



Willow Newsletter Summer 2026

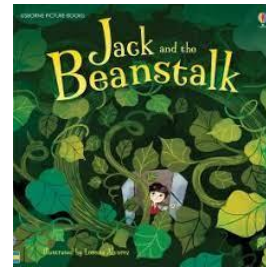
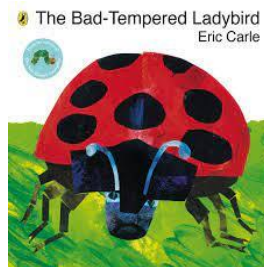
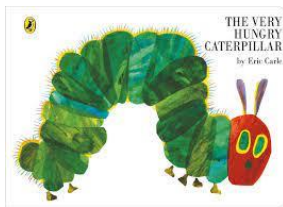


We hope you had a lovely Easter, welcome back to what will be a busy term.

You can contact Mrs Raison directly through email or Class Dojo but please do not send anything urgent. To contact Miss Cannon, either speak to her at drop off, or send an email to the main office which will be forwarded that day.

Our topic this term is **“EARTH EXPLORERS.”** We will be exploring our lovely school grounds to discover at the different flora and fauna we have onsite. We are in a process of planning a trip to the wonderful Lackford Lakes to take part in some outdoor workshops.

Some of the texts we will use to enhance children’s learning are ...



Reminders

Children must have a bottle containing water, NOT squash.

Sunscreen needs to be applied at home.

Children will need a sunhat and also a rain coat in case of showers.

Do not send children in with sunglasses.

Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons.

Subject	How you can help at home
<p>Literacy Using some inspirational texts, we will provide motivating reasons to write, including mini beast facts and a letter to a giant. There will be lots of role play opportunities where children can use newly acquired vocabulary. On Monday afternoons children will work on their handwriting.</p>	<p>Encourage children to write for a purpose. Could they write a shopping list or a reminder for you to do something they enjoy? Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly. Visit Letter Join. Username - lj6130. PW on a desktop is home, on a tablet swipe L.</p>
<p>Phonics Reception will consolidate their knowledge of Basics 3 and ensure they can all read and write the tricky words as well as spell words containing the sounds that have been taught. Year 1 will move onto alternative pronunciations of the sounds already taught and will prepare for the Phonics Screening Check in June.</p>	<p>Please continue to read with your child at home. We will change reading books on Mondays. Supporting your child to read their book 5 times, helps build confidence and fluency. In Year 1, children need to read 90 words per minute to comprehend what they have written. This is why reading over and over again is so important.</p>

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<p>Mathematics</p> <p>This term Reception will be building numbers beyond 10. They will solve simple addition and subtraction problems using practical equipment. Children will also start doubling and grouping small amounts. We will explore the meaning of odd and even numbers and look for patterns. Year 1 children will be working with numbers up to 100. They will learn to tell time to the hour and half hour and will learn about fractions.</p>	<p>Encourage Reception children to recite numbers as far as they can. Provide opportunities for your child to count out up to 20 objects from a larger group. Can they work out what 1 more of 1 less is from a given number? Year 1 children should be using NumBots at home regularly. Practise counting in 2s 5s and 10s. Children should be able to identify 1 more and 1 less from any number to 100.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>We are going to explore the world of plants and discover what they need to survive. Children will have lots of opportunities to learn about different mini beasts and their habitats.</p>	<p>Build a mini bug hotel in your garden or plant some wildflowers. This is great for the environment and will keep your little one busy.</p>
<p>History</p> <p>We will learn about Anna Atkins and look at the differences between cyanotype printing and modern photography. We will also look at the work and life of David Attenborough.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>We are going to explore the natural environment in our local area and learn the difference between physical and human features. As Spring changes into Summer we will note the changes that occur in our school setting and ensure we all know how to stay safe in the sun.</p>
<p>Art</p> <p>Taking the work of Van Gogh as inspiration, we will create our own sunflower paintings.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>Later on in the term we will be designing and making mini beasts.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>This term children will participate in games to develop their ball skills and engage with fitness and athletics.</p> <p>Please come to school in PE kit every Thursday and Friday.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Our focus this term will be playing a range of instruments, both individually and together as part of a mini orchestra.</p>
<p>RE</p> <p>This term in Reception, we will explore Christianity and think about what makes every person unique. As we approach the end of term we will discover how we can care for our wonderful world.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Children will learn the importance of taking care of themselves including eating a balanced diet and keeping fit. In the second half of the term we will be thinking about our individual strengths and things we wish to get better at. This forms part of our transition to Year 1.</p>

Monday PM	Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM
RE Language	ICT/Computing PSHE	Science Music	Topic PE	PE Art/DT