

Willow Class – Lower School

Notable News

It has been a very busy but exciting time for Willow class this term. We have had new pupils join the class and they have settled in very well. This term we have been excited about the swimming pool reopening and have enjoyed our weekly sessions with Victoria the swimming teacher, building up our confidence in the water and splashing around. We have also enjoyed visits from the laughter specialist and Misty the therapy dog as well as having lots of fun in our new playground. The pupils have really enjoyed getting ready for Christmas and have used lots of skills whilst being very creative and making Christmas decorations for the classroom.



Communication

In Willow class we have been learning about The Nativity. We have all enjoyed engaging in the sensory story of the Nativity and exploring all the objects.

Our pupils have also been exploring their phonics through phonics songs and videos.



Cognition

Willow class have been learning about numbers and sorting skills by engaging in number songs, matching and sorting activities. The pupils have particularly enjoyed the Five little speckled frogs' song and helping the frogs to jump off the log.



We have been exploring forces, we looked at objects that can be pushed or pulled and the pupils have absolutely loved making kites and paper aeroplanes and taking them outside to fly them.

Life Skills and Personal Development

The pupils in Willow class have been working hard on their cooking skills this term. We have been developing our spreading and mixing skills by making Wrap Pizzas, jam sandwiches and fairy cakes. The pupils have particularly enjoyed tasting the finished products!



Willow class have also been developing their turn taking skills whilst using the interactive board during ICT. The pupils are working hard to sit and wait to be called by their name whilst also using a timer to help understand waiting.



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 18th December - Lower School merit assembly / classroom activities
- Wednesday 18th December - Christmas grotto
- Friday 20th December – End of term (early finish for pupils)
- Tuesday 7th January – Start of Spring Term

Next half term our topic will be 'Narnia'. After the half term break, we will be learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We would welcome any visitors to school to share information with our pupils about their jobs, so please get in contact if you are able to offer any support with this.

Thank you to all our Willow class pupils for a fantastic Autumn term! We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

From the Willow class team

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