

## Literacy

Our text:  
The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright

This half term, we'll be beginning to use exclamation marks and question marks. We will also learn about using the prefix un- and the suffixes -ed, -ing, -er and -est.

## Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction within 20. During which, we will explore doubles, near doubles, finding the difference and related facts.

## Geography Our World - United Kingdom

In geography, we'll be learning all about the UK! We'll explore where Great Britain is and what makes it an island, the capital cities and the difference between human and physical features.

## Computing

Programming - Moving a Robot  
Children will identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

## Art Sculpture Unit - African Animal Masks

In art, we will create an animal mask by applying papier-mâché effectively to mask base (e.g. have the newspaper suitably wet, gently press down edges, overlap pieces, layer it to increase rigidity). We will then paint it, inspired by African animal masks (linked to our book in literacy).

## Team Willow Spring 1 2026 Curriculum Overview

### Key Information

#### Homework

- A homework mat with a maths task and your weekly spelling test words will be stuck in your Kingsley Journals each Friday. You'll have a week to complete your task and learn your spelling words, for your test the following Friday.
- A 'Read Write Inc' task will also be stuck in Kingsley Journals each Friday. Please complete them by the following Friday.
- A levelled book (Read Write Inc or Bug Club) and a book for pleasure (chosen by your child) will be sent home once a week (you will be informed of your book swap day). Please ensure that your child reads their levelled book at least **3 times a week**, which can be recorded in the log in the Kingsley Journals.
- There is an optional reading raffle where you can complete reading challenges to be in with a chance to win a prize!
- If homework isn't completed, they will complete it in Homework Club during Friday lunch playtime.

#### PE days

Mondays - Indoor - Athletics

Wednesdays - Outdoor - Net and Wall Games

Please ensure correct PE is left school. They will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing.

#### Reminders

- Please ensure your child has their reading books in their bags on their book swap day so that they can be swapped. A new book will not be given until the old one is returned.
- Kingsley Journals need to be brought in on **Fridays only** for homework check and for new homework to be stuck in.

## RE- World Views

How do people with different and similar worldviews believe the world began and how should we look after it?

- Explain how Christians view the creation of the world and try to take care of it.
- Retell two stories that explain how the world was made.
- Explain how different groups of people believe the world was made (Hindu, Genesis, Big Bang Theory).
- Describe how religious and non-religious people say we should care for the world. (St Francis, David Attenborough).

## Music - In the Groove

An easy-to-learn song that demonstrates different styles of music.

## Science - Animals including Humans

- Identifying and naming common animals (including pets).
- Naming and understanding the different characteristics of the animal groups: fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals.
- Explaining the similarities and differences of animals within the various animal groups.
- Understanding that animals can have different diets, as they can be carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.