

## Learning this week

Hello Year 1 families,

This week brought us the Autumn Equinox. As the leaves surround us, outdoors turn into golden colours and we also continue to notice and observe the changes of the seasons with the weather being part of our year-long Science study. If you notice the temperature change or the forecast changing this week you can see, think and wonder how else we record those changes in our world?

Meanwhile our English learning has been launched with a new book using action story-telling to re-tell a traditional tale: "The Little Red Hen". Throughout the week, we have been learning the story off by heart, and using our story maps to help us. Here's a link to help re-cap and help your little ones tell the story at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdvJZD-cplg> - Let us know how you get on!

Maths challenges have been keeping us on our toes all week! We have been: practising writing numbers in words, counting on from any number and finding missing numbers in consecutive groups. All of our work is looking at numbers to 5 or 10, deepening our knowledge and using our oracy skills to start being able to explain and reason our thinking when faced with a maths challenge: 5, \_\_, 7, 8, 9... For instance, we have been practising playing the game "Sh ! Sh! What's the missing number?", then relying on our consecutive number knowledge to fill in the gaps. Number facts will build great foundations for all our math-magicians core development in the coming years.

In Art, our London drawing study has continued and we have been looking closely at the London skyline, noticing the shapes we can see in the makeup of Tower Bridge, Big Ben and our favourite, the London Eye. We used colour pastels on black paper and love the vibrancy of the results – check out our Instagram @willowbrooksrts to see some of the results.

All week we have been diving deep into History, following looking at London "Now and Then". We made our own family timeline, discussed new words and phrases, thinking about the "older generation" and making comparisons with today. We'd love to see any photos of your great grandparents if you have them, we heard about some elders from our Willow Brook families in discussions. We also have investigated how items around the house have changed over time: a tin bath, a dial phone and a gramophone were of particular interest to our budding Historians

Finally, we have really enjoyed our Music singing lessons and assemblies where we even sing in Spanish! ICT lessons have been a big hit where we have been getting to know our school chromebooks.

Curriculum clubs have been a popular weekly highlight: Games club, Artist of the Month drawing work and STEM paper windmills plus the, London Walk on the Wildside challenges, have made our shared areas and classrooms come alive with collaborative learning on Wednesday after-school.

Thank you for all your continued support.

## The Year 1 Team

### Notices

**Please read every day for at least ten minutes and practise handwriting letter formation.**

*Please remember a coat and water bottle everyday. Vital for outdoor learning and play .*

### Merits

Old Vic: Bousso and Viktor      Reading Award: Uta

Savoy: Nephele and Hamza J      Reading Award: Safwaan

Globe: Kaelan and Briana      Reading Award: Poppy

### Reading for Pleasure

*Challenge for this week:*

*KS1 - Imagine you are a character in the story. How do you feel?*

*Use key words and/or write a few sentences.*

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*"Would you rather be a little red hen or the sleepy cat?"*

**Quote of the Week:**

*"In London, everyone is different, and that means anyone can fit in."*  
Paddington Bear





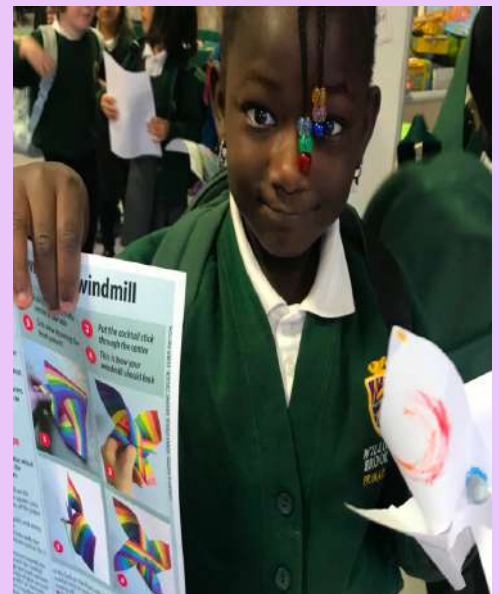
## Year 1 – Student Voice



**Globe – I liked learning the story about the Little Red Hen.**

**Ragnar**

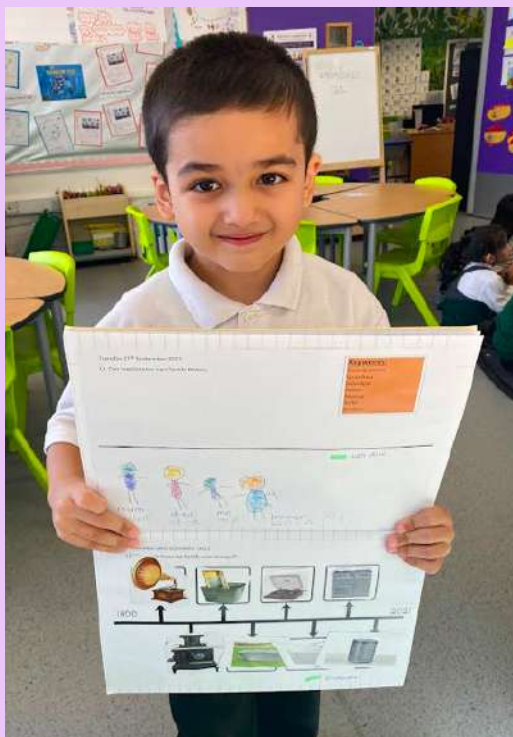
**Old Vic – “I loved making my own windmill blow to ‘grind the corn’ in The Little Red Hen!” - Bousso**



**Savoy –**

**“I explored my family history, old and new on a timeline!”**

**Hamza**



# Our week in Pictures



## The Little Red Hen - Storytelling





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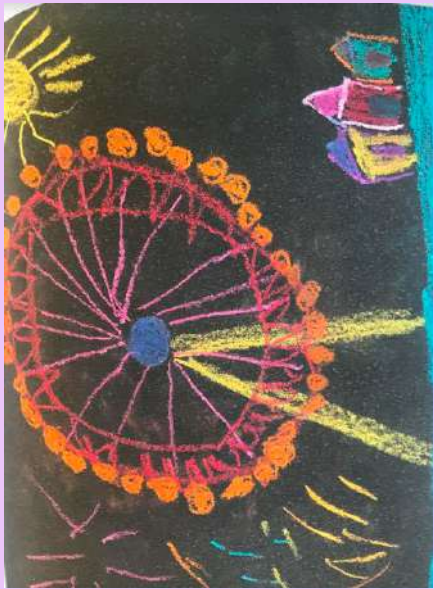
**Nephele: I can write a story**



**Art: Our London!**



**History: our families, our timelines!**



**The London Eye**