



Friendship Courage Respect Thoughtfulness
Determination Honesty Happiness Humility
Values this term: **Determination, Cooperation and Appreciation**

Happy New Year from Willows Class! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and hear their holiday news. They seem so much more grown up all of a sudden! We have a busy term ahead filled with lots of fun learning opportunities.

Home reading: please ensure the children read their reading books at home on a daily basis or as often as possible. Short, regular sessions are more beneficial than reading the whole book in one go. If you would like any support with home reading please do not hesitate to get in touch. The children need to bring their reading books to school on a daily basis.

Learning logs: thank you for supporting your children with their learning at home. This term I am sending some more focused English and Maths tasks to revisit skills and knowledge learnt so far.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo or email gravenhurst-info@bestacademies.org.uk.

Mathematics

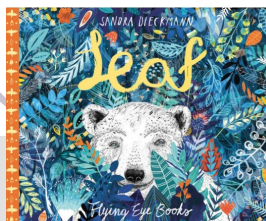
In Spring 1 both year groups will finish a unit on multiplication and division before moving to shape and then fractions.

In Spring 2, we will be covering measures including length, mass, temperature and capacity. There will also be plenty of opportunities to consolidate previous learning in the lessons.

English

We are currently reading a contemporary, multi-layered text 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckman and will use the story as a basis for independent writing.

This term we will also use a BFI short film to inspire recount writing, write some non chronological reports based on our topic work and read books by a famous author from the past, Beatrix Potter.



Topic and Science

Our history topic for the first half term will be 'Nurturing Nurses' with a focus on Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.

In Art we will be looking at and comparing the work of two famous artists: Van Gogh and Lowry. We will use their famous paintings as a stimuli for our own art work.

After half term our geography topic will be 'Our Local Area'.

In Science our first topic will be 'Materials' and in Spring 2 our focus will be on 'Plants and growing'. We may even be able to grow something for our D&T topic 'Sensational salads'.

KS1 timetable

This term PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

After half term we will have FOREST SCHOOL on Mondays and PE only on Thursdays.

The children will also continue to attend a Sports Club at lunchtime on Thursdays.

Reading books will be changed on Fridays.

Spelling tests will take place on Tuesdays.

Please ensure your children's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled!