



# Class Willow Newsletter

## Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

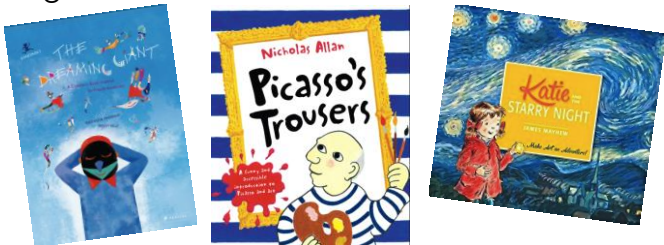
Dear parents,

We are into our 2<sup>nd</sup> half term already! I hope everyone has had a lovely half term with time to recharge.

We have a new and exciting topic for this half term, and that is 'Artists'.

### English

In English we are going to read some books inspired by artwork from some famous artists. Some examples are: *The Dreaming Giant*, *Picasso's Trousers* and *Katie and the Starry Night*.



We will use these books to continue to look at how stories are structured, and retelling those stories. The children will also be doing a lot more writing; using our phonics knowledge to begin to spell some simple words.

### Reading

Please continue listening to your child read, or tell a story in their own words, at home. Staff will continue to listen to the children read too, at least once a week, and we aim to change your child's book at least once a week too. We cannot guarantee what day we will listen to the children read, so please could you leave their reading book and reading record in your child's reading bag.

### Maths

Maths will still involve lots of practical activities. Our main objectives this half term are: being more confident in recognising and counting numbers, height, 2D shapes, and then moving onto addition and subtraction.

### Phonics

Phonics is taught daily, and the children are making good progress in Phase 2. We will be continuing with Phase 2, then we will move onto Phase 3. Everything about Phonics is explained on Phonics Play, where the children can also play games to practice recognising the sounds we are learning at school. Phonics Play can be accessed on the computer by going to [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk) (a link is also on the School's website) and typing in the username and password (both of which are laptop).

### Science

This half term we will be looking at colour mixing. We are going to do some exciting experiments linked to colour, looking at changes and explaining why some things occur.

### Art/Topic

In our Topic lessons we will be looking at famous artists, such as: Kandinsky, Picasso and Van Gogh. We will discuss what and how they painted, and what they may have done similarly or differently to each other.

Then in Art we will be using this knowledge to create our own artwork inspired by these artists.

### P.E.

P.E. will now be taught on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. This half term we will be doing dance. This will involve listening to different types of music and thinking about the different ways we could move to the music. This



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will be taught indoors, so please can you make sure the children have their P.E. tops, shorts and plimsoles.

### Additional Info

Class Willow have their Class Assembly this half term. The proposed date for this is Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

November. This is a chance for you and the children to show and celebrate their learning.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me through the school office, or organise a time to speak with me.

Miss. Morton & Mrs. Ferguson