



## Willow Word



What a fantastic term it has been in Willow Class! There have been so many memorable events and activities, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Firstly, we had a wonderful celebration of World Book Day. The children put in an enormous amount of effort with their costumes and character portrayals, and it was such a joy to see them all dressed as their favourite book characters. Their creativity was truly inspiring!

We also had some exciting sporting events this term. Several of our children participated in the netball and tag rugby competitions, and I must say, they played absolutely fantastically. They displayed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, making us all incredibly proud.

Another highlight was our outdoor forest school event, where we had the opportunity to host forest educational activities for other schools in our cluster. The children took part in a range of activities, including designing natural portraits, learning about biodiversity, and discovering the wildlife in our school's nature area. It was such a rewarding experience for all involved.

In Maths, we have been focusing heavily on addition, division, and using formal written methods. The children have made excellent progress in these areas. We also spent time exploring fractions: learning to differentiate between various objects and apply fractions to them, as well as how to find fractions of whole numbers.

In English, we began the term with a wonderful book study of *'The Street Beneath My Feet'* by Charlotte Guillain. The children wrote their own setting descriptions, imagining what it might be like in different

places beneath the earth, from the core to animal burrows and the bedrock full of gems. For our next topic, we ventured into the magical world of Harry Potter. The children absolutely loved this topic, and we had such fun recreating scenes from the books and films. The final task involved the children writing Howler letters, where they would angrily exclaim their disappointment to a pupil at Hogwarts; this certainly sparked a lot of excitement!

In the second half of the term, our topic switched to Geography, where we compared our local area with Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The children were fascinated by the differences between the human and physical features of each location, particularly the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio. We also used our locational skills to identify surrounding countries and cities, comparing them to those around England.

Finally, I am very happy to report that we've been incredibly fortunate in Willow class to have weekly forest school sessions with Mrs. Archer and myself. The children have been enjoying these outdoor sessions, where we have been focusing on orienteering skills, learning how to create and read maps of our school grounds, and using these maps to locate specific items.

It has truly been an inspiring term, filled with learning, creativity, and teamwork. The recent sunshine has made it even more enjoyable, and it's been great to see the children enjoying the outdoors.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr. Harris