

Willow Class 2023-2024 Spring Term

Topics we will be covering are as follows:

Subject	Spring 1 st half 2021	Spring 2 nd half 2021
English	Poetry, Vocabulary Building Various Genre – Love that book Instructions and Lists	Narrative Contemporary fiction Fiction – Traditional Tales Consolidation and class intervention for reading and writing
Maths	Place Value and Number Addition and Subtraction Measures and Data Shape	Place Value and Number Addition and Subtraction Fractions and Multiplication
Science	Uses of Materials This project teaches children about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. They begin to explore how materials can be changed.	Plant Survival This project teaches children about the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. They observe the growth of plants firsthand, recording changes over time and identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy.
History & Geography	Coastline (Geography) This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.	
PE (Physical Education)	Gymnastics (Floor/ Apparatus)	Tri-Golf Invasion Games (Basketball)
Computing	Unit 1.6 Animated Story Books	Unit 2.7 Making Music Online Safety
PHSE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education)	Diverse Britain (Living in the Wider World)	Be Yourself (Relationships)
RE	God – What do Christians believe God is like? – Unit 1.1	Christian Special events: Easter & Weddings.

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Christmas break and are ready and raring for the busy Spring term that is ahead.

A huge thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. You were all incredibly generous and we are grateful for having such thoughtful and kind parents to work with. We have also been amazed with the amount of support the

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children have had with their reading and spellings. Thank you for being so involved with your child's education and on-board with the school.

A few reminders

- This term PE continues to be on a Thursday and Friday, except from the weeks beginning 21st January and 29th January when PE will be on the Monday and Thursday; PE kit should be worn into school on these days.
- (Year 2 only) Spellings for the half term have been sent home in your child's reading record book. Spellings will be tested in school on a Friday.
- We read regularly in class, both through independent reading, guided reading and reading aloud to the class to encourage reading for pleasure. Furthermore, we aim to read with every child once a week (this is through shared reading and individual reading), to assess word recognition and language comprehension. We remind children to change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if needed. You can support your child by listening to them read regularly and asking questions to ensure they have understood the meaning of the words and can explain events in the book. Please ensure their book is in school every day.
- Please do not send children into school with toys or teddies. There is equipment for the children to play with during break time, lunchtime and golden time. There have been a few occasions where children have lost toys and it has caused upset, toys are much better safe and sound at home.

If you have any further questions, please email me at portia.whiskin@benington.herts.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for all your continued help and support.

Miss Whiskin and Miss Bicer