

Willow News



Friday 11th March 2022

Willow attendance up to Thursday 4th March 2022:

96.88 %

What a great joy it is to see so many children enjoying reading the newly purchased class books. However, I need your help to ensure all the children read every day and return a summary to me at least once a week.

Continuing to play with the words, the children have written more verses based on the various examples provided. After discussion with their peers they have also analysed the characters of Finn and Clovis from the class book of 'Journey to the River Sea'. Our words of the week are: **unconsciously**, **ushered** and **unobtrusive** with the idiomatic phrase, **a penny for your thoughts**. The spellings rules are to convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using the **suffix -ate** e.g. **communicate**, alienate and validate.

During Maths, the focus has been on subtracting fractions. The children have applied their understanding to solving problems where they may need to use flexible partitioning. Next week, we shall work on multiplying fractions and finding amounts of fractions. Tasks for each week along with the words of the week and spellings are uploaded on Teams-Willows-General-Files.

In Science, the children conducted fair tests to see the impact of air resistance and surface area of various objects as they float through the air. They measured and recorded their data in the form of tables. Next week, they will learn to find the average of all their readings and then draw conclusions.

Continuing to learn about the human and physical features of the United Kingdom, this week the focus was on Wales. The children compared it to the local area.

The young artists have continued to explore and develop their skills taking inspiration from Pop art to sketch and use bold colours and shapes.

In life skills and well-being lesson, we had an important discussion about the use and spread of rude words. What should we do if we hear or come across a rude word through social media or friendship groups etc.? Should we show off by sharing it? How would it make others feel if we share it? What is meant by age-appropriate? Can some words be rude for some of us but not others?

Your encouragement and support for your child to be organised in completing their homework tasks on time is also most appreciated. Meanwhile, have a great weekend and **keep reading**.

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