



Willow Class (Year 1 and Year 2)

Being a Sporting Giant Summer 1



History - We will continue to learn about the lives of significant people in our country and around the world. We will be doing exciting activities linked to the Queen's Jubilee. We will explore her achievements whilst she has been on the throne and our National achievements. We will also be using our 'Being a Sporting Giant' lens to learn when the first Olympics was held and how pieces of equipment have changed over time. We will continue to build an overview of the world, by exploring features of the past. We will use words and phrases such as: a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries to describe the passing of time.

English We will be recapping our Literacy skills and embedding our skills to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. We will also be working on developing the children's confidence to use subordination, questions, conjunctions, contractions and exclamations. We have seen the children's handwriting develop over the last few weeks. We can't wait to watch their writing become even neater and joined. Formation of letters is a fundamental skill and an area we are working hard on in Willow Class. We will be working on writing a persuasive letter and also diary entries. We will be using the book OLYMPIG capture the children's interest! The children continue to; develop their role play skills, ability to plan their writing, write for a length of time and to edit their work. In reading, we will be using a range of different texts. We will be exploring the story language and prompting the Year 2s to compare the text with a text they have previously read. We will be preparing the Year 1 children for their Phonics Screening and the Year 2s for the Reading SATS papers. **Frequent reading practise at home will really support your child with their segmenting and their awareness to sounding out a range of words, which have a range of graphemes.**

Maths

We will start by recapping reading and drawing time. We have learnt O'clock, half past and Yr 2 have also learnt quarter past, quarter to and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Practice at home will really help to embed this skill! We will then look at measurement, including length, height and mass. Children will learn to estimate and measure in non-standard units and cm and metres, g and kg. Children will be learning to read scales including looking at the scale on a thermometer. We will also be exploring reasoning and problem solving style questions based on measurements and the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Year 1s will be recapping number bonds to 20 to ensure quick recall and Year 2s will be preparing for SATs by looking at some questions from past papers.

Science We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates. We will describe and compare their body structures. We will also learn about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Watch this space for some special visitors too!



Religious Education

We begin by asking the question, 'What might Jewish people learn from the story of Moses?' We will also learn about Pentecost. After half term, we ask the question, 'What questions do religious stories make us ask?' We will compare stories from Christianity and Islam.

PHSE We will explore where money comes from and what it is used for. We will discuss how to keep our money safe and think about spending and saving pocket money. After half term, we will explore feelings and emotions within different relationships. We will talk about special people in our lives and discuss when it is ok to keep surprises but not secrets if it makes us feel uncomfortable.

Geography We will be recapping the weather symbols and creating a weather chart. The children will be developing their map skills and abilities to see a map and using a simple key. They children will be drawing and making maps. build on their map skills. We will then be doing location studies to compare athletes from contrasting locations, so we can explore the climate and the land use.



Computing The children have been enjoying our Computing sessions! We will be using the tools in PAINT to help us create a diagram for our Science work. Your child will also be deepening their understanding of instructions, logic and sequences and use SCRATCH to programme.

Art and Design and Design Technology We will be using our 'Being a Sporting Giant' topic in art too. This will lead us to explore the work of Seurat and his artwork called Time to Play. We will be practising our sketching and drawing skills, colouring mixing skills and editing skills. These skills will help the children to create their own image, in Seurat's style. The children will be creating a portrait and learning how to plait. A key part of our learning will also be to discuss the different artwork we are studying and offering personal opinions.

A huge well done to the children that completed the Encanto reading challenge! Please keep writing in your child's Home School Diary as this will really help us to support your child. Regular reading is important, as it will support your child's phonics and spoken language.