



Dear Parents/Carers,

We trust you had a good half-term break, and that the pupils are ready to settle in to some focused learning, both in the classroom and out in the wider local and wider London environment. It is so important that their education involves trips beyond the doors of the classroom, as it widens and enriches the type of learning experiences they have. So let's have a look at what's coming up over the next seven weeks.

### Autumn 2 Curriculum

The curriculum topics for Autumn 2

**Elm:** Investigating plants, writing instructions, out and about in our neighbourhood

**Maple:** Living things and their habitats, The History of Transport

**Ash:** Living Things, Habitats and Plants, Ancient China

**Oak:** States of Matter and Changes of Material, Ancient Egypt

**Beech:** Ancient Rome, Living things and their habitats, Animals and Humans

*For more detailed information, you can go onto the school website and visit the **curriculum** page.*

### Science Rocks by Ash Class

In science, Ash class focused on Plants! Plants provide us with so much — oxygen to breath, food to eat, materials to make clothing and paper, and beautiful flowers and leaves to admire! How can plants be so diverse and survive in so many kinds of climates? How do they know how to grow towards the sun? Why do some plants not have seeds?

Ash students worked very hard to produce a well written diagram about the different parts of a flower.



### Coffee Morning

Hi, everyone. I'd like to say a big thank-you to those parents and carers who joined us at the coffee morning on Thursday. I trust you found it worthwhile and I look forward to seeing you soon. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming meetings and presentation themes which will be advertised on the website and as fliers.

### Eco Warriors

Ever mindful of the importance of developing pupil awareness of local, national and environmental issues, The Willows Academy is off on a new adventure. Starting this term, we are highlighting the preservation of habitats, and the plants and animals that live in them. To this end, Miss Evi has started the **Eco School** and has a group of very keen eco warriors to help carry the conservation message. Watch the website for more information.

# “Give me a dollar or I’ll spit on you.”

Beech reports

This is a Bradley Chalkers quote from Louis Sachar’s thought-provoking novel ‘There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom.’ This book grabbed our imagination, telling the story of Bradley Chalkers, a child with serious behaviour problems and his struggle to make friends and find acceptance.



## Move Over British Bake-Off!

In our studies on Ancient Egypt, we looked at what the Egyptians used to eat. We made our own Egyptian bread in class and baked it in the ovens. We think Chelsie will be the next bake off winner.

By Oak



## UFO Sighting? By Maple



In mathematics, we have been out around the school investigating all the different shapes we can find for mathematics. We stumbled across this strange circle and , as we studied it closely, Cody saw something strange in the distance. Was it a UFO, was it a flying pig? No it was just his wild and wonderful imagination, so we all got back to business, looking at shapes and space in the natural – and un-natural world.

## Halloween at the Willows



In art, we went out and about to buy our pumpkins and made our own Halloween lanterns.



We had to scrape out the inside and then carefully carve out our Halloween faces. Look out for Chip’s at the front door of the school. ELM

### P.E. KIT

All pupils need to come on Monday with the correct P.E. kit. There is no hard and fast rule on what they should wear, however the expectation is that all pupils should be changing into:

- Shorts or track bottoms
- Sports shirt



## Rights Respecting Schools

The Willows Academy aims to be a school where children’s rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture to improve well-being and develop every child’s talent and abilities to their full potential.

The pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A rights respecting school models rights and respect in all its relationships.. We now have our bronze award and are going for silver.

## Dates for this Term

**Term Ends: Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Back to school, Spring 1: Monday, January 7, 2019**



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