



# Spring Term 2025 Willow Newsletter Year 4/5

## Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a well-earned rest and enjoyed Christmas.

Firstly thank you for your support last term and generous Christmas gifts, it was very kind of you and much appreciated.

This term we will be exploring dastardly Outlaws. We will be using Robin Hood and local high-wayman, Humphrey Kynaston as the focus of our topic.

Willow will continue to do a bit of exercise everyday to build up our fitness levels and get some fresh air. On Wednesdays children can wear their PE kit to school in readiness for exercising with Miss. Monk from STITC. After half term we will start swimming lessons at Oswestry school.

Homework will continue to include spelling, timetables and a written /maths piece, in addition to reading. If your child is struggling with it, please contact me and we will support them with it during the school day.

We look forward to a happy, healthy and productive 2025 working together, if you have any questions or concerns please do contact me at [melissa.morgan@westcliffe.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:melissa.morgan@westcliffe.shropshire.sch.uk) or via Seesaw.

From Mrs. Morgan and the Willow team



On **Friday afternoons** Willow have Forest school. Please come to school wearing old, warm clothing, wellies and waterproofs.

Please help your child to learn any words, spot patterns and know their meanings. Complete 5 tasks in EMILE.

Spelling tests will take place every **Wednesday**



Time tables tests will take place every **Friday**.

Complete **AT LEAST 5 Games on TTRS** to help you learn them.



Tuesday March 25th

Class trip to Shropshire Archives followed by a walk up Nesscliffe Hill.



- Monday mile** run around playground
- Tuesday challenge** personal fitness challenge,
- Wednesday** PE lesson with Miss Monk



**PLEASE COME TO SCHOOL IN PE KITS**

**on WEDNESDAY**

## Homework.

Homework and spelling books are due in on **WEDNESDAYS**.



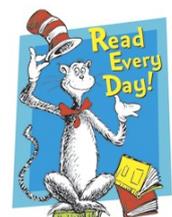
Please bring a **named** drinks bottle of water and a snack for break time/ afternoon.

## Reading

Please continue to share books with your child—take turns, read extracts, discuss the story and characters, it really is one of the most helpful things you can do.

Sometimes it can seem tricky to choose a book that you enjoy reading, if this is a problem for your child you could use the BookTrust Book Finder website

([www.booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder)) or talk to us at school. Don't forget to record a comment and sign the reading map in the back of your reading diary. Prizes are awarded!



### Numeracy:

We will continue to develop and practise written methods for all four numbers operations as well as solving problems within a variety of contexts including measures. We will be learning about Roman numerals, negative numbers and continuing to learn and apply our times tables. We will focus on fractions and decimals in particular this term.

### Literacy:

Our Literacy this term will be linked with our topic where possible.

This will include:

- Adventure stories
- Persuasive speech
- Dialogue/ playscript
- Newspaper reports
- Non-chronological writing



### Geography:

- reviewing our knowledge of the geography of Britain and its key cities and counties.
- looking at Shropshire as a county, its towns and features
- developing our map skills, learning compass directions, grid references and map symbols.

### History

- the life of local highwayman Humphrey Kynaston
- how our local area has changed.



## Spring Term Willow class Outlaws

### ICT:

- Year 4 Programming- Repetition in shapes
- Data and information - Data logging
- Year 5 Programming - Selection in physical computing
- Data and information - Flat-file databases

Visit: Nesscliffe Hill/ Archives Museum

### RE:

**Key questions we will cover:**

Who is Jewish and how do they live?

Why does Easter matter to Christians?

### French:

Days of the week, months and the seasons  
numbers to 50,  
Raconte -moi une histoire-  
Sleeping Beauty in French.  
Celebrations-Epiphany/ Easter

### Art:

Winter trees, exploring line using pencil and charcoal and the work of Gustav Klimt

DT—shelters (linked with Forest school) and wood-work skills.

### Music:

Recorder Unit - Tooter Intermediate/ advanced  
Dragon Scales

### Science: States of matter

Willow will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, classifying objects and identifying their properties. We will learn how heating and freezing affects a material's shape/ particles and conduct experiments involving dissolving and filtering.

We will explore how water changes state, exploring melting, freezing, condensing as well as a particular focus on evaporation. Finally, we will learn about the stages of the water cycle, how our polar areas are changing and the effect of climate change.

### PSHE:

How can we help in an accident or emergency?  
How can friends communicate safely? (e-safety)

### PE:

Gymnastics/ tennis with Miss Monk from STIC  
Forest Friday 1st half term  
Swimming 2nd half term