



Elm Class – Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

What's happening in Willow Class this half term?

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| <p>Maths</p> | <p>Year 1 Children will learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, and begin to understand multiplication as equal groups. To explore sharing objects equally and grouping, building early understanding of division. Children find and recognise $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes, objects, and small quantities. Pupils describe position (e.g. left, right, forwards, backwards) and learn to make turns, including whole, half, and quarter turns.</p> | <p>Year 2 In number work we will be: Learning the 5- and 10-times tables. Understand what a fraction is. Find and recognise halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and amount. Recognise unit and non-unit fractions. In topic maths, we will be making tally charts, tables, block diagrams and drawing and interpreting pictograms.</p> |
| <p>English</p> | <p>In our English lessons this half term, our class will be exploring a version of the traditional tale <i>George and the Dragon</i>. We will be using the text to develop our reading and writing skills, focusing on describing characters, retelling key events, and creating our own imaginative versions of the story. The children will also have opportunities to build their vocabulary, practise sentence writing, and express their ideas with confidence.</p> | |
| | <p>Year 1 Writing interesting sentences using different forms of punctuation Using capital letters in the correct places independently Using Phonic knowledge to write longer words.</p> | <p>Year 2 Use the present and past tense (including progressive form). Use the conjunctions: when, if, that and because. Use apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns.</p> |
| <p>History / Geography</p> | <p>Wheels Keep Turning in Coventry In History we will be learning about the history of transport with particular focus on our local area. We will find out about the history of bicycle and car manufacturing in Coventry. We will learn about local inventor, Frank Whittle and how his invention changed air travel. We will also look at the Coventry in the present day.</p> | |
| <p>Science</p> | <p>Green Fingers – Observing how plants grow. We will investigate that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. That plants take nutrients from the soil That water enters a plant through the root and is transported around the plant We will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants.</p> | |
| <p>Computing</p> <p>RE</p> <p>Music</p> | <p>We will be using 2Code to create own algorithms and create code to make events happen on screen. We will use different inputs to trigger the next part of our code and create different outputs.</p> <p>How have religion and history entwined in this area? We will look at religious views of the past including finding out about Lady Godiva and the founding of St Mary's Priory. We will consider how religion has changed in the local area from medieval times through the Reformation to the modern day.</p> <p>In Music, we will be listening to and appreciating different types of music and we will be learning some songs.</p> | |
| <p>PSHE</p> | <p>Relationships In our PSHE we will be learning about different families. We will be considering which types of physical contact are acceptable and how we can talk about this. We will also discuss safe and unsafe secrets. We will discuss how we can manage conflict with our friends and how it feels to trust other people.</p> | |

As part of our work in science, you could help your child to plant some seeds or bulbs and then care for them as they grow. You could also discuss the names of different plants that might grow in your garden or ones that you might see out in the countryside.

To support our history work you could ask older family members how cars have changed in their lifetime and whether they have any links to local car manufacturing.

Dates to Remember

Homework

Year 1

Homework will be sent out on a **Tuesday** on **Purple Mash**. The children will have spellings and a maths game to complete.

Year 2

Homework will be sent out on a **Tuesday**. **Spellings** will be on **Purple Mash** and the children will be encouraged to use **Times Tables Rock Stars** to help them to learn their multiplication facts.

Reading – please hear your child read at least three times a week. Children will be given new books on Monday.

Library – books will be changed each Friday. Please ensure your child brings them in each week.

PE days are on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**.

Thursday 4th June – Elm and Willow trip to Coventry Transport Museum.