

Willow News

Friday 1st October 2021



What a wet and windy week it has been! However, we have been fortunate with some dry breaks and sunny spells during the play times.

During this week, we have completed our writing on our tales of fear, learned to edit and have improved the stories. Next week, we shall take inspiration from some poems to write our own poems on fear. The children are enjoying reading the 'War Horse' and developing empathy for the characters. Our spellings focus has been **-y** e.g. apply, supply, identify, occupy, multiply, rhyme, cycle, python, hygiene and hyphen. Our words of the week were **deduce, deceptively, discriminate** and the idiomatic phrase: **make a mountain out of a molehill**.

After completing the learning objectives of moving through zero to find the difference between the positive and negative numbers and learning to read and write the Roman numerals, the children completed their end of unit assessments. Next week, we shall progress on to calculations, where the children will learn to add and subtract using exchange in the column method. This is taught systematically using the concrete and pictorial to scaffold their understanding.

During the science lesson, the children have set up an experiment to investigate if salt mixed with water is reversible or irreversible. They will be observing over time. To compare, they have also prepared a spoon full of sugar solution.

Continuing our exploration of the Anglo Saxon time period, the young historians learnt about the art and culture of the times. They learned about the tradition to tell the stories around the fire and listened to the story of Beowulf.

Learning about online safety, the children discussed the useful tools to stay safe e.g. using safe search primary ICT search engine and sharing any concerns with their trusted adults. They made their own posters to remind others of e-safety rules.

Thanks for your support with reading and times tables. The children have started the challenge of 'Conquering the World' by getting their names on a country after their summary is seen and they are given feedback. Please help your child to summarise without too much detail. They could summarise a chapter, half a book or whole book in their reading diaries. Send a photo or email it directly to willow@watlington.norfolk.sch.uk and they will receive verbal feedback in class. They can then place their name on a country of their choice on the big world map in our reading corner. Whoever conquers most countries every half term will get a token prize and 3 WOW points. Remember the challenge is to summarise without the unnecessary detail but making sure the important points are not missed out.

Democracy! That will be the theme of next week. Children will be asked to present their speeches (not more than a minute long) before the class if they wish to be elected. This will be followed by voting for the election of the two class council members on Wednesday. So get practising at home over the weekend!

An important request: All parents and carers are urged to please update their latest contact numbers with the school office ASAP.

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

Team Willows