



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another week of high temperatures and the children have been coping admirably with the heat. Thank you for ensuring they have a water bottle with them each day (no squash please) and are dressed in shorts or summer dresses. Our upstairs classrooms now have air-conditioning units which have really helped to keep the children cool.



The children have been enjoying the first half of their Art and Diversity fortnight, learning about new cultures and exploring the art and crafts that are part of their identity and traditions. We welcomed a member of our local community to Yew Class this week to talk to the children about her Romani traveller heritage. The children really enjoyed looking at her family photographs and looking at the artefacts she kindly brought in to share.

It was lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms for the class photographs today. We have collected quite a large amount of lost property which will be displayed on racks near the school entrance at the end of the day. Please do take a look if your child has lost an item of clothing.



Thank you to everyone that has bought a raffle ticket this week! We have some fantastic prizes to be won, including a £100 cash prize, a free haircut at a local salon and 4 theatre tickets worth £80! Tickets will be on sale at the end of the day for another week at £1 for a strip of 5. Good luck!

Finally, the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning next week with a large selection of children's books on offer. Every book purchased raises money for the school to buy books for the children's book corners. The Book Fair will be open at the end of the school day from Monday 26th – Friday 30th June if you wish to come and browse



Wishing you all a weekend of sunshine!
Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



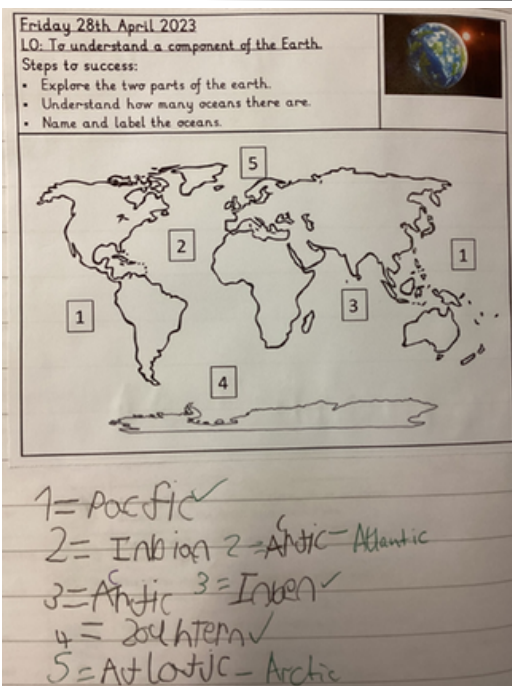
Geography for all at Willow Bank Primary school

Me, My Family and My Home

Reception have been learning about themselves and understanding the importance of family relationships. The core text which the children learned about was pivotal to knowing that we are all different yet the same. Stories were shared about the book characters and also about people who are important to them. They enjoyed this aspect of their learning which really helped to settle them into their learning journey at Willow Bank.



EYFS



Year 1

The World is your Oyster!

This term Year 1 explored Planet Earth. We have learned the names and locations of the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. Continuing this discovery, we learned about the Equator and how it splits the earth into two main parts: the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere.

Later we discovered how the planet is hotter and colder in some places, and what sort of animals might live there.

Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside...

Our big question this term is what makes beaches special. We have been looking at human and physical features of the seaside. The children have asked lots of questions and used their own experience of the seaside to recall physical features such as: pebbles, sand and water.

We have also researched about how sand is created and the difference between high and low tides. We are looking forward to exploring human features of the beach such as: piers, ice cream vans and fish and chip shops.

Year 2

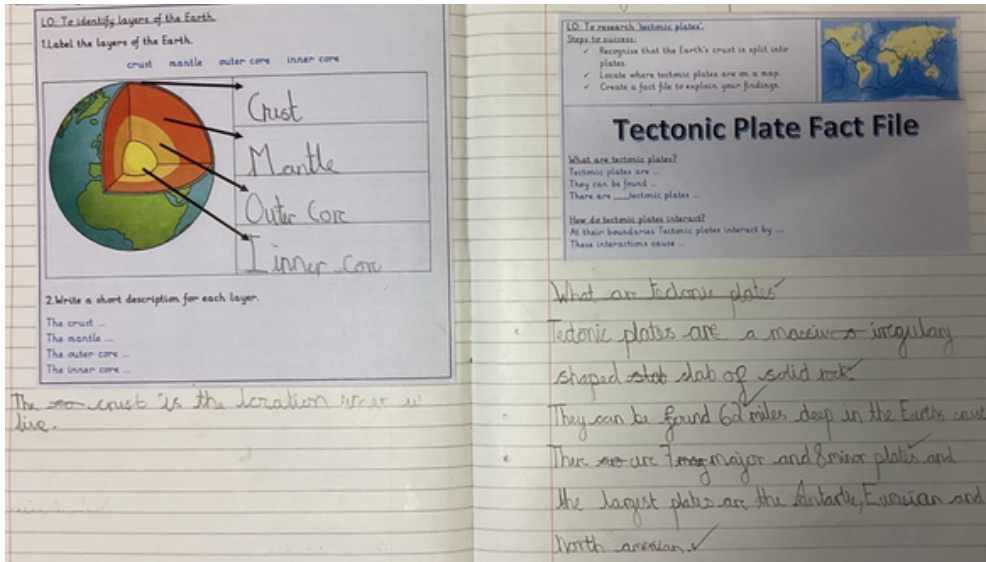




Year 3

Disaster Strikes!

