



Willow Class

Summer 1

Christian Value: Peace

British Value: The Rule of Law

Reminders

PE will take place on **Tuesday and Thursday** this half term. Please bring PE kits to leave in school for the duration of this half term. It is important that the children become independent in dressing and undressing.

Forest School will take place on **Tuesday 21st April** and **Tuesday 5th May**. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing on these dates: a long-sleeved top, full-length trousers, wellies or appropriate footwear, and a lightweight jacket.

Homework will be sent out on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. We ask that you hear your child read aloud four times a week. Sharing books to enjoy together will continue to come home.

Class Dojo is for non-urgent queries and will be checked regularly. Please report absence to the school office.

Writing (Year 1 and 2)

This half term, our text is *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o. Year 1 will write a simple story based on the theme of adventure, dreams and self-acceptance. Following the same theme, Year 2 will write a 5-part story, adding adventurous language. Linking to our history topic, we will then write a historical report on Mary Seacole.

Maths (Year 1 and 2)

This half term, we will be consolidating our measures topic then moving onto statistics and money. To finish off the half-term, we will explore fractions.

Reading

Talk Through Stories (Reception & Year 1):
Cottonwool Colin – Jeanne Willis
Geko's Echo – Lucy Rowland

Whole Class Reading (Year 2):

Dear Dinosaur (fiction), Julia Donaldson
Little People, Big Dreams: Florence Nightingale (non-fiction), Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara.
walking with my Iguana (poetry), Brian Moses

Phonics

(Reception and Year 1)

We teach phonics using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Reception will secure reading longer words in phase 3 and blend words with adjacent consonants in phase 4.

Year 1 will spend this half term preparing for the phonics screening check (PSC).

There will be a PSC meeting for all year 1 parents to discuss how we prepare the children and what you can do to help at home. Please see key dates.

Mastering Number

Mastering Number supports children's mathematical recall and fluency. In KS1, this is in addition to their daily Maths lesson.

Reception will count larger sets and things that cannot be seen. They will also develop their spatial and shape awareness and explore ABB and ABBC patterns

Year 1 will focus on the composition of 11-15 and their positions on a number line. They will then use this knowledge to build on number facts.

Year 2 will focus on subtraction. They will connect missing addend problems to subtraction. They will also practise subtracting through the 10 boundary and within 20.

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Foundation subjects (Year 1 and 2)

Science: How do we choose the best material?

RE: EYFS: What people and stories are special and why? **KSI:** Who do Christians say made the world?

History: Who was Mary Seacole and why is she important?

PSHE: How can we look after the environment?

Art: Use a range of materials and media to create a jungle painting.

Music: Children will be exploring Rimsky Korsakov's Flight of the Bumble Bee.

Computing: Capturing, editing and improving photographs with different devices.

PE: Learning basic athletic movements and techniques, ready for Sports Day

Skill development in Reception

Prime areas:

Communication & Language: children will explain why things happen, in conversation and stories. They will listen attentively and respond to what they hear with questions, comments and actions.

Personal, Social and Emotional: Children will show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others. They will become more confident with hand washing, dressing for PE and fastening their own coat and shoes.

Physical development: Children will learn how to consistently use the tripod grip, in preparation for fluent writing. They will demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.

Specific areas:

Children will learn about how nurses and hospitals were different in the past. They will also compare, describe and investigate different materials.

Key dates

Monday 20th April - 3.30 pm - Phonics Screening Check Parent information meeting for Year 1 parents.

Monday 27th April - TT Rockstars Day

Don't forget to check the Headteacher newsletter for other key dates!

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