



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had an exciting and productive week at Willow Bank, and we are delighted to share the latest updates with you.

Scholastic Book Fair Success!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Scholastic Book Fair this week. We are pleased to announce that £400 worth of books were sold! This fantastic result means that the school now has £160 to purchase new books for our school library. Your support is greatly appreciated and will contribute significantly to enriching our library resources for all our children to enjoy.



Art and Diversity Fortnight



This week marked the beginning of our Art and Diversity fortnight. The children have been enthusiastically developing their artistic skills by creating their own artwork inspired by their chosen artists. In Walnut Class, the children produced fantastic portraits inspired by the Nigerian artist Laolu Senbanjo. It has been wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm, and we look forward to more incredible artwork in the coming week.

WBP Allotment Area Transformation

Last week, we were extremely grateful to a team of volunteers from Lovells who worked tirelessly to clear our school allotment area of weeds. Their hard work has prepared the beds for our children to plant vegetables and fruits, which will be used in food technology lessons across the school. Lovells will be returning in a couple of weeks to lead seed planting workshops for groups of children. We are excited about the educational opportunities this will bring and the hands-on experience our children will gain over the coming months.



WBP Transition Morning – Friday 5th July

Children and staff are very much looking forward to our transition morning on Friday 5th July when they will meet and spend time with their new classes in preparation for September! Staff pen portraits will be sent home on this day so you can get to know your child's new teacher and teaching assistant. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community. We look forward to another wonderful week at Willow Bank Primary School.



Best wishes,
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Year R

This week Magnolia have introduced two texts based on Japan for our Art and Diversity fortnight. The children have enjoyed reading about the character 'Ame' and his adventures during his first trip to Japan.



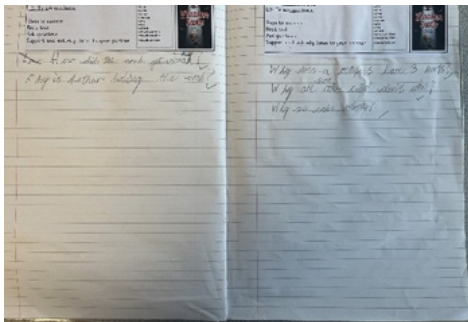
Year 1

In Year 1, the children engage in a variety of activities throughout the week to enhance their reading skills. They begin the week by decoding words from their books, focusing on improving their reading fluency. Following this, they work on developing their expression and prosody while reading aloud. Towards the end of the week, they participate in answering comprehension questions related to the books they have studied, allowing them to deepen their understanding of the text.



Year 2

This week in reading, Year 2 were focusing on questioning. We have been learning about the different question types – open and closed. Using sentence stems to help us we have been reading extracts from the text Phantom Castle and writing questions to help us to think deeply about the text and to check our understanding.

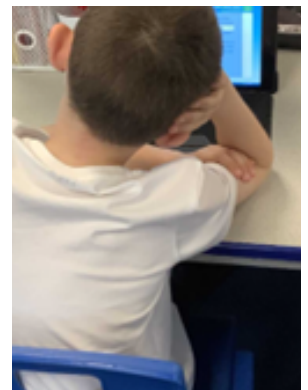
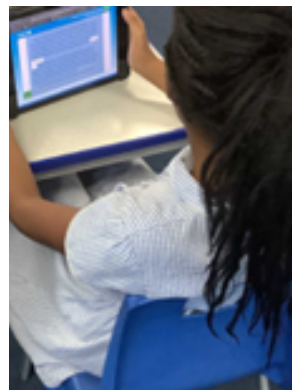


Year 3

In year 3, we have been using reading plus alongside our reading lessons. Reading plus has allowed us to improve on our reading skills and enhance our comprehension abilities.

‘ I like the amount of questions on reading plus, I am able to read the text again if I missed a part of the text.’ – Godsglory.

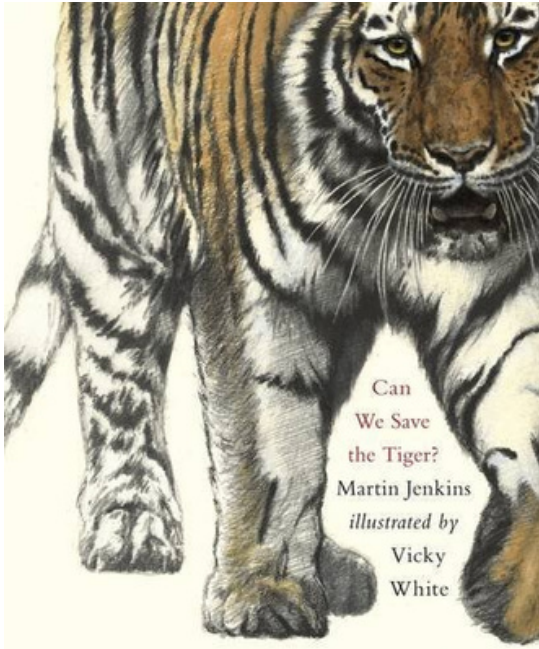
‘ I like the selection of books which I can pick from.’ – Ruby





Year 4

Year 4 will be diving into an inspiring and thought-provoking book this term: *Can We Save a Tiger?* by Martin Jenkins. This beautifully illustrated book explores the urgent issue of endangered animals and the conservation efforts needed to protect them.



