

Spring 1 – Willow Class

Willow Class Teaching Team
Mrs Lindley and Miss Patel

Class routines:

Reading books

Reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** night and sent out on a Wednesday. Your child needs to bring their reading book to school every day. Please sign and make a comment in your child's reading record after reading.

Homework

Please complete at least one homework challenge each week. Work can be sent via class dojo or handed in on paper.

Spellings

These will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please make sure you practice these words at home.

History:

This half-term will be exploring the history of toys. We will begin by looking at toys from today that we play with before moving onto exploring toys our parents and grandparents played with and toys from the Victorian times. We will sort toys into then and now before discussing why teddy bears have always been popular!

English:

This half term we will be listening to the story of Lila and the Secret of Rain. We will be describing and writing about images of the country of Kenya where the story takes place. We will be writing character descriptions and making predictions before retelling and writing the story.

Religious Education:

This half-term we are learning about Hindu Dharma. We'll find out about the Hindu belief in one supreme God called Brahman and how Hindus worship at home.

D.T.

This half-term we will be exploring mechanisms. We will design and produce a moving toy using language such as axle and chassis. We will learn how to use a hacksaw correctly and safely.

Computing:

This half-term we will be finding out how to group in different ways by using criteria. We will collect data before learning how to use 2 Count on Purple Mash to create a pictogram.

Music:

This half-term we will be learning how to play glockenspiels!

PE:

This half-term our PE day is **Wednesday** and our focus is striking for accuracy. We will be using rackets, balls and shuttlecocks.

Mathematics:

We will be exploring, discussing and comparing 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move onto sorting shapes by looking carefully at their properties. Later in the half term we will partition numbers to ten, explore odd and even numbers and identify where numbers lie on a number line.

Science:

We are learning to name and sort materials and describe their properties. We will investigate which material is the best for a plate.