

Willow Class Summer 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, packed with fun learning experiences and special events. The children have really enjoyed looking after our sugar snap peas and potato plants which are coming along beautifully. They have taken great care in watering and tending to them. We've also had some fascinating visitors in class—caterpillars! The children have been full of excitement watching them grow and change and we can't wait to see the next stage in their life cycle. Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 26th June—please check your child's bag for the letter letting you know their house team and the coloured T-shirt they'll need to wear. The Phonics Screening Check will be held on Wednesday 11th June and we appreciate your continued support with phonics practise at home. On sunny days, please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and a sun hat. Looking ahead, the children will have their transition morning on Monday 8th July, when they'll have the chance to meet their new teacher. As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions.

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

English

To round off our work on *Someone Swallowed Stanley*, the children will be writing a non-chronological report about a sea creature of their choice—an exciting way to showcase their learning and writing skills. We'll then move on to *Romeosaurs and Juliet-Rex* by Mo O'Hara, a delightful story about friendship that will inspire the children to create their own imaginative narratives. They'll be encouraged to use a range of adjectives to describe nouns and bring their stories to life. Year 1 will continue to embed their understanding of prefixes and suffixes, applying a variety of these word parts in their writing. Reception children will focus on writing more independently, aiming to compose full sentences that include finger spaces, capital letters, and full stops. Year 1 parents please note, a list of spelling words have been added to the Willow Class page for the children to learn on a weekly basis.

Science

In science, the children will continue their *Plants* topic. They will be learning to identify and name a variety of common wildflowers and local trees, including the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. They will also continue to observe and map the growth of the plants they've been nurturing in class.

Geography

In geography, the children will use atlases and maps to locate hot places around the world. They will explore the similarities and differences between different deserts, focusing on the unique plants and wildlife that have adapted to live in these environments.

Art

In Art, the children will explore 3D work through architecture and sculpture. They'll learn how to use shapes and space to create their own structures and discover the work of architects like Hundertwasser.

Maths

Year 1 will learn about fractions of shapes and amounts, explore place value within 100, recognise and use different coins and begin to tell the time to the hour and half past. Reception will focus on embedding the Maths Early Learning Goals, which include developing a deep understanding of number to 10, recognising number patterns, and exploring shape, space, and measures in practical contexts.

Religious Education

Our topic for this term is "Who did Jesus spend His time with?" They will learn that Jesus spent time with all kinds of people—his friends, ordinary people, and even those others ignored—showing kindness, friendship, and forgiveness to everyone.

PE

In PE lessons this term, the children will learn about athletics. They will develop skills such as running, jumping, and throwing, while working on improving their speed, strength, and coordination.

Computing

In our computing lessons, the children will be introduced to programming quizzes and they will create their own quiz with support.

Home support

Please remember to read with your child regularly, 5 reads a week is recommending but minimum 3 please. Do 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. Some parents have found *One Minute Maths* by White Rose a great app to use too. We use this app in school. Do speak to the class teacher if you have any questions about how you can further support your child at home.