



Willow Class

Spring 2

Christian Value: Humility

British Value: Individual Liberty

Reminders

PE will continue to take place on Monday **only** this half term. Please come in PE kits as we will not have time to get changed.

Forest School will take place on Tuesday 10th March. Please ensure your child comes into school in appropriate clothing on these dates: 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 Rapunzel by Sarah Gibb. Year 1 will be writing a basic retelling of the story, focusing on the plot. They will be using language from the story. Year 2 will retell a 5-part version of the story, making simple adaptations to the setting of the story. They will apply develop their knowledge of expanded noun phrases to give extra detail and learn how to use the past progressive tense. We will then develop the skill of instructional writing.

Maths (Year 1 and 2)

This half term, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. Children will learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s (please practice at home).

We will then explore length and height, measuring in non-standard and standard units.

Reading

Talk Through Stories (Reception & Year 1):

The Rainbow Fish - Marcus Pfister

Can't you Sleep Little Bear? - Martin Waddell

Whole Class Reading (Year 2):

Earth's Incredible Oceans - Jess French + Claire McElfratrick
(non-fiction)

Ready for Spaghetti - Michael Rosen + Susan Dunbar
(poetry)

Phonics

(Reception and Year 1)

We teach phonics using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Reception will practise and secure Phase 3 GPCs in new and longer words.

Year 1 will continue to secure Phase 5 GPCs and growing the code. You can support your child in phonics with regular reading. Children may bring home the same book from time to time. This is to ensure that children are secure with applying their knowledge of sounds before moving on. Please look out for words to practice at home.

Mastering Number

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

Reception will consolidate the composition of numbers within 5. They will then apply this knowledge to numbers within 10.

Year 1 will consolidate the composition of numbers then move onto number facts and arithmetic.

Year 2 will use known facts to explore other number facts and then apply this to arithmetic.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)



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Spring 1

Christian Value: Respect and Reverence

British Value: Mutual Respect

Foundation subjects (Year 1 and 2)

Science: What is it like in winter, spring, summer and autumn?

RE: Who is Jewish and what do they believe? Continue to understand Judaism as a world faith.

Geography: What and where are the world's continents and oceans?

PSHE: How can I stay on and offline? How am I different?

DT: How do wheels and axles create movement on a fairground wheel?

Music: Exploring pulse and rhythm

Computing: How does programming a robot make it move?

PE: How can I throw and catch correctly?

Skill development in Reception

Prime areas:

Communication & Language: children understand and answer simple questions. They will ask questions of their own to find out more and to check their understanding.

Personal Social and Emotional: children will begin to recognise their own and other children's feelings. They will begin to talk to their friends about how to resolve conflicts (with the help of adults)

Physical development: children will learn how to throw and catch a large ball. They will learn how to negotiate the circle bike with their peers.

Specific areas:

Children will learn how to recognise land and oceans on simple maps. They will learn about the four seasons and how they are different.

Key dates

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March. Parents and siblings invited to join us for a book and biscuit from 2.45pm!

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March. More information to follow.

Parent Consultation Evenings – 24th/25th March. Sign up details for this will be shared later in the term.

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

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