



Willow

# Weekly Review

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2012



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We have continued with a busy week filled with Olympic work as part of the enrichment curriculum. The children were very excited to share their news about seeing the Olympic torch in lots of locations in the area over the weekend. The children designed their own Olympic logos inspired by the Graffiti art style logo for the London 2012 Olympics. We have looked at forces and the children have carried out a range of experiments, exploring the different types of forces there are. We only have 1 week to go until the children can enjoy some well-deserved time off after such a busy half term! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Davidson

## Animal Olympics

The children were fascinated by the BBC educational DVD on the adaptations of animals to make themselves better suited to their environment and its challenges. They were surprised by the (relative) strength of the rhinoceros beetle and the speed of the insects!

Taking inspiration from the DVD, the children had to choose an Olympic sport and choose a number of animals or insects to compete against each other. They had to think carefully about the attributes of each animal/insect to ensure they were well suited to the sport! The children came up with some excellent ideas.

## Design Technology

It is amazing what can be created from a cereal box, masking tape, art straws and lots of enthusiastic designers and builders! Class Willow were set the challenge of designing and building their own Olympic venue.

We began the day by looking at some of the venues in the Olympic Park in London. We looked at a power point created by two children from Class Rosewood that they had devised to explain the main features of the venues.

The children were then put into teams and began the project by designing their venue. A few hours later the classroom was a sea of masking tape and tissue paper with everyone working very enthusiastically and sharing lots of good design ideas.

The finished models will be displayed in the classroom next week.

## Notices

The children will be bringing home some of their topic books and artwork to share with you during the course of next week. A carrier bag in your child's school bag would be very useful.  
Thank you!

There will be no swimming lesson or Year 2 recorders next Friday as it is the last day of term.

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

### Cancellation of Sports Day

Due to the extremely wet summer we are experiencing we have regretfully had to cancel Sport Day this year. The surface is extremely slippery with water pooling when stepped on, making it both unsafe to race and unsuitable for children and visitors to sit on. **The children will, however, still have an exciting closing ceremony to look forward to on Wednesday** (more details are provided in a letter from Mrs Field).

Best wishes Mrs Davidson