

Year 2 Newsletter

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Last half term highlights



The children in Year 1 and 2 really enjoyed participating in the NSPCC Number Day activities. We practiced lots of different maths skills including, weighing, adding/subtracting and problem solving. We have some keen mathematicians at Willow Grove!

One of our recent Design Technology units has looked at sliders and levers. On the last day of term, the children worked together to design and create a picture that had a moving part. The moving part had to be a slider or a lever. They also had to link their picture to animals as this is what they have been looking at with Mr Peck! The children really enjoyed seeing their final piece come together.



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Overview of learning for Spring 2

English

We are looking at a new story in English this half term. The name will not yet be revealed to keep some mystery and wonder for the children. They have already enjoyed looking at the front cover and what the story may be about and they cannot wait to hear the story. Throughout the unit, the children will write their own newspaper article, diary entries and take part in drama and role play.

Phonics

The children were assessed again before half term and they have made great levels of progress. If they are ready to, they have been moved into a new group and books suited to this group will be coming home. Please continue to read every day at home and ensure that the books come into school everyday.

History

In history, Year 2 will be looking at the Tudors. We will be looking more closely at life in Tudor England and the key people that were around at that time.

Maths

Before the half term, the children practiced a formal way of recording addition and subtraction calculations. We are now moving onto multiplication and division. The children will continually practice their previously learnt skills and apply these to the new ones they are learning. We are also developing our problem solving skills and looking at representing questions in different ways.

Science and Outdoor Learning

In science, we will be looking at plants and how they grow. The children will plant their own plants and look at the conditions that it needs to grow and they will compare them to see which plant grew the most.

With Mr Peck, the children will be able to use what they have been learning in Science to help them. They will be looking at plants and what they need to grow, different seeds and bulbs and the life cycle of a plant. They will also plant a variety of seeds and bulbs and watch them grow over time.



Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

Flute class are doing really well at learning their 2 and 5 times tables. We can see that their practice on TTRS has really supported them in school. Please continue to practice both TTRS and Numbots at home as this is really helping with your child's development. We recommend that the children do little but often - 5 minutes a day is much better than 30 minutes once a week.

Things to Remember

PE Days - Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit. Monday's lesson is Football and Tuesday's lesson is Dance.

Outdoor Learning - Wednesday. If you haven't already, please bring in a named pair of wellies.

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.

Workshops - Please look out for the recent emails about the parent workshops. It would be great to see as many parents there as possible.

Monday Morning Reading - Thank you to the parents who have already attended these sessions. It would be lovely to see more parents joining us on a Monday morning for some reading. The children would love to read with you!

