



Class Willow Newsletter

Spring 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

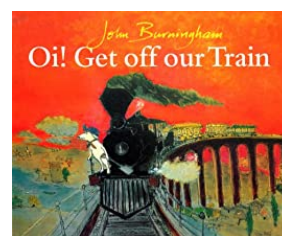
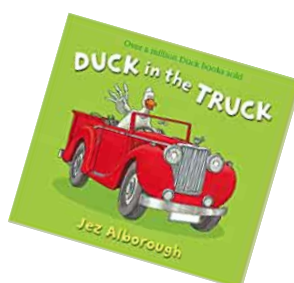
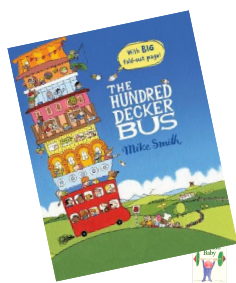
Welcome back! I hope you've all enjoyed the Christmas break and have had a chance for a couple of lie ins and have finished the last of the mince pies!

Topic

This term's topic is all about transport. 'Are We There Yet?' will cover different types of transport, the history of its development, the different types of transport used around the world, and link with How Things Move in Science..

English

We'll be continuing with Read, Write Inc each morning, working in different groups so that the children work at the pace that suits their needs. All the children love finding out about the new sound of the day, and are all making great progress in recognising, reading and writing that sound. Many of the children can be found in the Writing Area in their free time, writing lists or words or practising their letters. They are such a keen bunch! As well as following the RWI scheme, we'll continue to work on a new book each Friday. The book links to our Topic, Maths and Science, and it helps the children develop listening skills, word and sounds recognition, and of course, a book is there to be enjoyed! We'll use the story to make story maps, write lists or sentences and sequence events. All of this work prepares them for Year 1 and the work they'll do in KS1. We have some great texts lined up including; Duck in the Truck, The 100 Decker Bus and Oi, Get off our Train.



Maths

We'll continue to work on Number, including addition, subtraction, doubling and halving. We'll continue working on number bonds to 5 and ten using objects like multilink and buttons, but also using ten frames as a more formal method. Adding by counting on, and subtracting by counting back are also new methods we'll be tackling.

Computing

Mrs Ferguson will be teaching computing this term, each Wednesday afternoon. She'll be teaching the children how to make videos and take photos using an iPad. The children will learn how to edit and apply filters to their photos.

French.

We're learning the En Vacances song, about travelling on a bus. The song teaches the children the French names for mum, Dad, brother, sister, grandma and grandad. It's very catchy and great fun! The children will also learn the names of different transport, play snap and sort them to reinforce the language.

RE

Why do we go on a journey? In RE we'll be looking at visiting a church, and reading stories about religious journeys from people like Jesus, Moses and finding out about mass journeys to Mecca and the Ganges river.

Travels with Charlie.

Charlie continues his travels to each child's house. He has had some fantastic adventures already, and certainly gets out more than me! Thank you to all the parents who have taken Charlie already, our little journal looks amazing!

Please feel free to take a 'My News' letter from the notice board.. Children love to share what they've been up to and it's nice to show off their news in class.

PE

Is on Monday with CUFC and Thursdays with me. Please leave your child's PE kit in school and we'll send it home every half term.

School Visits

I'm hoping we can visit the Solway Aircraft Museum and Carlisle Cathedral. As soon as dates are confirmed, I'll let you know. As ever, if you ever need to talk to any of the EYFS staff, please pop in at home time to set up a convenient time.

Many thanks - Lynn Nixon, Jill Johnston, Annmarie Pattinson and Yvonne Ferguson.