



# Willow Class Newsletter

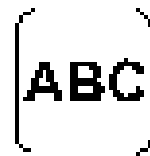
Spring 2024

## Topic Overview

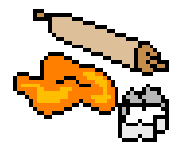
Welcome back to school! Our topic for Spring 1 is 'a day in the life of... an inventor' and for Spring 2 it's 'a day in the life of... a shop assistant'. In Spring 1 we will be focusing on historical inventions that have got us to where we are today, and comparing this to up and coming modern technology. In Spring 2 we will be exploring the life of a shop assistant by transforming our classroom into a shop, thinking about what a shop assistant might have to do and learning about the differences between shops. On Wednesdays we also have a 'preparation for adulthood' focus where we will be learning to complete a wide range of jobs and will learning about different opportunities beyond Saxon Hill.

## English

In Spring 1 English, we will be covering 'book to film comparisons' where we will compare our topic books to invention films



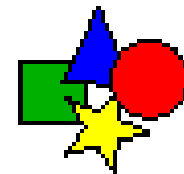
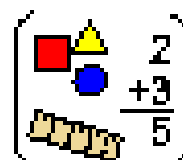
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such as 'Robots' and 'Flubber'. In Spring 2 we will be focusing on drama and diary writing. As part of regular English sessions throughout the week we will be covering phonics, spellings, reading and writing practice.

## Maths

In Spring 1 Maths, we will be learning all about capacity and weight and in Spring 2



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we will be covering shape and time! We also develop number skills once a week through practical activities and games.

## Science

In Science Spring 1 we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be classifying animals into their family groups, looking at whether they are vertebrates or invertebrates, what they eat and the effects of sea pollution and deforestation. During Spring 2 we will be learning about plants, their different parts and their life cycles. We will be exploring our local environment and investigating what happens when plants don't get what they need in order to grow.



## Swimming & Rebound

Our hydro session is on a Wednesday afternoon and our rebound session is on a Thursday afternoon. Both hydro and rebound are on a rota basis. Please can you send a swimming kit in school for your child so that we can keep it on their peg. Once it has been used we will send them home for you to wash and return it—thank you.



## Drinks and snacks

If your child has a snack at break time, please send one in each day. You can also send in a drink bottle for your child and we will send these home at the end of every day.



## Cold weather

Please ensure that your child comes in with appropriate clothing for the cold weather. If you can, please label hats, scarves and gloves so that they don't get lost.

## Rewards

Willow class earn stickers for good work, trying their best and following class rules. When pupils fill their sticker charts they can choose a prize from our treasure box! There will also be a star of the week each week PLUS a special treat afternoon at the end of each half term.

