



Willow Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Here is a summary of what your child will be learning this half term:

This half term our topic is ‘Who am I?’. The children will spend time talking about themselves and their family, learning about their body and their senses. With this being the children’s first half-term in school they will have plenty of time to settle in and get to know our daily routines.

The children will learn in a variety of ways during their time in Willow Class; they will be taught as a whole class for phonics, literacy and maths, they will learn through independent activities which are planned for and through small group work led by an adult. Throughout the term all seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum will be covered.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)

The children will spend time getting to know each other as well as talking about themselves and their families during circle time sessions. We will spend time teaching and practising our class and school rules.

Communication & Language (CL)

The children will be encouraged to speak and to listen to their peers. We will be reading a range of well-known books during story times and encouraging the children to listen and join in with them.

Physical Development (PD)

We will do a range of activities to improve and develop the children’s fine and gross motor skills. PD activities will take place in the classroom, in our outdoor area and in the school hall. Children in Willow will start their weekly PE lessons with the Top Score coaches next week. These PE lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons.

Literacy

We are using the text ‘We are Family’ as our focus text for the half-term.

Later in the term we will send home a reading book and journal. Please read with your child as often as possible and record this in their journal.

Maths

The children will be learning to count and recognise numbers to 10. We will be spending time trying to really understand numbers and quantities.

Understanding the World (UW)

The children will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others. We will spend time reading books to explore family life in other countries.



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Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)

We will sing and learn a range of nursery rhymes. We will also explore using and creating with a range of different materials.

Phonics

The children will be taught 4 new sounds each week. We teach children the letter sound as well as the name but letters are not taught in alphabetical order! We will be letting you know the sounds we have taught each week in your child's spelling journal.

Explore Outdoors

We will begin our Explore Outdoors sessions on Thursday 19th September. They will take place every Thursday afternoon and your child will need to bring a rucksack / bag with wellies, long trousers and a jacket or an all-in-one suit. Explore Outdoors happens in all weather so please be mindful of this when sending in their change of clothes.

Notes and Reminders

Children under 5 are entitled to free milk in school however you need to register your details online to ensure we receive the milk in school. Visit www.coolmilk.com to register.

Please label every item of uniform (including shoes) that your child wears and brings to school. This ensures that if we find an item of clothing we can return it.

Your child will need a coat/ waterproof jacket in school every day as the weather is so unpredictable and we use the outside area daily.

This newsletter only gives a brief outline of our topics this half term – if you need any further information about any aspect of the curriculum or your child's progress please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Thank you!

Mrs Sage