



## Willow Class – Spring Term A - 2022

### As Readers and Writers

For reading, we will be starting a new class novel: **'The Wild Robot'** by Peter Brown. Each day, we have 15 minutes of 'story time' and develop our comprehension skills through Bloom's Taxonomy style questioning during whole class reading sessions.

In English this term, we will be continuing to practice our basic skills and sentence structure by writing recounts of our Christmas holidays and our school trip to Exeter Museum.

We will then move on to expanding our knowledge and skills for poetry writing by studying the poem: Recipe to Make a Wolf by Pi Corbett. We will look at creating similes and metaphors, as well as understanding punctuation patterns and the use of determiners.

Finally, we will move on to creating a setting and character description based on our class novel where we will be using conjunctions, adverbials and learning grammar rules for writing speech.

### As Mathematicians

We will be continuing to look at **multiplication and division** by developing our mental methods including our knowledge of the 11- and 12-times tables. We will learn how to multiply and divide by 0, 1, 10 and 100, compare multiplication sentences and multiply 3 numbers.

Next, we will move on to written multiplication and division methods including multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number (Year 3) and multiplying and dividing 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number (Year 4).

Finally, we will be moving on to a unit of learning on measurement, focusing on the areas of length, perimeter, and area.

### As Artists

This term the children will be creating mixed media collages combining printing with other mark making techniques. We will study the work of artist Mark Hearld to create images of the rainforest, linked to the Geography and Science topic.

### Religious Education

Within our religious education studies, we will be looking at the big question: **What kind of world did Jesus want?**

We will find out more about Christianity and the teachings of Jesus. We will look at links between the bible and how Christians live their lives today.

### As Musicians

We will once again be working on performing, composing and appraising music linked to the rainforest and animals with Kip!



### As Sports Stars

In PE, we will be developing our physical skills and sportsmanship through playing handball. We will be developing our movement, agility and flexibility through gymnastics.

### PSHE- Dreams and Goals

In PSHE, we will be setting goals and ambitions and learning how to overcome disappointment if we do not reach them. We will learn how to reset and learn from the journeys we go through to overcome obstacles and reach new goals.

### Computing- Touch Typing and Emails

In computing, we will learn the names of our fingers and how they can be placed on the keys to touch type using both hands. We will also learn how to read and respond to emails as a form of communication.

### As French Speakers- Going Shopping

In French, we will be learning the key vocabulary for going shopping. We will know how to ask and answer questions to help us with shopping in French.

### As Scientists

We will be learning about living things through the big question: **Which wild plants and animals thrive in our local area?**

By the end of the unit the children will understand that:

- Living things get the nutrients they need from food.
- Animals including humans have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.
- Animals can be sorted into 4 broad groups: mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish.
- Animals with a backbone are vertebrates and animals without backbones are invertebrates.
- Change to environments can be man-made or natural and positive or negative.

### As Geographers

We will be learning about rainforests through the question: **Why are rainforests important to us all?**

By the end of the unit the children will understand that:

- Rainforests are located near the Equator between the Tropics.
- The climate in a rainforest is the same all year round: hot and humid with 6mm of rainfall on average on each month. It usually rains every day.
- Rainforests have 4 layers: forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent layer,
- The Amazon is the largest rainforest in the world and spans 8 countries in South America including Brazil, Bolivia and Peru.
- The Amazon is home to over 30 million species of plants and animals.
- The Amazon is home to tribes of people who live a lot differently to us.
- We get many everyday objects from the Amazon including; rubber, tea, coffee, vanilla and chocolate.

