

Year 1 newsletter

January 2025

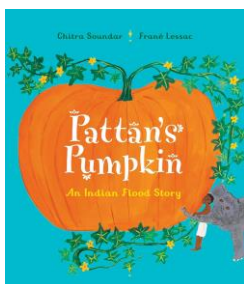
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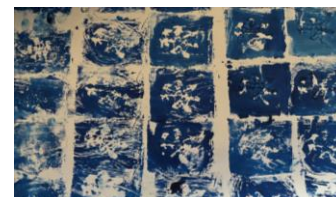
The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Pattan's Pumpkin during our English work last half term. It is a pleasure to see them taking so much enjoyment from the books we study.

I look forward to introducing our English text for this half term!



Art

Harp Class enjoyed exploring with printing techniques just before the Christmas break. Here is some of their wonderful work!



Last half term highlights

The children in Year 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed the run up to Christmas at Willow Grove! They all took part in a fantastic Nativity performance, made lovely gingerbread and had a great time completing Christmassy activities with their family. We also had our first theatre trip which was fantastic!

Reading books

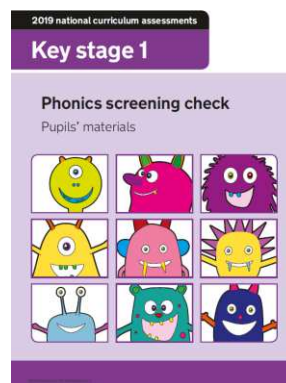
All children will continue to have two reading books. There is no set day for changing their books, this will occur once they have read the book three times in school as stipulated in the phonics scheme we follow. Please ensure children bring their books to school each day so that we can read with them and change them on the appropriate day.

Please listen to your child read daily. It really does make a difference to their progress.



Phonics screener

All children in year 1 (in the UK) complete a phonics assessment in June. Please come into school at **2:30pm on Monday 13th January** to find out more about the assessment and how you can support your child at home. Please arrive through the school office.



Reminders

PE is on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in PE kit on these days.

What are they doing in PE this half term?

Our library session has moved to a Thursday, please ensure your child has their book with them. There will be a charge for any lost or damaged books.

NumBots

Your child has been assigned a NumBots login. Numbots is an online maths game which supports understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction. We will use NumBots within school but we will also share the login with you so children can access it at home.

