

Willow Class Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring 2 term! We hope you had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the exciting weeks ahead. Here are a few events to take note of. Forest School sessions will continue to on Mondays, please remember your child needs waterproofs for the sessions. Parents' Evening consultations will take place this term, with booking details shared soon. Finally, we're also excited to host a fundraising Easter Egg Hunt on 9th April, where all children will take part. We kindly ask for a donation to support our efforts. Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a great term!

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

English

Our core book this half term is *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon, and you've probably already heard about the 'lost creature' that visited our class! The children have been absolutely captivated and this has been a fantastic springboard for exciting writing opportunities. Year 1 will focus on using the prefix 'un-' and suffixes like -ed, -ing, -er, and -est correctly. They will also work on spelling tricky words and forming all letters correctly, starting and ending in the right place. Reception children will continue developing their independence in writing full sentences with finger spaces and ending a full stop. The term will conclude with a unit of poetry based on the poem – If I had a beak.

Science

In science, the children will continue their 'Everyday Materials' topic. This term, they will focus on conducting different investigations related to the materials we have learned about and using our observations and data to draw conclusions.

Geography

In geography, the children will use atlases and maps to locate the cold places in the world. They will learn about the similarities and differences between the Arctic and Antarctic and the plants and wildlife that live there.

Art

The children will explore the artist Xgaoc'o X'are and his work to learn about mono print art. His art will inspire the children to create their own mono prints based on the theme of polar animals.

Maths

Year 1 will focus on numbers up to 50 this half term. They will learn about the value of each number using concrete resources, e.g dienes. They will also learn how to measure mass, volume, length and height. Reception will be learning about equal and unequal groups and understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double'. They will order numbers and join in with verbally counts beyond 20.

Religious Education

Our topic for this term is 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?' The children will learn that the cross is an important symbol for Christians, reminding them of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter. They will explore how the Easter garden helps Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice and the hope of new life.

PE

In PE lessons this term, the children will learn about orienteering. These lessons will help the children develop their map reading and problem-solving skills. They will learn how to play fairly and work as a team.

Computing

In our computing lessons, the children will be introduced to on-screen programming using Scratch Jr. They will use programming blocks to modify and create programmes.

Home support

Please remember to read with your child regularly and write a comment in and/or sign your child's reading journal. Also the links to RWI videos will be shared on ClassDojo to help your child revisit phonics learning taught in school. Please help your child practise their number facts daily using Numbots. Do speak to the class teacher if you have any questions about how you can further support your child at home.