

Willow Class - Autumn 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a brief outline of all the exciting things we will be studying in Willow Class this term. This is sadly the children's final year at Colgate and of course we want to make it full of lots of great learning and happy memories.

Children have lots to look forward to this year - the residential, bikeability, enterprise, end of year production and lots more. They will have more positions of responsibility in the school and we aim to prepare and equip them well for secondary school. Of course, this is the year of SATs; whilst that will be an end goal and we will do some practise papers throughout the year to help prepare the children, we hope to strike a good balance.

Our theme this term is

LIMITLESS

where we will look at adversity and survival. The power of perseverance and not setting limits to our achievements will be at the forefront of our learning.

History

'Beyond Face Value'
- A series of skills-based enquiries looking at the way powerful people have manipulated evidence for their own ends and have tried to persuade others of their version of the past.

Historical periods covered are: Tudors and Victorians.

Chronological understanding

Science

- Healthy diet
- Impacts of exercise
- Blood and the circulatory system
- Light

GEOGRAPHY

Mountains

- Where are mountain ranges in the world and the UK?
- How are mountains formed?
- What are the features of a mountain?
- Map reading skills

Literacy

Literacy will be linked to our work on Mountains. We start by writing a guide of their choice: 'How to...' before looking at the book & film 'Touching the Void' which we will use to write descriptively.

NUMERACY

Place value
Addition & subtraction
Multiplication & division
Fractions

Music

- Music notation: reading and writing music
- Composition: scoring for films and GarageBand

Computing

- Graphic Design
- Binary Code
- Programming
- 'Micro:Bit' & 'Spheros'
- CAD (linked with DT)

French - My home: Where they live Rooms in a house - The Weather: Describing weather Compass points (To be taught by Miss Knight)	P.E. (Wednesdays and Fridays) Tag rugby Fitness Tennis Gymnastics Orienteering (at Hindleap)	R.E. Beliefs & Practises What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? (To be taught by Mrs Killner)
Art Mountain Landscape Drawing vegetables: mixed media and colour; Clay fruit pots	P.S.H.C.E. - Being a good buddy - Physical Health & mental well-being - Healthy Eating & Marketing - Basic First Aid	D.T. Cooking with Mrs Sanders Design and make a maze game using computer aided design and a 3D printer.

To aid children's transition into secondary school, the children will be given a homework diary and more regular work will be sent home. They will also be given a book which we will stick the homework into. I will always aim to give the children a week (or more for longer projects) to complete their work as many children have lots of out of school activities.

Please help your child to check their diary and complete their work on time. Regular homework slots at home can help with this.

Daily Reading – Please hear your child read a variety of texts as often as possible. Discuss the text with them and encourage expression using punctuation to guide them. Talk about why they have said it in that way.

Spellings – Children will look at different spelling rules and have target spelling words. Words will be on spelling shed to practise both at home and school.

Grammar - We will have regular grammar lessons at school and there will be a short weekly grammar homework given out on Friday.

Maths - Weekly maths homework will be given to consolidate skills on a Wednesday.

x Tables – Children need to know the times tables to 12x12. It is a massive help with their daily maths lessons. They are able to practise at home on TTrockstars and any other ways they like.

If you have any queries or would like to speak to me, please see me at the end of the day or contact me through seesaw.

Thank you,
Miss A. Wilson