



Willow Class Newsletter Autumn 2026

Transport + Vehicles



Makaton signs

Our Theme

Our theme for Spring is "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles". We will be exploring different forms of transport, what they are used for, and where we might find them.

Have a look below at what we will be learning across our curriculum!



My Communication

In My Communication, we are excited to start reading our new story, 'William Bee's wonderful world of things that go'. We will be learning key language to explore a range of different vehicles and the different features that they have.

We will continue to develop our communication skills across the day through a range of different activities. We will work hard to initiate spontaneous communication and interact with our peers.

We will be working on reading, writing and communication and interaction ALI's across the timetable.



My Thinking and Problem Solving

In my Thinking and Problem Solving, we will be building on our number skills and how to manipulate them in different ways.

We will develop our money skills by practicing exchanging money in our snack shop and visiting ASDA, we will look at the prices and pay at the till.

We will also look at vehicles in DT and how to make a moving vehicle.

We will continue working on cognition and learning ALI's across the timetable.



The World about Me

In The World about Me, we will be exploring forces learning all about pushes and pulls. We will explore items that we can push or pull and look at forces in different contexts, going on hunts around school to find push or pull items and looking for them on our community visits!



Me and My Body

In Me and My Body, we will be learning all about knowing ourselves! We will learn about feelings and emotions and how we can show and describe them.

In PE we are going to work on our Fundamental Movement Skills, locomotor skills, stability, and object control!

We will work on our independence whilst out in the community.	We will also take part in Gymnastics and Dance sessions.
My Community In My Community, we will go shopping weekly for our snacks at Asda. We will also do travel training in the community to Astley Park and Devonshire recreation park. We will continue to learn how to keep safe in the community. We will look at road safety, water safety, and railway safety. In RE sessions, we will be looking at churches and why people go on sacred journeys.	My Creativity In My Creativity, we will be exploring Sculpture and perspective art. In sculpture we will be exploring 3D shapes, how to make them and how we can put them together to make a sculpture. These will be linked to our transport theme. In perspective art we will be looking at cities, towns, and landscapes. We will look at how the size of different objects can affect an art piece.
Things to remember ✓ We have PE on a Monday morning. Please send in PE kits for us to keep in school. This is an important opportunity for practicing dressing and undressing skills. ✓ We have swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Please send in swimming kit each week. ✓ Reading books will be changed every Friday. Please remember to return reading packs so your child can read their book both in school and at home. ✓ We will be in touch about our plans for trips this term. Keep an eye out for these. ✓ Please remember to check Evidence for Learning and our weekly blog to see what we've been up to in class.	Key Vocabulary Transport Vehicle Wheel Door Window Land Sea Air Shape Money Pounds Pence
How can you help at home? There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas: ✓ Using key vocabulary, Makaton signs and symbols when communicating with your child. ✓ Incorporating your child's Aspirational Learning Intentions into your routine at home.	

- ✓ Use your child's reading pack at home



Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can.
Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at brophyc@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts