

Willow Class Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to a new half term in Willow Class! I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for another exciting period of learning and discovery. We have lots to look forward to, including preparations for our **Christmas performance on 10th December**. Costume details will be sent out closer to the date. A gentle reminder to our Reception parents to share one 'wow' moment to your child's portfolio for the Autumn term. Year 1 parents, please note that a special history assignment is due on 17th November. A copy will be sent home in your child's bag. As always, feel free to catch me at the gate after school to keep in touch.

Mrs Gairy (Class teacher)
Mrs Walker & Mrs Ryan (Teaching assistants)

English.

Our core book this half term is *Supertato* by Sue Hendra. Reception children will continue to learn how to identify the initial sounds in words and record these. By the end of the term, they will be writing CVC words independently. Year 1 children will work on using capital letters for names, to start sentences, and for the word 'I'.

They will continue to focus on constructing clear sentences using capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces. Their final piece of work will be a wanted poster with a clear description of a character. All children in Willow Class will also have daily phonics sessions using the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme to develop their reading and writing skills.

Maths

This term, Year 1 will continue their addition and subtraction topic. They will learn to record all numbers in a fact family and use a number line to add and subtract. Following this, they will explore and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Reception children will continue to deepen their understanding of numbers within 5 through practical maths activities. They will also learn to order numbers and count orally up to 10 and beyond.

Religious Education

This term's topic is 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' The children will explore the Christmas story and learn to give a clear, simple account of its key events. They will also learn why the Nativity is important in Christianity.

Science

In Science, the children will learn about the seasonal changes that occur from autumn to winter. They will also conduct an investigation to answer a question based on first-hand observation.

Music

Music lessons will be delivered by the Shropshire Music service and will be held every Tuesday.

Geography

In Geography, our topic is 'Where do we live?' The children will be exploring our local community in Bicton Village and will work on developing their mapping and fieldwork skills.

PE

PE lessons will be on Thursdays. Your child should come to school in their PE kit. This term's topic is 'fitness'.

Art

Our focus this term is *Drawing and Sketchbooks*. The children will learn how different marks can be made on a drawing surface and explore how the way they hold their drawing tools, and move their bodies, influences the lines and shapes they create.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Programming – Moving a Robot. The children will be introduced to early programming skills by exploring individual commands and predicting what will happen when a floor robot follows them. They will begin to understand how instructions build simple programs and see their sequences come to life through movement.

Home support

We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day. In Year 1, children will bring home a phonics book and a picture book each week. Reception children will continue to take home picture books for now, and phonics books will be introduced later in the autumn term. Please use the virtual classroom films posted on ClassDojo to further support your child to develop their phonic and reading skills. You can also support your child with daily number practice using *1 Minute Maths* (a free app).