

Class: Willow Class

Term: Spring 2nd half term 2026



BRABIN'S ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Topic – Amazing Animals -5 weeks

Author study – Julia Donaldson.

Getting Started

Amazing Animals - Author study - Julia Donaldson - linked to the children's interest – (5 weeks)

The interest came from children showing a love of animals in their play. From this we will read a range of texts by Julia Donaldson including Monkey puzzle and snail and the whale. Using the texts as a stimulus the children will create their own story maps, character descriptions and learn all about Julia Donaldson. The children will find out all about Sir David Attenborough and his work.

Capital Culture	Visits	Visitors	Experiences	Events
Spring walk - British value and citizenship – Rules/taking part. <i>Celebrations that we take part in.</i> <i>Traditions – Easter</i>	Trip to Blackpool Zoo Monday 9 th March 2026	Class assembly and showcase Friday 13 th March 2026	<u>Mother's Day</u> – We will read the book, 'My mum' by Anthony Browne, during a circle time encourage the children to share why their mum is so special. <u>Easter</u> – children take part in a range of activities such as making cards and egg rolling.	Weekly Wednesday afternoon Forest school sessions with Pre-school.

Characteristics of Learning

Playing and exploring - engagement	Active learning - motivation	Creating and thinking critically - thinking
Playing with what they know. Being willing to have a go.	Enjoying achieving what they set out to do. Being proud of how they accomplished something – not just the end result.	Finding ways to solve problems. Making predictions.



Discrete Subjects – Spring 2nd half term 2026

Computing

Sound – explore ways of making and listening to sounds using simple devices such as talking tins and microphones.

Music

Instrument families

We will learn all about the woodwind, string, percussion and brass instruments. Children will explore using the different instruments and find what sounds they make.

RE – Miss Doxey

Our unit of learning is Easter, the children will learn all about the Easter story, recreate the last supper and good Friday.



PE

Fundamental skills focus

Running

Jumping

Skipping

Overarm throw

Hopping



PSHE

Circle time sessions

'Taking Part'. This covers the following areas:

- the need for rules.
- understanding the difference between right and wrong
- speaking and listening about the things that are important

understand and identify the various groups they belong to



Literacy

- Julia Donaldson – Author study.
- Character descriptions.
- Write a story map linked to a key text.
- Poetry basket poem to recite.
- Retell story of The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr.

Mathematics

- Positional language
- Count on from a given number to 20 and back from a given number 0 – 10.

Physical development

- Finger gym challenges.
- Letter formation.
- Scissor control.
- Letter formation.
- Yoga sessions.

Understanding the world .

- Using Kiddle to research about animals from our texts- where do they live? what do they eat? What is their habitat like?
- Locate where animals live using maps and atlases.
- Find out about Sir David Attenborough.

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PSED

- Friendship
- Taking part – PSHE, what are rules and why do we have them?
- Understanding right and wrong using different scenarios.
- Introduce affirmation cards.

Communication and Language –

- Develop new vocabulary from our Author studies.
- Describe what is happening in our key texts in more detail using story maps.
- Wellcomm language programme.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Spring walk – observational drawings.
 - Paintings of their mums.
- Easter crafts – egg rolling and decorating.
- Observational drawings/sketches of animals from key texts..
 - Sketches of their favourite animals.

Educational Programmes