



William Austin Infant School

Curriculum Newsletter 7 March 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so good to see some sunshine recently! The days are getting that little bit longer and Spring is definitely in the air! Let's hope the improved weather continues!

Attached to this letter is some information about the work your child will be doing at school this half-term. Curriculum plans do change sometimes, but we hope this information will be of interest to you.

Best Wishes, Mrs B Kang,
Headteacher



Lockdown Practise

We are currently reviewing our Lockdown practise and we are awaiting additional guidance from the local authority to update and complete this. Once the review has been finalised, and in line with other school's procedures that are practised regularly, we will be practising a Lockdown procedure either later this half term or at the start of the Summer term. In the extremely rare event that a school needs to go into Lockdown, it is important that staff and children know exactly what to do, which is why this will be carried out as a precautionary measure. This procedure will only take a short time to complete, and children will be reassured throughout.

Knowledge Organisers and 'WOW' Moments

With the half termly curriculum newsletters such as this one, we always attach a separate newsletter and topic overview specific to your child's year group. We also include an additional Knowledge Organiser for each year Group.

Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key facts and vocabulary and essential knowledge that pupils need about a unit of work or a curriculum subject that will be studied during the course of each half-term.

We also showcase each year group's 'WOW' moments by attaching more photos from the topics that have been covered in each class, so that you are able to see the amazing learning taking place in school. Check out the Gallery on our website too!



School Library

Reading is always a big priority in our school. We promote reading for fun and enjoyment, both at school and at home. All children now visit the school library and choose a book to take home.

These books remain the property of the school, and we ask that your child looks after their book sensibly and you ensure that younger siblings do not play with or damage them, as any damage will need to be paid for.

Please continue to support your child with reading at home and share bedtime stories with them too.



Year 1 Phonics Meeting

All Year 1 children in England take part in a Phonics Screening Check during the month of June.

There will be a meeting for parents and carers of our Year 1 children early next half term to explain what the Phonics Screening Check is, and how to support and help prepare your child for this check. More information will follow in due course.



Staff News!!

We are very excited to inform you that two of our lovely teachers have had babies this week! On Monday, Mrs Vogel (who teaches Snowdrop Class) and her husband welcomed a baby boy into the world! This is Mrs Vogel's 2nd child, and the whole family are totally in love!

And Mrs Stanley, from Owl Class, became a Mummy for the first time on Wednesday, also having a little boy! Mrs Stanley and her husband are completely in love with their gorgeous bundle of joy!

We cannot wait to meet both babies (and see their Mummies!) for cuddles, and send our heartfelt congratulations to both families!



School Roof Works

As you have probably noticed, the scaffolding is still in place around the main entrance to the school. The repairs to the roof are ongoing sadly, and the scaffold is likely to remain in place till after the Easter Holidays!

We are acutely aware of how unsightly the main approach to our school is, and we really hope that the issues we are experiencing are successfully resolved during the Easter break!

We apologise for all of the disruption, but it really is out of our hands at the moment!



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Please share and discuss with your child at home.



? DID YOU KNOW ?



The earth has over 80,000 species of edible plants. We only eat about 30 varieties.



The Year 1 and Year 2 children had great fun taking part in the Glow in the Dark Dodgeball sessions on Tuesday of this week!!

Many thanks to Mr Herbert, our PE coordinator for arranging this special activity. It was a lovely experience for the children, and good fun for the staff too!



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World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for making our World Book Day celebrations so successful. The children and staff had an enjoyable day and we were delighted to see so many children dressed up as their favourite book characters. They all had a fabulous time, with quizzes and fun activities happening throughout the day, as you can see from the photos below! A special thank you is extended to Miss Ruddle, our English Lead, for making World Book Day so magical for the children, and in particular, for arranging the amazing 'Pop-Up Book Shop' which ensured all of the children could choose a special World Book Day Book, right here in school!



A big thank you too, to all the parents who came in to join their child in the reading activities and storytime, it was lovely to see so many of you, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves!



Diary Dates

Red Nose Day 2025 - Friday 21 March - Non-uniform day, donations will go to a local charity, rather than the National Comic Relief appeal. More information to follow.

Easter Egg Raffle - Week commencing Monday 24 March. Money raised will be donated to Keech

Houses of Parliament Trip - Wednesday 2 April - A trip to the Houses of Parliament in London for the school MPPs. More information to follow in due course.

Eid Celebrations - Friday 4 April - Non-uniform day for children and a special lunchtime menu.

Easter Holiday School will close at the end of the afternoon on Friday 4 April 2025 and **re-open for children on Wednesday 23 April**

(Tuesday 22 April is a staff training day)



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YEAR R WOW MOMENTS!



Buttercup Class enjoyed making up stories with the Small World on Storytelling Day.



Daisy Class have enjoyed new ways of travelling low down in PE.



Poppy Class enjoyed playing different instruments in Music.



Snowdrop Class have enjoyed working together and sharing ideas to build different models



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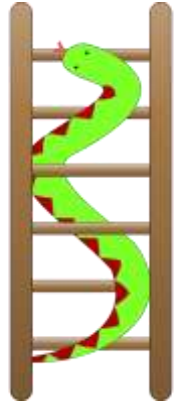


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YEAR 1 WOW MOMENTS!



Beech Class enjoyed playing Snakes and Ladders on Number Day



Oak Class welcomed children from Pine class to share in their RE activities and to help to get to know children from other classes better



Pine Class enjoyed making paper aeroplanes. It was fun to see whose plane went the furthest.



Willow Class enjoyed welcoming Beech to their class and sharing different ways of greeting and welcoming friends in RE.



YEAR 2 WOW MOMENTS!



Lark Class enjoyed making magical stones and finding hidden entrances to mysterious worlds as part of National Storytelling week.

Owl Class enjoyed playing Glow in the Dark Dodgeball and pretending to be on a pirate ship!



Puffin Class enjoying creating their own Great Fire of London Paintings



Kingfisher Class had a fantastic time on our trip to the Roald Dahl Gallery. There was lots to learn, do and see; it was fun!



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