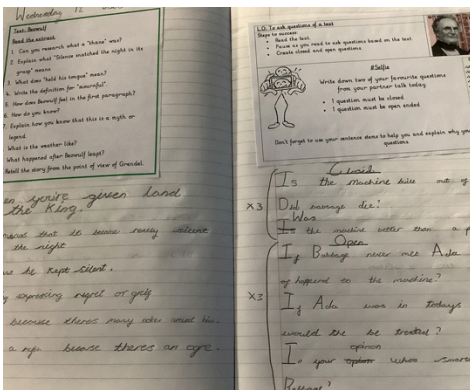
Year 5

In year 5, we have been loving our text, "The children of the Benin Kingdom." Today we made predictions about how Ada and Mbe will escape from Chief Iwe's village with Nosa, Ada's long list twin brother.



Year 6

In Year 6, students engage with a diverse range of reading texts designed to enhance their comprehension skills and foster a love for literature. These texts, which span various genres and topics, challenge students to think critically and analytically. Additionally, the Reading Plus program supplements these activities by offering personalized reading practice that adapts to each student's level, helping them improve their fluency, vocabulary and overall reading proficiency.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR
SUMMER 2 IS
CURIOSITY

Curiosity is
the fuel for
discovery,
inquiry,
and
learning.

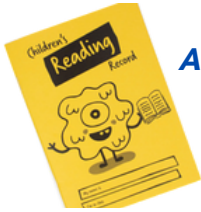




EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning

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.



Well done	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 97%	Yew - 94%
Hornbeam - 94%	Redwood - 93%
Laburnum - 95%	Almond - 92%
★ Hazel - 97%	Walnut - 93%
Larch - 95%	Sycamore - 90%
	

Key Dates

Upcoming events:

- Friday 12/07/2024 - Around the world festival 3.20 PM-6 PM



School Reminder

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am, for Bagel Breakfast club from 8.25am - 8.35am
 School gates close at precisely 8:50am. After this time, entrance is via the school office and parents will need to sign your child/children in using the screen.

A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

As a school we provide ongoing support for the children’s wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the ‘Chance to chat’ box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.

We also have an online form which is located on the school website named ‘Chance to chat’.

The children can complete the form if they are worried about something or need some advice? A member of staff will get back to the child at school.

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MvrWB2Z-r0qnuEuN-gjOI1CAPQc0X4RFje43giTliLNUOE5BWUFISE40VjBXODZYRVFITLNXVzZYNCQLQCN0PWcu>



We are excited to announce that we will be holding a fundraising event 'Willow Bank Around the World Festival' where we will be celebrating the diversity of our community.

Friday 12th July on the playgrounds from 3:20pm to 6pm
(children will be released to parents as usual on the day)

On this day children are invited to attend school in their cultural dress or flag colours. We have a suggested donation list for each year group which can be used as prizes on the day. This will be instead of the usual £1 donation for non-school uniform days

- Reception , Year 1 & Year 2 - Lollipops
- Year 3 & 4 - Carton drinks
- Year 5 & 6 - sweets



Please can all donations be handed in to class teachers by Wednesday 10th July.

During the event, we will be holding a raffle contest - you will be able to purchase raffle tickets on the playground after school from Wednesday 3rd July to Thursday 11th July for £1 a strip.

Photos of children may be taken for promotional purposes, if you do not give consent to this please state when booking.



Football Boots to be won!

Summer FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week or £15 a day

29 Jun-2 Aug, 5-9 Aug, 12-16 Aug | 10am-3pm

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches; FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

Friday Funday!

Northumberland Heath Primary School, Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE (Brook Street entrance)

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New Prizes to be won!

Summer MULTI-SPORT COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week or £15 a day

29 Jun-2 Aug, 5-9 Aug, 12-16 Aug | 10am-3pm

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Sports include: Basketball; Dodgeball; Handball; Motor Skills; Kick Ball; Benchball; Football; Tag Rugby; Racket Skills; Tennis; Badminton.

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