

Willow News



Friday 17th September 2021

What a wonderful and fun learning week it has been! The children have persevered well with their learning despite being exhausted when completing longer written tasks.

After completing four chapters of the War Horse, the children have learnt about the dangers that Joey faces as he is being sold to serve in the war. Continuing to work on the story of the fearsome giant, we have read and analysed it as readers with a focus on the use of the power of three. We have practised writing sentences with the power of three followed by short sentences to show action. Our spellings focus has been **-tious and -xious** e.g. ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious, contentious, superstitious, pretentious, anxious, obnoxious. Our words of the week were **blunder, breathtakingly, belligerent** and the phrase: **add insult to injury**.

During the Maths lessons, we have worked on reading and recognising the value of each digit in numbers to 100,000. They have not only learned to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 but also learned to represent their numbers in different ways using counters, place value tables, bar models as well as number lines. We shall progress to comparing numbers to 1,000,000 using the $> < =$ symbols as well as learning about negative numbers and the Roman numerals.

Developing their scientific skills of enquiry and observation through a comparative and fair test, the children have investigated if sugar and salt dissolve faster in warm water or cold. We shall set up an experiment to see if the sugar and salt can be separated from water through the process of evaporation. It would involve observation over a period of time.

Thinking as historians, the children have been comparing the house structures of various era with those of the Anglo Saxons. They will be designing and constructing their own Anglo Saxon houses, after they have learnt about them.

During our life skills and well-being lessons, the children have discussed and learned how the hormonal changes during puberty contribute towards a roller coaster of emotions leading to mood swings, low self-esteem and in some cases even depression. We shall learn how our class character learns to manage and deal with such mental health problems during the next two weeks.

Thanks for your support with reading and times tables. Please send reading diaries and books to school every Monday. It is a delight to receive the written summaries of the children through emails. They get to draw a flag of a country of their choice and claim that country on the world map in the classroom. Completing times table challenge in class helps them travel through various planets to the sun.

The children have been given a paper order form to take home. If they would like to have school dinners, you may complete the form and put it in the box outside the office along with the money in an envelope. It must be clearly named and labelled with the year group too.

Meanwhile, stay safe and happy. Have a good weekend.

Team Willows (Mrs Asif, Mrs Carter and Mrs Bishop)