In the summer term, the children have been learning about the layers of the Earth and how continents sit on plates. They researched about how these plates move, cause friction and how this leads to the creation of volcanoes. Through our reading text 'Earth Shattering Events' the children have been exploring volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and other natural disasters. The children will then create their own newspaper article based on what they have learnt.

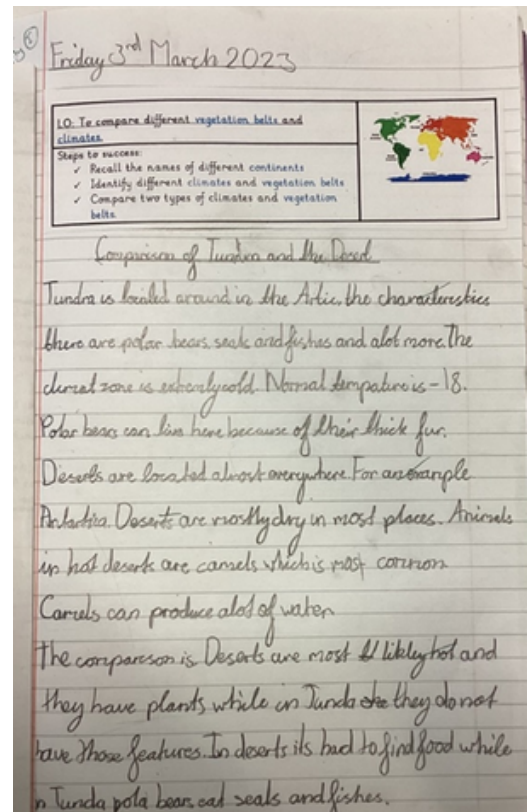


Year 4

What's Going On?

Year 4 have been learning about climate and weather around the world, as well as the different types of vegetation in each climate zone. They have been looking at the main oceans and the impact of the Gulf Stream on the UK's climate. Our children have found learning about the effect of greenhouse gases on climate change very interesting and they have really enjoyed debating the issues which are caused by human activity.

Some of the work, has given our children 'food for thought' and they have started to formulate their own questions about how we live and how this may change in the future.





Year 5

Lest We Forget

This term our Geography topic will focus on the question **‘Should we Unite to Fight?’**

In this topic we will continue our learning of WWII and will focus on the Allied forces – predominantly the soldiers from the British Empire.

We will explore how their contributions led to the dismantling of the British Empire and their independence.

Children will be looking at primary and secondary sources to aid in research understanding of the global effects of WWII such as Windrush and the formation of Pakistan and Bangladesh.



Year 6

Make a Difference

Our Big Question last half term was **‘How can we make a difference in society?’**

We looked at the work conservationists were doing around the world and why they were needed. We then researched endangered species and discussed reasons why they were at risk, discovering human threats, including the destruction of habitats and poaching. After that, we identified where those habitats are on a map.





Next week:

Monday 26th June 2023: - Yew Class Trip to Tower Bridge.
 Tuesday 27th June 2023: - Y6 Brightness of Juju event.
 Friday 30th June 2023 (3:20pm - 6pm)- Around the World Festival

July 2023 dates:

Thursday 6th July 2023 (09:30-11.00) - EYFS/KS1 Sports Day.
 Tuesday 11th July 2023 (1:30pm) - Y6 Dental Health Nurse
 Thursday 13th July 2023 - Y6 Performance to parents.
 Friday 17th July 2023 (09:30-11.00) - KS2 Sports Day.
 Wednesday 19th July Leavers Disco.
 Thursday 20th July (2pm) - R Magnolia Graduation Assembly
 Friday 21st July 2023 - Last day of term.

Summer 2 Key Dates

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27	28	29	30	31		

Please do not forget.....

On Friday 30th June we will be having our Willow Bank Around the World Festival on the playground with a range of exciting acts performing reflecting the diversity of our school, our very own WBP resident DJ (Miss Jones) providing the music, food stalls and raffle with some incredible prizes to be won, including a £100 star prize. In addition there will be an ice cream van and a bouncy castle.

Please put the date in your diaries!



Help ALL children access books that reflect them and their experiences.

Holding a Book Fair in school is an exciting event for children that promotes access to books for children who may not otherwise have it, with 50% of children saying their primary way of discovering new books is at their school Book Fair.

* It's a great opportunity for self-selection of books (making it 5 times more likely they'll finish the book*), promotes buzzy chat about books throughout the school and delivers book ownership, which we know is so important for success both in the classroom and beyond.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 -

CURIOSITY



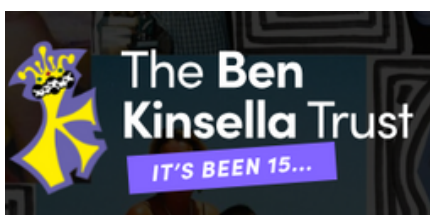
Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 94.0%	Yew - 84.5%
Hornbeam - 95.5%	Mulberry - 93.0%
Alder - 92.3%	★ Redwood - 96.2%
Laburnum - 91.0%	Almond - 92.3%
Hazel - 95.4%	★ Walnut - 96.3%
Larch - 79.0%	

Exploitation, Gangs and Knife Crime Awareness

Due to the success of their last workshop, which was attended by 80 parents/carers. The Ben Kinsella Trust have arranged further workshop sessions which are free and online – **link below**.

If you feel you may benefit from this input and might be interested in attending, they will be running the Workshops again on Tuesday 20th and Tuesday the 27th of June at 7pm.

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/event-signup-parents-and-carers-workshop/>



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.