

WILLOW CLASS SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

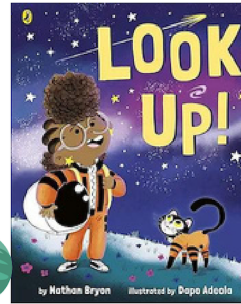
Welcome back! We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and a huge thank you for all the thoughtful gifts we received.



MATHS

We start the spring term by building on our understanding of numbers 0 - 5, exploring how all numbers are made up of smaller numbers, which can include zero. We'll be using our super subitising skills and creating representations, before investigating Mass and Capacity, discovering how to find a balance.

LITERACY



Our first book this term is *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryan. We'll meet Rocket, a little girl who dreams of being an Astronaut.

Children in Reception will continue to develop their writing skills creating flyers, letters and writing their own sequel!

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

In Science we'll be exploring what makes the Earth special. We'll find out about the planets in our solar system, space travel and what we can do to look after our planet. In History we'll find out about the achievements of Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison.

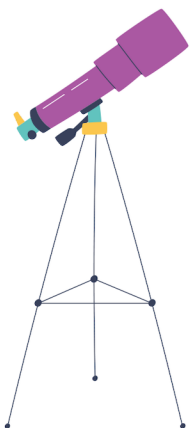
Our big question in R.E this term is- How can we help others when they need it?

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

In Art we will be looking at the work of Megan Coyle and using this as inspiration for our own artwork. Our Design and Technology project will be creating a hibernation box for hedgehogs. We'll find out about why some animals hibernate and what we can do to help them.

Our focus in Music will be music and movement, we'll come up with our own simple actions to well-known songs, learn how to move to a beat and express feelings and emotions through movement to music.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD'S LEARNING?



Reading - We ask all families from Reception onward to listen to their child read five times a week. Research shows that reading at home has a huge impact on children's progress and love of reading, which is a strong predictor of academic achievement! Please record any home reads in your child's Reading Diary, so they can be counted towards their prize total.

For families of Nursery children, it's never too early to start enjoying books together! Reading daily with your child will lay the foundations of a love of reading, broaden your child's vocabulary and boost their wellbeing.

We will change children's library books every Wednesday.

Look out for the #helpathome tag on Tapestry. Posts with this tag will include simple, fun ideas for you to try at home to support your child's learning.

