

Willow News



Friday 8th March 2019

What a joy it has been to see an array of characters celebrating the World Book Day. This week we have had book-dating, summarising and poetry performances to celebrate the week of reading.

With a focus on poetry, we have analysed *The Daffodils* by William Wordsworth and identified the poetic features used by the poet. We have also had fun playing word games and making lines for a new poem. Our words of the week are: **tenacious**, **tentatively** and **tarradiddle**. The spelling rule is words with /or/ sound spelt 'au' e.g. pause, cause, sauce, fraud, launch, author, August, applaud, astronaut and restaurant.

In Maths, the focus has continued to be on adding more than 2 fractions with different denominators. The children have learnt to add mixed numbers as well as improper fractions by deriving the **lowest common multiple**. We shall complete our work on fractions by subtracting fractions next week.

In topic, the children have learned to design the front covers for their Explorers' books using IT. In Science, they have conducted several experiments to test forces and started the topic with a visit from Mrs Casey as a STEM ambassador.

Next week sees the first PTA Film Night. Children, who have purchased tickets, are permitted to go straight to the hall after

school. These children are allowed to bring their change of clothes into school in a named bag. Any money, that you wish to send in for refreshments must be sent into school in a named envelope and will be stored in a secure location until being returned to the child at the end of the day. Tickets will be available on the door, however, you will need to collect your child at 3:15 and take them to the hall to purchase a ticket. Children will NOT be able to purchase a ticket on the day without an adult. This is to ensure the safety of the children. Adults can collect the children at 5:30 pm.

Thank you for the continued support of your children's learning.

Some dates for your diary:

11th March 2019: Return the sponsorship forms with all your donations in a named envelope please.

14th March 2019: Y5 trip to the Ely Cathedral (Meet at the Watlington train station between 8:30 to 8:40 am. The train leaves at 8:51 am)

15th March 2019: Y5 Achievement assembly

15th March 2019: PTA Film viewing (3:30 to 6pm)

1st April 2019: Y5 celebrate 'Food around the world festival' and come dressed in a costume of a country of their choice.

Meanwhile, have a good weekend and keep reading.

Team Willows