

Willow News



Friday 4th October 2019

Democracy! That has been the highlight of the week. After several nominations, speeches and fair voting, the Willow class elected their class council members. Congratulations to the winners but well done to all those who participated in this democratic process.

During this week, we have revised the use of fronted adverbials to improve the sentences and create interest for the reader. We have also developed personification and show not tell techniques to develop creative writing skills. The children are enjoying reading the 'War Horse' and been preparing an assembly to present soon. Our spellings focus has been **-y** e.g. apply, supply, identify, occupy, multiply, rhyme, cycle, python, hygiene and hyphen. Our words of the week were **desolation, deduce, deceptively, discriminate** and the idiomatic phrase: **make a mountain out of a molehill**.

Progressing on to addition, the children have learned to add using the column method. This is taught systematically using the concrete and pictorial to scaffold their understanding. However, they have also been encouraged to use mental methods where applicable e.g. 23,456 + 10,000. Next week we shall continue to focus on addition but also progress onto subtraction and using the inverse.

During the history lessons, we have explored further the daily lives of the Anglo Saxons and the structure of their villages. They have also undertaken some quizzes to test their knowledge.

Thanks for your support with reading and times tables. Although we have PE on Tuesday and Friday, PE bags (including trainers) must be in school every day in case there is a change in plans.

Some dates for your diary:

15th and 16th October: Parent consultations (booking required)

18th October: Book look in Willow classroom at 2:15pm

18th October: Y5 achievement assembly at 2:55pm and last day of the 1st half term

28th October: First day back to school for the 2nd half of the Autumn term

Meanwhile, stay safe and happy. Have a good weekend.

Team Willows (Mrs Asif, Mrs Carter, Mrs Bishop and Mr Loomes)