



Looking ahead to Term 4

Geography

During this unit of work we will be looking at maps and the local area. We will create our own maps and look at how the local area has changed over time.

We will be going out in the local area to explore and familiarise ourselves with it before we create our own maps.

Science

We will be looking at habitats and thinking why animals and plants live and grow in the habitats they do.

RE - our big question will be, 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

PE continues to be on a Monday and a Thursday.
Willow can wear their PE kits to school on these days.

READING MATTERS

The number of children in Willow Class reading 3 times a week varies dramatically from week to week.

Reading at home is so important and impacts greatly on what your children can achieve in school every day.

Let's make Term 4 our most successful yet and fill those contact books up!

Thank you for your continued support.

Those Who Read Succeed!

Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.

Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads:	Child B Reads:	Child C Reads:
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words

Between 15 and 25 books a year!



3 or 4 books a year



Less than one book per year



Want to be a better reader? Simply read!

READING MATTERS



Reading is the most important subject in school. A child needs reading in order to master most of the other subjects.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps him/her develop critical reading skills.



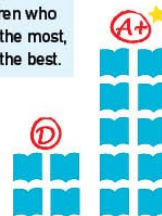
WHY IS READING AT HOME SO IMPORTANT?

A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7,800 hours at home.



About half of illiterate adults live in poverty. They are less likely to find employment than their more literate counterparts.

Across the world, the children who read the most, read the best.



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