

# The Willow Word

Looking back on Autumn 2, I can't quite believe how much Willow Class have been able to pack in. There has been so many wonderful experiences for the children this term as well as some fantastic learning.

At the start of term, we had the pleasure of visiting Salisbury Cathedral as part of their 'Inspire Voices' event. The children were amazed by the size of the cathedral and felt very proud to perform at such a prestigious venue. The parents who came to watch the performance were so impressed with the beautiful singing, as was Suzie, who put on the event and personally thanked us for our enthusiasm. After the concert, we were treated to a fantastic organ demonstration and had the opportunity to look round the cathedral too.



This term, Willow Class have had their forest school sessions with Mrs Archer on a Monday afternoon. The forest school philosophy is all about child-led learning in our natural environment and Miss Lee was so impressed with children's increasing independence, resilience and aspirations during their forest school sessions. We ended our block of sessions with a fantastic campfire and a mug of hot chocolate whilst we sang some songs. We cannot wait until our next set of sessions in the new year.

Our Geography topic this term has been all about rivers, where children have been learning about the River Test and its features. We collaborated with Foxes Class at Broughton and took part in a superb workshop, run by Holly from Wessex Rivers Trust, which helped us bring the river test to life in Broughton's school hall, allowing us to really visualise the different parts of a river. The children were so enthused when they came back and it was wonderful to see them bring what they had learnt from the workshop into the classroom.



Finally, our RE this term has helped us get into the festive spirit as we have explored the concept of 'Incarnation' and how Christians celebrate the Holy Trinity during Christmas time. We developed our understanding of the trinity used scriptures from John 1 to help us create Christmas cards based on the idea of Jesus being the word.

