

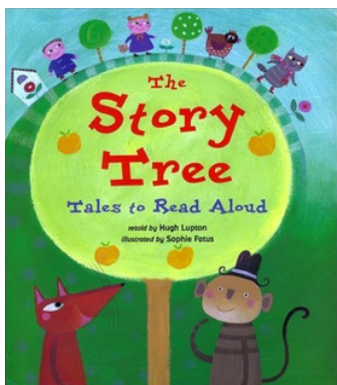
Year 2 Newsletter

January 2025



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 look forward to celebrating more in the future!



Flute Class loved our most recent CLPE unit around *The Story Tree* by Hugh Lupton.

This book contains a number of tales and we specifically looked at 2 called *The Sweetest Song* and *Little Lord Feather-Frock*. The children produced some fantastic writing and have really practiced all the different writing features we have been learning about. Well done Year 2!

A highlight of many of Flute Class's half term was the Roman workshop provided by our outdoor learning teacher, Mr Peck. This allowed the children to consolidate their knowledge and draw upon everything they previously learned. They became real experts by using a very hands on approach. All children really enjoyed taking part in the Roman training drills and the recreation of a Roman battle. Thank you Mr Peck!



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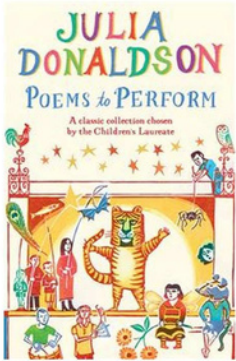


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Overview of learning for Spring 1



English - Poetry

This half term, we are focusing on poetry by using this book - Poems to Perform by Julia Donaldson.

The unit focuses on interpreting and responding to poetry, exploring rhythm, rhyme and pattern in a range of poems and using poetry as a stimulus for art, as well as lots more.

These objectives will all lead to the children performing different poems and composing their own. We look forward to see what creative pieces they come up with!

Phonics

The children in Flute class continued to do a fantastic job in their phonics lessons before the half term. They have all been assessed again and are in a group tailored to their needs.

The children will no longer change their phonics reading books on one set day. The RWI scheme has a rolling timetable which means the books will come home after the children have completed 3 reads at school. This helps to develop confidence and fluency at school so they can read the book to you like a true story teller! Please ensure that your child brings their phonics books to school every day - this is vital for us as teachers as we will use these books to listen to them read. All children also need to be reading these books daily at home.

Geography

In geography, the children will be exploring the British Isles, where they will:

- Name, locate and identify characteristics of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland
- Use geographical vocabulary to refer to the key physical and human features
- Identify geographical similarities and differences of different areas

Science

In science, we are focusing on electricity. This will include:

- An introduction to electricity and what it is
- How to be safe with electricity
- Exploring electrical circuits
- Investigating conductive and non-conductive materials



Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

The children are going to receive login details to be able to access Times Table Rockstars and Numbots. The same login is used for both and they can be accessed here - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>
This is so that children can practice their 2, 5 and 10 times table facts and their number bonds at home, as well as in school. A 'how to access' guide will also be sent home to support you in accessing this.

Things to Remember

PE Days - Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit.

Outdoor Learning - Wednesday. If you haven't already, please bring in a named pair of wellies. As we go into winter, the weather may become wetter but we will still go outside where appropriate.

Library - The children will visit the library on a Thursday afternoon. If they do not return the book they already have signed out, they will not be able to choose a new book. Please make sure the children bring these in to be changed so that they have the opportunity to read a range of books.

