



Willow Class Newsletter Spring 2025

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Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term. It's hard to believe that we are nearly half way through the school year. The children are growing up fast and have made so much progress since September.

PE

Our PE lessons for the **first half term** will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Our **Friday** session will take place outdoors so please make sure your child wears suitable shoes and has warm clothes in their PE kit. After the half term holiday in February, our **Monday** session will change to **Tuesday**. Mrs Fenton-Green from Prince Henry's will be teaching multi-skills to year 2 on this day and we will be participating in a festival with other year 2 classes in Otley. We will let you know when this takes place when the date has been confirmed.

Water Bottles and clothing

Please continue to bring fresh water from home in a bottle. The children are encouraged to drink water at intervals during the day and we refill empty bottles. Please do not bring juice to school to drink in class. Please make sure all clothing is labelled with your child's names. It makes it much easier for us to find lost property.

Homework

Reading: Please ensure that you hear your child read at least **three** times per week and sign the reading record to indicate when they have read. If your child is on the Read Write Inc Phonics scheme, they will receive two books every week to read. To develop fluency and accuracy, please encourage your child to re-read these books throughout the week. Children that are on the Read Write Inc Comprehension scheme will receive one longer book from the Oxford Reading scheme. We strongly recommend that your child also uses the Oxford Reading Buddy eBooks app every week to complete the comprehension quizzes. Please ask a member of staff if you have misplaced your child's login.

Spelling: We will continue to send home 10 words to practise each Friday. The children are tested the following Friday morning. The spellings can be practised on the Spelling Shed app. Your child's login can be found in their reading record.

Maths Homework: We will be introducing times tables to year 2 this term: 10-, 2- and 5-times tables. Please use the Times Table Rock Stars App to develop speed and accuracy. Your child's login can be found in their reading record.

English

We will be writing two narratives this term based on a traditional tale and *The Bear and Piano* by David Litchfield. Our non-fiction focus will be report and diary writing. We will be writing a report about birds found in our local area and a report about toys from the past based on our visit to Ilkley Toy Museum. Our diary will be based on the events from the *Great Fire of London*.

Mathematics

Our maths topics for this term are: money, multiplication and division, height and length and measuring mass and capacity.

We will continue to develop speed and accuracy in arithmetic through daily practise of addition and subtraction facts up to 20.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Spring 1

Science: Humans and Other Animals
Geography: non-European country (Australia)
Computing: Programming
RE: Why do people pray?
PSHE: Life changes
PE: Gymnastics and Games
Art: Weaving
Music: Zootime

Spring 2

Science: Green Plants
History: Toys From the Past
Computing: Using Data
RE: Easter focus
PSHE: Strong Emotions
PE: Multi-skills, Games
Design Technology: A chair for Baby Bear
Music: I want to play in a band

Dates for your diary:

20.01.25	Author visit James Campbell
W/B 27.01.25	National story telling week
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
11.02.25	NSPCC online safety event at PHGS for parents and carers
17-21.02.25	Half Term
05.03.25	Parent Consultation afternoon and evening
06.03.25	Y2 trip Pizza Express and Ilkley Toy Museum
06.03.25	World Book Day
14.03.25	Red Nose Day
03.04.25	Friends of Ashfield Easter Disco (tbc)
07.04 25-21.04.25	Easter holiday