



## KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Newsletter - Spring 2026

Friendship Determiation Peace Friendship Hope Friendship Courage Respect Happiness Honesty Thoughtfulness  
**Values this term: Determination, Co-operation and Appreciation**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The Willow Class have had a lovely, settled start to Spring term. We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of fun and learning. Please read ahead to find out about our topics for this term.

**Reading reminder:** 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.

Please ensure all you children's belongings are **clearly labelled**. A warm coat should be brought in daily! Could we also request **only water** in the drinks bottles, please.

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](mailto:gravenhurst-info@bestacademies.org.uk). Urgent messages through the office via telephone, please.

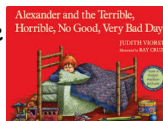
### Mathematics

In the Spring term the Y1 children will continue to build their knowledge of numbers by working with numbers to 20 and then to 50. They will also continue to work on their Addition and Subtraction skills before moving to Measures.

The Year 2 will have a busy term! They will focus on Money, Multiplication and Division and Fractions and hopefully start Measures too before the Easter holidays!

### English

In English we will be inspired by some humorous stories including the Traction Man series by Mini Grey. Linked to this we will also do some non fiction writing, such as instructions.



After the half term break we will continue with non fiction writing with the focus on re-counts before moving to our Poetry unit on 'List Poetry'.



### Science and Foundation subjects

Our History topic for the first half term will be 'How did we learn to fly?'

In Art we are focusing on colour through painting and mixed media.

After half term our geography topic will be 'Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?' and in D&T we will be exploring moving mechanisms.

In Science our topics for the term are: Plants (Light and Dark) as well as Living things and their habitats. The latter we will explore in our forest school sessions in February!



### KS1 timetable

This half term PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please arrive to school dressed ready for PE!

After half term we will have forest school on Mondays and PE on Thursdays.

Reading books change — Thursdays

Library day — Fridays

Spelling test — Mondays