

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Learner of the Week

Well done to the following children for being presented with a Learner of the Week certificate:

Jacob W-Starling
Alfie C-Robin
Phoebe L- Siskin
Evie W- Linnet
Poppy M- Dove
Lucas H-W- Goldfinch
Harry R-Avocet
Danny H- Heron
Theo R-Kingfisher
Riley H-Buzzard
Alice O- Hawk

An apology for the error on last week's newsletter- Starling class learner of the week was Maisy G!

Thank you

We would like to say a huge Thank you to Karl Newton for putting up the shed in the Year 1, 2 garden. It will enable us to carefully store equipment for outdoor learning.

New after school club!

Mr Boatman will be running a gardening club, starting after February half term, 3.30pm-4.30pm for children from Foundation stage up to and including Year 6. Look out for a sign up letter that will be sent home this week; places are limited and will be given on a first come basis.

Whole School Open Afternoon

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Open Afternoon on Monday 5th February at 2.30pm. Years 5 and 6 will be focusing on Greeks. The rest of the school will welcome you to share books and activities.

Spare clothing

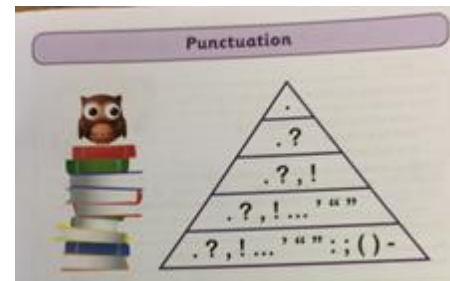
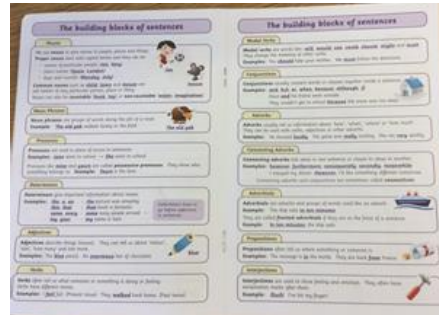
If your child is given spare clothing during the school day, please can we ask that this is returned to us washed and promptly ready for another child to use-thank you.

Packed lunches

Our MTA'S have noticed that some children are disposing of uneaten fruit and unopened fruit bags from their lunch. We try to supervise this but some children seem very eager to put their fruit in the bin, you may be under the impression that your child has eaten it when in fact they have not! Please talk to your children

Reading Records KS2

In the middle of your child's Reading Record Books are useful pages to help with spelling and writing. Children are practicing using these in class to support their independent learning and literacy skills. It would be helpful if you could encourage your children to use these at home with their home learning. They should also be practising the words from the spelling lists.



World Book Day-1st March

Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book; all children will receive a token for a free book (limited titles available) or £1 off of a book of their choice.



Valentine Disco-Wednesday 7th February

The PTFA will be trialling a 'fast track' ticket service for the Valentines Disco. Parents will be able to purchase a ticket for their child on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th after school from PTFA members on the playground. The office will not be selling these tickets. On the evening if your child has a ticket they will be able to fast track the queue into the disco. The tickets MUST have the child's name written on clearly.

Children will of course be able to turn up on the night as per usual. Please be patient with us as it takes time to get the children in safely.

The option of dropping off Key stage 2 children in the library will be available again.

If you are able to help please let a member of the PTFA know before the disco. We are also looking for a DJ; this can just be an age appropriate play list on a tablet or computer. If you can help please get in contact!

Foundation, Years 1 and 2: 6-7pm Years 3, 4, 5, 6: 7.15pm-8.15pm Cost £1.50



Foundation

This week we have enjoyed talking about the story Superworm and how he is caring and kind towards others. We have then showed this learning in our own play both inside and outside and talked about being achievosaurus. We have explored moving in different ways, considering the animals in the story which has prompted questions about different animals being raised. With this opportunity we will explore how animals can be both the same and different.

In Maths, we have been exploring adding and encouraging children to show their own calculations using whiteboards and items. We will continue to develop strategies to support our addition this week.

Thank you for all the junk modelling that has been sent in. We have enjoyed exploring, designing and making using masking tape. We are still happy to receive small boxes, cardboard tubes, cereal boxes which will continue to support our learning.



Years 1 & 2

During English lessons, Year 2 are continuing to explore the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' through drama and film. They will be 'hot seating' the giant and using their knowledge of the story to ask him questions. They are then making their own predictions about what might happen next. Year 1 are beginning their work on questions based on the story 'who has a tail like this?' They will be introduced to what a question is, learning about useful questioning words before creating their own. The children will also be consolidating their knowledge of adjectives. During Maths both Year 1 and 2 will be exploring addition. Year 2 will be using number lines and year 1 will be using a variety of pictures and equipment.



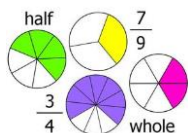
Years 3 & 4

TT Rockstars has arrived and the children really love it! They are so pleased when they improve their speed and earn large amount of coins by getting their tables correct. Well done, we are proud of the effort you are putting in.

For Maths, we are looking at the value of tenths and hundredths when using different units of measure. They are also practising counting forwards and backwards in tenths and hundredths.

Their Chinese clay pots are now complete, ready for the delicate painted details to be added. This week, the children even practised writing numbers in Mandarin.

Children are developing their understanding of speech within narratives. They are learning to punctuate it correctly, as well as giving more details about the characters through their actions.



Years 5 & 6

This week Years 5 and 6 have been working on speech. We have thought about how to make speech engaging to the reader. On Monday, we planned our own myths and are in the process of creating our own myths.

Year 5 are continuing to develop their understanding of fractions by considering how to order and compare fractions. Year 6 are developing their problem solving skills by using the bar model to understand the problem and then calculate the solution.

In Theme, we have designed our Greek pots and are creating clay pots. We are looking forward to our Greek Day on Monday – please remember to come in on Monday in Greek costume. (Please wear warm clothes underneath your toga!) Parents are welcome to join us from 1.15pm (togas for adults are optional!)

Diary Dates

February		
Monday 5th	ALL DAY	Years 5 & 6 Greek Day
Monday 5th		Whole school Open Afternoon
Wednesday 7th	See above	Valentines disco
W/B 12th		HALF TERM
Wednesday 21st	3.30-6.00pm	Parents evening
Thursday 22nd	3.30-6.00pm	Parents evening
March		
World Book Day	ALL DAY	
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
April		
Monday 16th	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 17th		First day of Summer term
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
May		
W/B 7th		KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th		KS2 SATs
W/B 28th		HALF TERM
June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th		Year 6 residential to Heatree
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM