



Willow classroom news!

Welcome back, we hope that you had a great week. We have another exciting half term ahead in the lead up to Christmas. If you need to speak to us at any point, we are always available after school. Many thanks for your continuing support. Mrs Darling and Mrs Slater.

What we are learning...

Topic: This half term our topic is called 'Awesome Animals'. In Science we will look at identifying and naming a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will look at parts of these animals and then sort them to their correct habitat.

In Art we are looking at the French impressionist artist Henri Rousseau who is famous for 'Tiger in a tropical storm'. We are going to create their own interpretation of this piece of art.

In Computing we are going to explore the tools to paint program on purple mash to create their own imaginative animal.

Phonics:

We are going to quickly re-cap **phase 4 blends**, then move onto **phase 5 alternative sounds**. For example, ai-train, ay-day, ae-snake). Our spelling focus will be to learn some more of the Yr1 **common exception words** and to spell the **plural words** correctly, for example, adding s and es to the end of a word.

Maths:

We are recapping addition and subtraction by looking at fact families. For example $8 + 2 = 10$, $10 - 2 = 8$, $10 - 8 = 2$.

Then we are moving onto 2D and 3D shapes. We will look at recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. Then we will make patterns with these shapes. Please save your re-cycling bits for us to make models so that we can name the shapes.

We will then move onto place value to 20. We will name, order and make amounts and continue to solve problems using these numbers.



Our values

Our school values are thankfulness, respect, perseverance and forgiveness.

This term we are focusing our learning on **thankfulness** and **respect**.

English:

We will look at the book 'The owl who was afraid of the Dark' and 'Ugly Five'.

We will also be researching about an animal and writing a fact file about it. We are continuing to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces within our sentences. We are also going to extend our sentences using conjunctions.

Reminders...

We will continue to do P.E. on a **Thursday** morning. Please make sure your child has a full labelled kit. White T-shirt, red shorts and black pumps. We are starting a new P.E. programme in which we are very excited about.

Please make sure that your child has a **water bottle** in school every day.

Reading - when your child has finished reading their book, please remind them to put it in the box so that it can be changed regularly.

We will continue to use VIPERS in guided reading.

Dates for your diary...

Friday 15th November: Children In Need/ World Diabetes day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite hero or superhero.

Friday 6th December: Christmas Fayre

Thursday 5th and 6th December: EYFS and Yr1 Xmas performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel.

Friday 20th December: Christmas craft day.