



Willow Class

Autumn 1

Christian Value: Compassion

British Value: Democracy

Reminders

PE will be on **Mondays** – please make sure PE kits are brought and left in school for this half term, children will get changed in school.

Forest School will take place on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes into school in appropriate Forest School clothing on these days – long-sleeved top, full-length trousers, wellies or appropriate footwear and a lightweight jacket.

Starting next week: Homework will be sent out on Fridays, focusing on spelling and recall facts. New reading books will also be sent home on Fridays. Please make sure books are returned the following week.

We ask that you try to hear your child read aloud four times a week. They will also bring home a sharing book which is to enjoy with an adult or older sibling.

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

Writing (Year 1 and 2)

This half term, Year 1 will be writing sentences to match pictures to create a setting description based on the story 'Little Red Riding Hood.'

Year 2 will be writing a sequence of sentences to create a setting description.

Year 1 will then write simple instructions about something they know well whilst Year 2 write a set of instructions using appropriate language.

Maths (Year 1 and 2)

This half term, children will be learning about the place value of numbers within 20 and 100, and how to add and subtract numbers within 20.

Year 1 will explore through provision and concrete resources whilst Year 2 develop mental strategies.

Reading

Talk Through Stories (Reception/Year 1):

Mog the Forgetful Cat

Ravi's Roar

Owl Babies

Whole class reading (Year 1 and 2):

Fiction – Little Red Riding Hood

Non fiction – instructions

Phonics (Reception and Year 1)

We teach phonics using Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Reception this half term will be learning to recognise and blend with Phase 2 phonemes such as s, a, t, p. They will practice forming these sounds within the provision as they practice their name and begin to label.

Year 1 this half term will be reviewing all taught phonemes so far. They will begin to recognise, and blend Phase 5 phonemes and will write words and sentences containing these. Phase 5 includes alternate spellings for familiar sounds such as ay making ai.

Mastering Number

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

Reception will develop their subitising and counting skills. They will explore the composition of numbers within 5. They will begin to compare sets of objects with taught vocabulary.

Year 1 will continue to explore the composition of numbers within 10, and the position of these numbers in the linear number system.

Year 2 will recall number bonds within 10; they will recap the composition of the numbers 11 to 20 and reason about their position within the linear number system.

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Foundation subjects (Year 1 and 2)

Science: How can we identify, classify and compare animals, including humans? / Seasons

RE: What is the good news Jesus brings?

History: How has our school changed during living memory, and what does this tell us about our local community?

PSHE: Being me in my world

DT: Shelters – Forest School

Music: rhythm and song

Computing: information technology around us

PE: Agility, pace, direction and coordination

Skill development in Reception

Prime areas:

We will focus on Communication and Language through interactions with peers, games and rhymes and speaking in groups. Children will develop Personal Social and Emotional skills as they create relationships in the classroom and learn to manage their own needs and routine. They will improve physical development with play dough, threading and building. They will also begin to climb, crawl and run within outdoor provision.

Specific areas

Children will hear about schools then and now with KS1. They will look at Kadinsky's work as they learn about colour mixing in Expressive Arts and Design. Children will develop their own interests through play based on learning with KS1.

Key dates

Monday 21st September – Phonics information evening for parents. Especially useful for our new Reception families, but information will be shared about reading in KS1 too.

Friday 25th September – open afternoon for 2027 starters. Please share this date. Everyone welcome!

Monday 28th September 2.30pm – Book and Biscuit all parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 7th October Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 21st October 1.30pm – Harvest Festival

Please don't forget our weekly community worships that take place in church every Friday at 2.45pm!

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

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