



Willow Class Spring Term 1 2026



Topic – Migration

This term we will be looking at the history of Britain and understanding more about why people have migrated to Britain. We will look at the reasons why some people have been pushed to migrate to Britain for reasons such as persecution and war. We will also examine why some people have been pulled to migrate to Britain for a better standard of living with health services, education and welfare being important factors. We will study the Windrush migration and subsequent issues before examining how our lives have changed as a result of migration.

English (Literacy)

Our focus text this term will be *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah. The book tells the story of a young boy who travels from Jamaica to England with his mother in the early 1950s and how he adapts to life in England. The book is loosely based on the experiences of the author as he grows up in post-war Britain. We will use the book to support writing in different styles.

In SPAG we will continue look at advanced punctuation and remind ourselves of the purposes of the comma, the colon and the semi-colon. We will also practise our editing so that we learn how to improve our writing. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Mondays

Science

The children will learn about inherited traits and apply their knowledge to various animals and plants, before being introduced to the work of Mary Anning and Charles Darwin. Through the presentations and tasks, the children will learn about the fascinating history of the human race and discover links between extinct animals and those which are still living today.

Maths

We will start the term by learning about ratio. We will understand what ratio means, when to use the ratio symbol and how to solve problems of ratio. We will look at how to use ratio to calculate proportion.

Algebra will be the next topic. We will learn how to use letters to represent numbers, how to calculate missing numbers and how to find equivalent expressions using letters instead of numbers. Then we will begin a decimals unit, rounding and using the four operations.

Art

Willow Class will be learning to represent memories through art, using various materials and techniques.

Music

We will be looking at the important of themes and variations in music and linking to the Pop Art movement. We will work on our rhythm skills before using musical notation to create visual representations of the music we have been learning.

Computing

This term we will start working on our programming skills and meet some different programming languages – Logo and Python. We will learn about the need to insert loops into code.

RE

We will be having lots of theological discussion as we try to answer the question as to whether creation and science can complement each other, or whether they will always conflict.

PE

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays. We will be practising our skills in football and lacrosse.

French

We will learn the vocabulary to describe what we are wearing in French. We will consider the names of items of clothing and whether they are masculine or feminine before being able to say and write what we would pack in our suitcase for a holiday.

PSHE

We will discuss diversity, prejudice, caring for others and democracy.