Year 1 Willow Class
Autumn 2 2026/2027



ENGLISH

In English, we will be learning about barn owls and writing non-fiction sentences about their appearance, habitat and behaviour. We will also explore a range of stories and poems linked to the seasons, using them to inspire our ideas and develop our writing skills. In addition, we will watch and discuss the John Lewis advert Bear and Hare, which will serve as a stimulus for our own narrative writing.

MATHS

Our maths topics will include the following:

-Addition and subtraction (within 10)
-Geometry: Shape

HISTORY

How am I making history?

The children will investigate the past within living memory by exploring personal chronology and using photographs to ask and answer questions about the past.

SCIENCE

Seasonal Changes – Autumn and Winter

The children will learn about the changing seasons, focusing on autumn and winter. They will explore seasonal weather, observe changes in nature, and find out how animals survive the winter by hibernating, migrating or adapting. Children will also develop their scientific enquiry skills by making observations and using simple equipment to investigate the weather.

COMPUTING

Data Explorers

This unit introduces children to using software tools to group and sort recognisable objects. Children will develop their understanding of how this relates to organising and interpreting data. By the end of the unit, children have the opportunity to collect simple data and present it in a pictogram.

Design and Technology

Mechanisms: Matching slider game

Exploring different types of mechanisms used in products, with a focus on how sliding mechanisms create movement.

PSHE and RE

Our PSHE topic focuses on celebrating the differences in everyone and learning how to recognise and deal with bullying. In RE we will be considering the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

KEY DATES

WB 2.11.26- Book amnesty collection
WB 16.11.26- Anti-Bullying Week
27.11.26- Non-uniform day for Christmas Fayre donations
4.12.26- Christmas Fair- Friends event
7.12.26- Whole School Pantomime
18.12.26- Last day of Autumn 2

MUSIC

Snail and mouse: Tempo

Using their voices, bodies and a range of instruments, the children will listen and respond to different pieces of music. They will also learn and perform a rhyme and a song with a focus on tempo.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Development of skills and fitness through:

- Dance: Starry Skies
- Invasion Games: At the Fair

ART AND DESIGN

Painting and Mixed Media: Learning about paint and brush control

Exploring paint, brushstrokes and keeping colours bright and clean, inspired by the work of Alma Thomas.

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SCHOOL RULE

Be Kind

K – Kindness
I – Integrity
N – Never Giving Up
D - Diligence