

# Willow News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



**Willow attendance** up to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022:

**92.59 %**

What an entertaining week it has been! It was a delight to see an interesting array of characters celebrating the World Book Day. To celebrate the joy of reading books, the children had book-dating, art and poetry performances as well as fun designing a range of diverse characters of their own. Willow class were excited to see a range of new interesting books added to the class collection.

With a focus on poetry in English, we analysed the poem, 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson and identified some of the features used by the poet e.g. rhythm, rhyming couplets, similes etc. In addition, we had fun creating own verses following the structure of the given verse and working together in pairs. Our words of the week are **tenacious**, **tentatively** and **tarradiddle** with the idiomatic phrase **heard on the grapevine**. The spelling rule is words with /or/ sound spelt '**au**' e.g. pause, cause, sauce, fraud, launch, author, **A**ugust, applaud and **re**staurant.

During Maths, the focus has been on adding proper fractions and mixed numbers with different denominators. The children have learnt to change mixed numbers into improper fractions and to find the common denominator by deriving the **lowest common multiple**. We shall subtract fractions next week before multiplying and finding fractions of amounts.

In Science, the children have learned to identify various forces acting upon objects. Through various experiments, children will learn about how the forces act and react on everything around us in the universe.

The children learned to identify the physical and human geographical features of Scotland and compared them to their local area.

Exploring Pop art, we have started to create pictures in the sketch books as well as used computers. It is fun to experiment with big bold shapes and colours to create images.

During the life skills and well-being lessons, the children have discussed various events that may worry us and how to deal with that feeling. The ideas gathered were to talk to a trusted adult, immerse ourselves in art, listen to music, and express ourselves using words, write diaries, letters, poems or go for a walk as it helps us to stay healthy in mind and body.

Please find the link below as a source of some helpful guidance to talk to the children about the Ukrainian invasion by Russia: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

Thank you for the continued support of your child's learning.  
Have a good weekend and **keep reading**.

## **Some dates for your diary:**

**18<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day-dress down and donate

**28<sup>th</sup> March:** Home work to be brought in to school (All the children are expected to bring their homework on time and present it to their class as required by the curriculum).

**Team Willows (Mrs Asif, Mrs Carter and Mrs Bishop)**