The Wind in the Willows



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This term we will be sharing the story of The Wind in the Willows written by Kenneth Grahame. The themes will be incorporated throughout our curriculum.

As readers and writers we will be sharing, listening to and watching the story of The Wind in the Willows, exploring the characters and adventures. We will be role-playing, story writing and making information posters, learning about writing exciting sentences for different purposes.

As scientists we will be exploring seasonal changes. We will explore and understand what the weather is like in each season, what animals do during different seasons and how we adapt our lifestyles in each season.

As mathematicians we will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, problem solving, weighing and measuring and telling the time, including the days of the week and the months of the year.

As musicians we shall be exploring how we can use our voice and bodies to make sounds. We will experiment with tempo and dynamics when playing instruments. We shall also learn to identify sounds in the environment and differentiate between sounds.

As artists and designers we will be finding out how to make moving parts for pictures and books, exploring levers and tabs. We will also be designing and making a car for Toad of Toad Hall, finding out how to make and attach working wheels.

Our R.E. topic will ask **Why does Christmas matter to Christians?** We will explore what it means to belong to the Christian community and find out who Jesus was.

Forest School outdoor learning will be on a Friday. We will investigate animal's habitats and have a go at making our own dens and secret places! Please ensure that your child has wellies and warm clothes in school.

We will be teaching P.E. on a Tuesday morning. We will be concentrating on outdoor sports and ball skills, incorporating tag rugby.

In RSE we will explore self-regulation, asking how we can and why we should listen to and follow instructions.

This will be an exciting and investigative topic with lots of outdoor learning and exploration. We hope to end our topic with a Wind in the Willows picnic, which we hope you will join us for.

Sharing books at home about the riverside, lifecycles of river animals and the changes in the seasons would support your child's learning. You could think about:
What does frogspawn turn into?
Why does it snow?
Where do the birds go during Winter?

Our core Christian values will be **Respect** and **Responsibility.** We will think about these in collective worship and through our learning.

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