



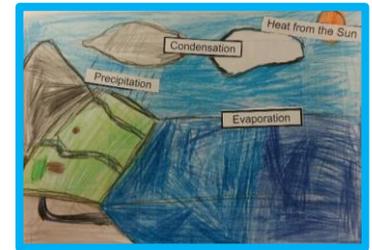
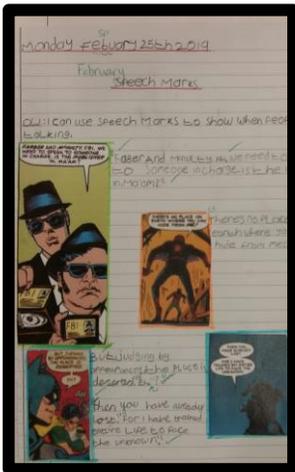
Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is all about learning. It has been fantastic to see all the children with heads down, taking their learning seriously, doing their best, being creative and having fun. Here are some of the highlights.

Ash Learning On Track

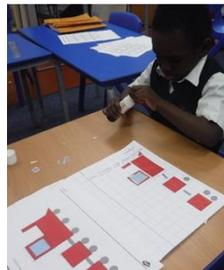
Ash have been learning about how to write dialogue using speech marks, and we are looking forward to reading some of their writing, as it will be used in fictional stories.

They have also been learning about the **water cycle** in science and carried out an investigation on how this works in nature.



Science Rocks Elm

Elm Class have been studying Information texts this week. They have learnt to find information using a contents page and an index page. Some children also found word meanings using the glossary. In Friday's lesson the children created their own information text about frogs including headings, photographs and labelled drawings.

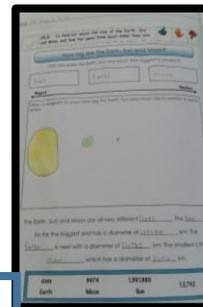


James has been working hard recognising basic shapes – circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. He used these shapes to make a train.



Earth and Space

Donte puts in an Excellent effort with his learning about the planets again.



Ash Blasts into Space

Ash have started their study of planet Earth and Space. To begin the study, they have completed a wonderful display of their topic.



Getting Ready for World Book Day



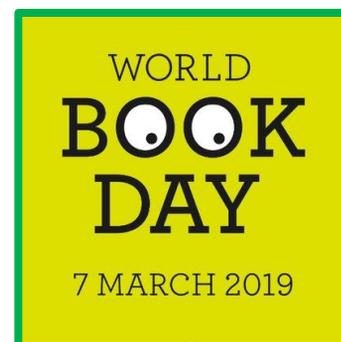
Mr Roberts has been preparing the children in Maple for a fun filled week of books, and part of this is the study of a book in class. Ash are listening to the story of The Witches, by Roald Dahl. Clearly the pupils make a good listening audience



World Book Day at The Willows Academy

Every year, schools around the world celebrate World Book Day on the first Wednesday in March, and this year, it falls on March 7th. As always, the pupils are invited to come along dressed as their favourite character and will participate in a small character parade if they wish.

With this in mind, would you please support your child in putting together a costume of their favourite character. It could be a full character or perhaps just a 'prop' that is a trade mark of a character. What is important is that it needs to be the character from a book, not just a film, and certainly not a video game, please. The school can help with whatever we might have available so please don't stress if you are having difficulties with some aspects.



Meet the Team

We have a talented bunch of pupils this year on our football team, who are training very hard and expecting to win back the Miller Cup from Cedars School. Well done for a near win last Friday (Cedars 2: Willows 1). It looks like you are set to give them a run for their money this year, and we look forward to seeing the cup back in safe hands soon.



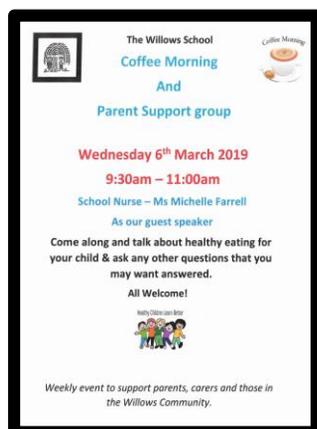
Coffee Morning

Hi everyone, Debbie Downie here!

This week we had a really productive session where parents got a chance to be involved in a practical way with their children, playing board games. Thanks to all those parents and carers who attended.

It would be fantastic to see more of you taking advantage of our Wednesday coffee mornings; it's a great place to meet other parents, find support and join in with our activities and learning sessions.

Next week, the school nurse, Michelle Farrell, is our guest speaker and it is a great chance to ask any questions you may have. Hope to see you there.



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