Our Willow Wood Newsletter

Spring 1-February

Welcome to our half termly newsletter where we will share with you the wonderful things we are doing to support the wellbeing of everyone in our Willow Wood family and celebrate amazing reading.

Year 5 had a visit from ***Active Sunderland***, where they learned about how to take care of their bodies and also played some fun games!

We enjoyed ***Culture Week*** across school when we returned from our Christmas break. During this week, each class looks at different cultures from around the world.

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit to ***Live Tales*** in Sunderland where the children had the chance to create an original story with brand new characters that were illustrated live as the children created them. The workshops help the children to work as a team to tell stories, build resilience and self confidence and to develop their speaking and listening skills.

Children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed learning about ***Lunar New Year***—they enjoyed making paper lanterns and paper chain dragons, they listened to some traditional music and enjoyed a dragon dance with Mrs Bell.

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 6th February and the theme this year was **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. We completed a variety of activities in school to raise awareness of this and to develop the children's understanding of how to stay safe online.**

Year 5 enjoyed a trip to ***Barley Hall*** last week, where they enjoyed playing with the various weapons used during Tudor times and exploring the ***Tudor Manor House***. They also enjoyed sightseeing in York, and seeing the York Minster which had a brand new statue of Queen Elizabeth the II!

Year 5 have enjoyed connecting with the environment and each other during their ***Forest School sessions with Mark***. During their final session, they enjoyed roasting marshmallows on a fire pit and drinking hot chocolate.

During ***Children's Mental Health Week***, the children wrote letters of gratitude to a chosen person, telling them what they were thankful for.

School trips are **essential** to support social interactions and communication skills as well as gaining life skills for as much independence as possible.

School trips give children opportunities, they build relationships, confidence and engagement.

Coming soon...

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that takes place in March 2024.

Red Nose Day

15th March 2024

WORLD BOOK DAY®

7th March 2024