



Willow Class Autumn Term 1 2025



History – What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?

We will be studying Ancient Greece and understanding how the Empire that existed nearly 3000 years ago still influences our lives today. We will look at the importance of the Empire and the differences with other ancient civilisations as well as consider what modern Greece is like today. We will then look at the importance of the Ancient Olympic Games. We will then consider the importance of democracy in modern society, before looking at how democracy used to work in Ancient Greece. We will finish our topic by trying to create our own classroom democracy!

English (Literacy)

As part of settling in to Year 6, and focusing on resilience, we will be reading the text 'October October' by Katya Balen. We will be getting to know the characters of October and her parents as we look at narrative writing, characters, settings and blogs. We will also use the text to practise our reading comprehension skills as we think about the different elements the author has used to bring the characters to life.

We will use 'Superhero Spelling' to practice spelling. As in Year 5, spellings will be sent home each week to be tested the week after.

Art

We will be enjoying developing our photography skills and techniques to design a range of creative photographic outcomes. We will be looking at famous photographers and abstract art through photography.

Music

We will be looking at the work of a classical composer Felix Mendelssohn (Fingal's Cave) and using team work to create a group composition featuring changes in texture, pitch and dynamics.

Science

We will investigate how living things are classified into broad groups by looking at observable characteristics, similarities and differences. We will remind ourselves of the 6 key kingdoms and then look at how classification works.

We will focus on vertebrates and fungi before studying the impacts that different habitats have on particular types of creature. We will study the work of Carl Linnaeus, the scientist who gave us modern classification categories.

Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths scheme and this term we will be focusing on place value, where we will work with numbers up to ten million. We will remind ourselves of ordering, rounding and negative numbers before we move on to the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will continue to develop skills in mental maths as we remind ourselves of our times tables as well as develop mental techniques to help us in working with larger numbers across all four operations.

RE

We will be studying the religion of Hinduism and answering the question 'Why do Hindus want to be good?' We will acquaint ourselves with the key beliefs of Hinduism before considering how they are represented in everyday life. We will also consider whether other religions have connections to those beliefs.

PSHE

We will be learning about families and relationships by considering what is respect, how respect is earned and lost. We will also look at how stereotypes can influence our ideas and opinions whilst considering how to manage conflict.

Computing

We will be learning about the importance of Bletchley Park in the history of computing before going on to explore coding, secure passwords and the need to build electronic thinking machines to solve cipher codes.

French

Days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31 will be introduced, revised and consolidated.

PE

PE will be on Mondays. This term it will be Tag rugby. Forest School will be on Friday afternoons.