

Curriculum Newsletter

Willow Class

Autumn Term



As artists, the children will be using different pencils, pastels and charcoal to show shading, texture and tone when drawing flora and fauna and learning about Van Gogh. They will learn to show facial expressions in their drawing and use sketches to produce a final piece of Art.

As authors, the children will be exploring 'Skater Cielo' and 'Rapunzel'.

The children will also have grammar lessons where they will be learning about a range of terminology and concepts such as co-ordination, subordination, sentences with different forms, adverbials and punctuating direct speech.



As mathematicians, the children will be learning about place value. The children will then be learning about addition, subtraction and multiplication. Year 2 will be working with numbers within 100 and Year 3 will be working with numbers within 1,000.

The children will continue to consolidate their times tables weekly using Times Tables Rock stars and quizzes.



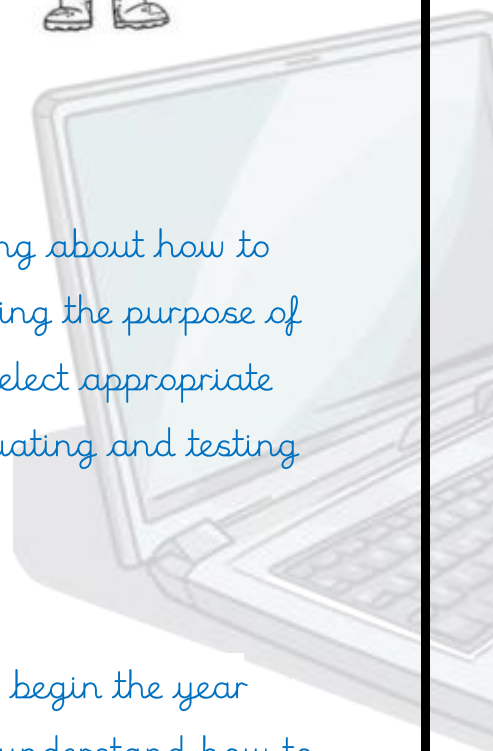
As readers, the children will be reading and exploring a wide range of texts. They will learn how to retrieve, infer, and summarise. They will also explore a wide range of vocabulary and will discuss how different words have been used to capture the reader's interest and imagination. We will read several class readers over the term to encourage the children's love of reading.

As geographers, the children will be learning about how and why the local area is changing. They will begin the enquiry with exploring how our school has changed over time. They will then use fieldwork to investigate how the quality of the environment varies from one area to another and possible explanations for this.



As engineers, the children will be learning about how to design and develop a product, considering the purpose of it and the needs of the user. They will select appropriate tools to make their product, before evaluating and testing it out!

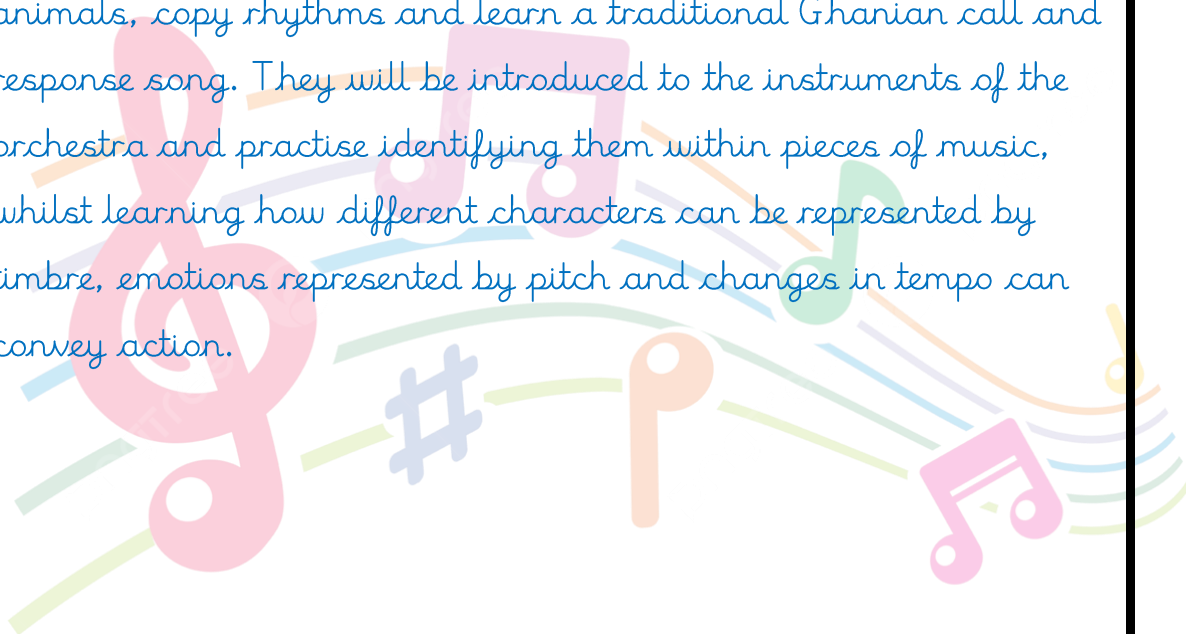
As computer engineers, the children will begin the year looking at Online Safety to ensure they understand how to use the computers safely, both in school and at home. They will then be looking at coding and spreadsheets. They will be using Purple Mash to help them with their learning and this can also be accessed at home.



As athletes, the children will be focussing on the personal and social cogs in their Real PE lessons as they learn how to develop and apply the fundamental movement skills (agility, balance and coordination). They will also be learning about the skills required for invasion games and gymnastics.



As musicians, the children will be using instruments to represent animals, copy rhythms and learn a traditional Ghanaian call and response song. They will be introduced to the instruments of the orchestra and practise identifying them within pieces of music, whilst learning how different characters can be represented by timbre, emotions represented by pitch and changes in tempo can convey action.



As philosophers, the children will be looking at 'Me and my Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference' in their PHSE lessons. They will be looking at their relationships, including how to be a good friend and valuing differences in each other.

As RE philosophers, the children will be learning about Hinduism and the main beliefs, as well as the special places for Hindus, their festivals and Holy Book. They will learn about The Nativity Story and why Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, before learning about the main sections of the Christmas story.





As historians, the children will be learning about the Titanic and why people from Britain decided to travel on it, what the main events were before the voyage, the hours around the sinking and then making a timeline to show this.



As scientists, the children will firstly be investigating materials and their properties, looking specifically at changing materials, material strength, ship building and materials in history.

They will then be investigating rocks, specifically sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks and minerals, fossils and soils.



As linguists, Year 3 will be introduced to Latin. They will be learning simple greetings and phrases, numbers, animals, colours and how to sing 'Happy Birthday.' They will learn to recognise male and female names and they will choose their own Latin name to be used in lessons for any role-play.