leaves.	
Computing	In Computing, we will be learning how to log on safely, create our own avatars and have a sense of ownership over our online creative work. We will going to the computing suit and have in-depth discussions about online safety and why it is important.	
RE	In RE, we will be exploring religious and non-religious worldviews. We will look at how living by rules can be ar important aspect of someone's worldview. We will look at how religious and non-religious people show they care for others. In Music, we will be looking at the style of old school hip hop with a title theme of Hey You! We will be learning	
Music	songs from memory and identifying pulse, rhythm and p	itcn.

PSHE

In PSHE we will recap on our Protective Behaviours work and consider how to recognise our early warning signs and who we should turn to for support.

We will be considering the rights and responsibilities we have in class and school.

Home Learning / Learning Opportunities

As part of our history topic, we will be finding out about London in the past and finding out about how it was destroyed and rebuilt after the Great Fire of London. You could look at a map of London and some of its key features – or even go on a visit to our capital city!

In science, we will be looking at trees this half term. Please encourage your children to find out the names of trees that they can see in their gardens or the local area. You could go on a woodland walk to see how many different trees the children can identify and how the leaves of deciduous trees change colour and fall from the trees in the autumn.

Reading – children will be heard read in school both individually and as part of our guided reading sessions. Please continue to support your child with their reading at home.

Dates to Remember

Homework – Please take every opportunity to practice with your child:

- Number formation
- Letter formation
- Writing words and sentences independently.

Children will be sent home with flashcards with their new sounds or words they have learnt during the week, please have a look through the flashcards with your children and encourage them to practise recognising the sound and writing words containing the sound.

Reading – please hear your child read at least twice a week and record in their Home School Link Books. Library books will be changed on a **Friday**.

PE – Our PE day will usually be on **Monday and Wednesday.** Children will need to leave their PE kits in school and get changed before and after the lesson.

Reminder – Children only need to bring in a book bag and a water bottle. They do not need a back bag due to space and logistics.