

🌿 Willow Class Weekly Learning Reflection 🌿

What a wonderful second full week we have had in Willow Class!

The children continue to demonstrate fantastic attitudes towards their learning, and we are so proud of how settled, engaged and enthusiastic they have been throughout the week.

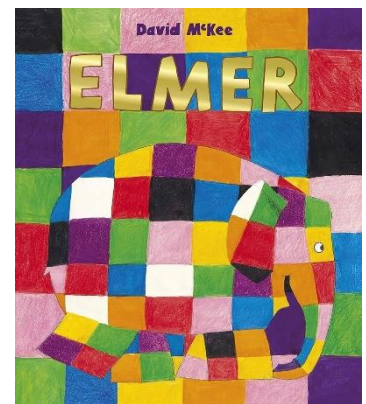
📖 Reading

We have had a very successful week celebrating reading at home. Lots of children have been earning raffle tickets for reading **five times a week**, which is fantastic to see. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

Our focus text this week has been *Elmer* by David McKee. We have explored and discussed new vocabulary from the story and incorporated these words into our daily *Words and Phrases of the Day*. Our focus vocabulary included:

- Slipped away
- Absolutely still
- Burst
- Celebrate

The children have enjoyed using these exciting words in discussions throughout the week.



🌈 Reception Learning

🔊 Phonics

In Reception, we have been revising our phonics sounds both during lessons and within our continuous provision. One of our favourite activities involved throwing a beanbag into hoops containing different letters. Wherever the beanbag landed, the children had to say the corresponding sound. It was a fun way to build confidence and recall!

🎨 Colour Mixing and Exploration

We have been experimenting with colour mixing and exploring the concept of **part-part-whole**. For example:

- Yellow is a part
- Blue is a part
- Green is the whole

The children loved investigating what happens when different colours are combined.

👉 Fine Motor Skills

This week the children also made their own playdough. Not only was this great fun, but it also helped to strengthen the muscles in their hands, supporting fine motor development and pencil grip.

🧮 Maths

We have continued developing our sorting and matching skills by creating our own sorting rules, such as:

- "All my objects are red."
- "All my objects are round."

We have now moved on to exploring **measure and patterns**, where we will be investigating:

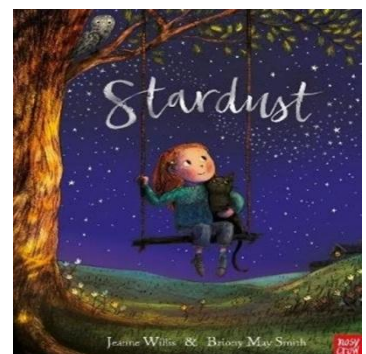
- Mass
- Capacity
- Repeating patterns

Reception Phonics Sounds:	Video Link:
m	Lesson 8 - Reception
d	Lesson 9 - Reception
i	Lesson 6 - Reception
Review the week	Lesson 10 - Reception

✏️ KS1 Learning

📖 English

We have started our new literacy unit based on **Stardust** by **Jeanne Willis**. The children have been creating descriptive sentences inspired by the night sky and our main character, **Mabel**. We are beginning to use ambitious vocabulary and exciting descriptions in our writing.



+ Maths

KS1 have continued their learning within **Place Value to 20**, focusing on:

- 1 more and 1 less
- Number lines

- Greater than (>)
- Less than (<)
- Equal to (=)

The children have worked hard to explain their mathematical thinking and reasoning.

Geography

We have been learning about **human and physical features** within our village and discussing our journeys to school. The children then created their own maps complete with keys to represent their routes.

Science

This week we continued our topic on the **human body** and staying healthy.

We discussed:

- The importance of a healthy diet
- Regular exercise
- Good hygiene habits

We also conducted an exciting experiment to investigate whether water alone removes germs. Using paint on our hands to represent germs, we discovered that using **soap and rubbing our hands properly** is much more effective than water alone.

PSHE

Our focus this week was **belonging**. We discussed how everyone in Willow Class is different, unique and special.

The children thought carefully about how we can help others feel included by:

- Listening carefully
- Sharing fairly
- Taking turns
- Not talking over one another

Computing

The children practised using tablets and logging in independently. We also explored the different parts of a desktop computer and discussed their purposes.

Everyone had the opportunity to use a desktop computer and mouse to play simple games, helping to develop confidence and control when using technology.

Year 1 Phonics sounds	Video Link:
Review: air, ure, er	Lesson 6 - Year 1
Longer words	Lesson 7 - Year 1
Longer words	Lesson 8 - Year 1
Longer words	Lesson 9 - Year 1
Review the week	Lesson 10 - Year 1

End of the Week

We ended our week with a lovely **Celebration Assembly** and enjoyed spending time outdoors during our **Reading Buddies** session. It was wonderful to see the children sharing books and enjoying reading together.

Next Week:

- Flu Immunisations on Monday

We hope you all have a happy, restful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

 From the Willow Class Team 

Optional Home Learning Activities

These activities are completely optional but provide a lovely opportunity to continue learning together at home:

Reading Challenge

Read together five times this week and record it in your child's reading record to earn a raffle ticket.

Colour Mixing Investigation

Using paints, food colouring or coloured water, investigate:

- What happens when two colours are mixed?
- Can you make a colour chart showing your discoveries?



Phonics Sound Hunt

Go on a sound hunt around your home. Can you find objects that begin with sounds we have been learning?



Measuring Fun

Help with cooking or bath time and talk about:

- Full and empty
- More and less
- Heavy and light



Journey Mapping

Draw a simple map of a journey you make regularly, such as:

- Home to school
- A walk to the park
- A visit to the shops

Can you include a key?



Healthy Habits

Practise washing hands correctly at home. Discuss why soap is important and when we should wash our hands.