



# Celebrating Willow class!



**Term:**

**Spring 2**



*Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half-term break.*

This Spring half term, we will be continuing our exciting focus on Arctic Adventures.. Last term, Willow class enjoyed a fantastic ice-skating visit to the Eden Project, which really brought our learning to life. We are also planning more external visits and increasing opportunities for outdoor learning, giving the children plenty of hands-on, enriching experiences both in school and beyond.

## Outdoor learning



Willow Class have been making excellent use of our outdoor learning space during the dry spells. By integrating our curriculum with the natural environment, the class are staying highly engaged - most recently by creating bird feeders.



## Our lessons

**Geography**- We have been exploring cold environments and linking this to our learning. We have explored different cold items and even explored some fake snow.

**Maths** - Willow class have been developing their number skills. We have also been exploring weight and capacity through weighing different items and engaging in measuring activities.

**PSHE** - Our focus has been on looking after our bodies and identifying what helps to keep us healthy. We explored the importance of taking part in activities they enjoy and how this supports our wellbeing.

**Independence** - During our independence sessions, we have been learning about ways to keep ourselves safe and developing our independence skills, this has included going to the toilet, washing our hands, asking for help and rules within the classroom to keep us safe such as feet on the floor.

## Communication

We have been continuing to enhance communication opportunities by developing our use of Makaton in class, alongside increased interaction and engagement during break and lunchtime. We have also looked at communication through using core boards to ask for certain items.



## Community involvement

We thoroughly enjoyed our rugby sessions on a Thursday morning with the Cornish Pirates, helping us to continue to develop our ball skills, this has included kicking skills, throwing skills and catching skills. Furthermore, we were proud to have some of our pupils participate in filming with 'Action for Children.'



**Wow moments:** We have been so impressed by the artistic flair shown by Willow class. Over the term, they have been exploring different printing techniques, experimenting with colours and patterns. Their finished pictures have been amazing, showing creativity, and a real sense of pride in their work.



# Reminders!



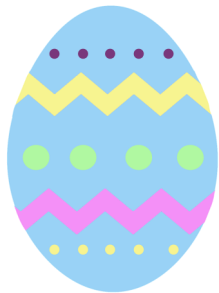
## Upcoming events!

- World Book Day—Thursday 5th March
- My future event—Friday 6th March
- Bikeability—Wednesday 18th March
- Heligan trip—Wednesday 25th March
- Spring Show—Friday 27th March
- Parent/Carer event in Willow

## Willow class team..

Willow Class is led by our teacher, Tamsin, and supported by teaching assistants Amie, Megan and Claire, along with our midday supervisor, Lisa. Jake also works with Willow Class, covering Tamsin's PPA time during the week. You may see our names appear in the home-school diary from time to time.

## Next steps in our learning...



This half term, we will continue to promote independence in our class by exploring simple recipes that pupils can make themselves, as well as getting creative in preparation for our upcoming Spring Show. Willow Class are already superstars at collecting their snacks, tidying up, and looking after our classroom, and we will be building on these skills even further. There are lots of exciting events happening this term, so please keep checking the home communication books for letters and updates about these wonderful opportunities.

## Don't forget...

- PE takes place on Thursday afternoons - please ensure your child brings a PE kit.
- **Swimming** is on Tuesdays - please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school on this day.
- **Outdoor learning and break times** - as the weather can change, please ensure your child has a coat in school and spare clothes.
- **Snacks** - please provide your child with a small, healthy snack each day.
- **Home-school communication books** - please check these daily for updates or reminders. If you could initial them to show you've seen the message, we'd really appreciate it. Thank you!



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