Willow Class Newsletter
Autumn 2 2026



In **English**, our focus is on the animation 'Poppies' and the book, 'Ruby's Worry'. We will be remembering to use capital letters and full stops and learning to use *and*, suffixes and adjectives to make our writing exciting. Through a combination of shared, guided and independent reading, children will have daily opportunities to develop fluency in reading and a love of books. Phonics is taught as a discrete lesson daily and we are now working with Phase 5 of the phonics programme. Reading books and reading for pleasure books will be changed on a **Friday**.

In **DT,** our project is to create a tasty, fun and colourful salad to encourage more children to choose from the salad bar at lunch. We will be creating 'fruit and vegetable faces' and learning how to chop, peel and grate.

In **RE**, Our question this half term is "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?" We will find out how Christmas is celebrated today and which traditions are secular or religious.

This half term's Jigsaw piece for **PSHE** is called 'Celebrating Difference' and we will learn how we are the same and different from our friends. We will focus on respecting everybody and how to cope when someone is unkind.

In this **History** topic, we will be exploring "Too many Toys!" We will learn about toys and games in the past by exploring how toys have changed over time and how can we tell something is from the past. We will visit Tiverton Museum and have visitors in school to make this a hands on and engaging project.



In **Science**, we will be exploring the key question *"How are we made?"*. During this topic we will: identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about addition and subtraction. We will also learn about 2D and 3D shape. This will include:
- Exploring the relationship between + and –
- Learning about fact families and how to record them
- Finding missing parts
- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes
- Sorting shapes in different ways
- Repeating patterns

Maths is taught in whole class, in groups and through the children's independent learning time where children complete challenges based on knowledge acquired during the previous week.

In **Music**, we are developing our musicality through practicing for our Christmas nativity performance.

In **Computing,** we will be using drawing and painting programmes on the chromebooks. We will also explore keeping our details safe when using the internet.

The children will be participating in **PE** lessons focused on their gymnastics skills on a **Monday**. These are lessons that will develop their physical skills, teamwork and logical reasoning. We are also lucky to have a coach from Exeter Chiefs teaching us Rugby on a **Thursday**.