

Willow's Weekly Review

Friday 18th January 2019



We have had another extremely busy week in Willow class and I am pleased to say that the children have shown sensible attitudes this week. They have all worked very hard despite a few struggling with feeling unwell. Show and Tell will still take place each Friday but please can I ask that the children show drawings/writing/creations of which they are proud or something relating to the Enrichment topic; rather than little trinkets or cuddly toys.

Thank you for encouraging your children to be more independent and take responsibility for their belongings especially in the morning. The children are so proud when they remember to put their coats, water bottles, reading book and folder in the correct place without reminding. I know it is hard but they have improved a great deal already!

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend...snow or no snow!

Mrs Balls and Mrs Ballester

Curriculum News

In Maths, we have been thinking carefully about place value. This week the children have learnt how to partition numbers into tens and ones (you may have been taught units, but they are now known as ones!). We have used dienes as well as writing numbers on whiteboards and indicating how many tens and ones a number contains. Mrs Ballester also taught a revision lesson on 2D and 3D shape.



In Science, we looked at whether certain items were magnetic or not. Our predictions did not always match our results and we discovered that newer 1p coins were magnetic whereas the older ones were not! This is because the newer coins are made of steel and coated with a thin layer of copper. We had another lesson in which we sorted materials by their properties. We thought carefully about which materials and objects were hard, soft, opaque, transparent, stretchy and bendy. We are excited to begin a new mini topic in RE and will be learning about the Sikh religion this half term. Our Enrichment this week



centred round comparing life in the Arctic with life in the Antarctic. Our class castle of last term has been transformed into a white travel shop called 'Arctic Tours!' The children will think about highlights of a trip to the Arctic and try to sell their holiday.



Independence

As we are now in the second term of Year 1, it is important for the children to become more independent. We are encouraging them to hang up their coats, put their reading folder into the correct box and take their water bottles into the classroom on their own.

Diary Dates

Half-term Holiday: **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February**

Willow Community Assembly: **Friday 22nd March**

End of term: **Friday 5th April**

Home Learning

This week the children have brought home some common exception words to practise. There will not be a formal test of these words but it would help them hugely if they learn to spell these words correctly. Thank you for your help and encouragement with this and I look forward to seeing their completed sheets next Tuesday 22nd January.