

History

In the first part of the term, Willow Class will study the successful female pioneer, Amelia Earhart. The key disciplinary concepts Willow Class will explore are those linked with motivation and an understanding of significance, alongside strengthening pupils' chronological understanding.

Willow Class will learn what sort of woman Amelia was and how she became successful. Willow Class will learn: how she became an aviator, her flying records and what happened to the disappearance of Amelia. We will use the brilliant Key Stage History scheme to support our learning.

Science

In this unit about Animals Including Humans, Willow Class will learn about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. They will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. Willow Class will also learn about the different animal diets.



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Willow Class

Mrs Westwood
Years R/1/2

RE

Our learning this term will focus on two lines of enquiry: 'What do Christians believe God is like?' will enable Willow Class to learn about God in the Bible and use the story of the Lost Son as the main hook for learning. 'What does Christmas mean to Christians?' lays foundations for understanding that Christians believe they encounter God in the historical person of Jesus. Willow Class will learn that they celebrate Jesus' nativity (birth) because it is the coming of God to earth, not just as a human baby but as God 'incarnate' on earth.

English

During the first half term, Willow Class will focus on our phonetic knowledge, learning the speed sounds from the Read Write Inc scheme. We will learn how to 'Fred Talk' (segment) and 'blend' (read) words that include the sounds we have learnt as well as some common exception words (red words) that do not use the phonetic code.

The texts that we will use during our teaching of phonics will teach grammatical and handwriting skills in line with the National Curriculum objectives for Year 1, Year 2 and the EYFS programme.

We will use high quality texts from Talk through Stories to learn comprehension skills and to develop our love of reading. We will be using books from 'mirrors and windows' to explore a wide range of literature, covering many cultures.

Music

In Music, we will use the Charanga music scheme to learn about and celebrate South African music. We will use the Hands, Feet, Heart song as the material for learning about the dimensions of music. Willow Class will sing, play, improvise and compose with this song.

Art and Design

This term, the children will be using the Access Art scheme to use a simple mono print technique to develop drawing skills, encourage experimentation and ownership.

Geography

The children will learn about rivers and canals. The children will carry out an investigation to find out how rivers begin and develop and discover the differences between canals and rivers.

PE

PE lessons will commence every Wednesday and Friday afternoon. This term, Mrs Westwood will teach every Wednesday. Matt, our specialist PE coach, will be teaching PE every Friday. Please ensure that PE kits are brought into school will both indoor and outdoor options. A clubs list will be up within the first few weeks of school via the parent pay system.

Maths

Willow Class will be using the White Rose maths scheme to develop their numeracy skills. Year 1 and 2 will focus on learning about the place value of number and addition and subtraction. Early Years/Reception will focus on: matching, sorting and comparing objects and recognising and subitising numbers 1 – 5.

Tiny, a character from White Rose maths will help us to engage Willow Class with number and further mathematical challenges from Abacus and NCETM will be used to extend pupils' learning.

Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

Our RHE learning this half term is adapted for the needs of our pupils from the Discovery Education Programme. The focus this half term will be on Healthy and Happy relationships: What makes a happy friendship?

The following half term will be spent on learning about recognising strengths and respecting differences. Reception will follow their own EYFS adapted Nurturing programme which begins with them learning about themselves and their friends.

As well as focusing on the Discovery Education programme, Willow Class will continue to have additional sessions on the Zones of Regulation and learning more about our School Values.

Miss Kinnane will teach this lesson every Tuesday afternoon.

Computing

Willow Class will focus on technology in the Classroom and all around us. Willow Class will learn about the benefits of computing and how to use computers safely. In the second half of the term, Willow Class will explore digital photography and the use of lighting and effects to enhance digital images.

Miss Kinnane will teach this lesson every Tuesday afternoon.

Design & Technology

Willow Class will explore and use wheels, axles and axle holders and will be able to distinguish between fixed and freely moving axles.