



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break with your children and took advantage of the good weather! The first week back has been as busy as ever with children finding out their new topics and core texts. Please read on in the newsletter to hear all about their exciting hook sessions!

We welcomed two KS1 moderators from the local authority to Willow Bank on Thursday who looked at children's books and spoke to staff regarding our teacher assessments for this academic year. I am proud to say their feedback was extremely positive,

"Many positives. Evidence was strong across all areas. Writing evidence was particularly strong. Build up to writing very evident and progression was very clear. Innovation in children's writing. Enthusiasm and stamina for writing very evident. Maths evidence again, very comprehensive..."

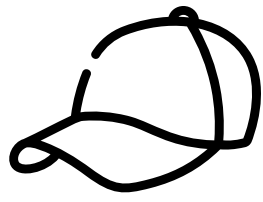
It has also been a week of new experiences and adventure for our Year 6 children as they have been enjoying a residential trip to Marchant's Hill PGL Activity Centre. The children left school on Wednesday morning and have been enjoying a range of activities including raft building, rifle shooting, climbing and archery! They also enjoyed songs around the campfire while making memories to last a lifetime. Meanwhile the Year 6 children that have been at school have been very busy gardening- weeding and planting to improve our school environment, making pizzas, designing and making clay pots, supporting the younger children at breaktime on the playground and enjoying a movie and popcorn afternoon!

Please do look at our Facebook and Twitter posts to see what the children have been up to.

Have a lovely weekend - it is going to be a warm one!

Best wishes,
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team

Reminder to make sure children are wearing sun cream next week and have their water bottles everyday.





EYFS

Reception had a fantastic day on their hook day. We spent the morning exploring the Indian culture, we learned some Bollywood dancing and made Diwali Diyas.

We will continue to explore the Indian culture throughout Summer 2.



This term our writing features a book called Ossiri and the Bala Mengro. This is about a girl from a traveller community and as it is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month we explored the culture and history of the travelling community. We learned about their contributions to art, music and storytelling and what similarities we could see in the book. We will also be getting a visitor from this community later this month!

Year 1



A Celebration

Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have made huge contributions through dance, particularly Flamenco, music, storytelling, poetry, and art and design.



We have been reading our new text "From My Window" by Otavio Junior. We have been predicting what the book might be about from looking at pictures from the text. We have asked lots of questions and used pictures to infer what is happening and discussed how the characters are feeling.

We have also researched about Brazilian beaches and are looking forward to our exciting hook lesson on Monday!

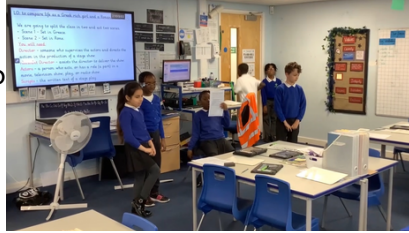
Year 2





Year 3

Year 3 are reading 'Roman Diary - The journal of Iliona' written by Richard Platt as part of their 'Failed Caesar' topic. This term they came into school to find some strange items that have appeared in their classrooms. The children had to put their thinking caps on and investigate what the items were and who they belonged to soon to discover they belonged to the main character of their new core text for this term. They dived deep into their new topic of Romans by researching and acting out scenes that would have taken place in ancient Rome!



Year 4

As part of our History hook lesson in Year 4, children conducted research on the history of the Vikings, including information on their background, accomplishments, and significant artefacts. As a creative activity, they skillfully crafted their own Viking shields using cardboard, embellishing them with distinct painted artwork to symbolise the Viking warriors.



In Year 5 we are reading Michael Morpurgo's fantastic book - King of the Cloud Forest - which is set around Mount Everest. We had great fun creating 'viral videos' of a Yeti spotted in the grounds of Willowbank Primary School.....have you spotted him ?

Year 5



Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed 3 wonderful days at Marchants Hill PGL Centre. They have showed courage and resilience as they have been challenged by new experiences.





OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 -

CURIOSITY



THINK OF THE WEEK



Upcoming event

Class/Group photo's 23rd June 2023



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 98.0%	Yew - 92.0%
★ Hornbeam - 96.0%	★ Mulberry - 96.0%
★ Alder - 100%	★ Redwood - 97.0%
Laburnum - 95.5%	Almond - 93.6%
Hazel - 95.4%	★ Walnut - 93.8%
★ Larch - 98.2%	★ Sycamore - 99.6%

Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering questions. Adults will be checking reading records everyday.

**EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning
 Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am**



All parents and carers welcome!

We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read. If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.