

Willow Class Summer Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer term! We have lots of lovely topics ahead and we are especially looking forward to growing plants in our garden. A reminder to send your child in with a sunhat and suncream on sunny days and do check that all clothing items your child wears is clearly labelled, names may have faded by this time of year. As always, please feel free to catch me at the end of the day if you have any questions.

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

English

Our core books this term are *The Lion Inside* and *The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth*, alongside a poetry focus on *Fruit Salad*. Year 1 will focus on using punctuation for effect, joining ideas with 'and', and exploring a range of prefixes and suffixes; Reception are focusing on letter formation and writing simple sentences independently and all children continue with daily phonics. Year 1 are also preparing for the Phonics Screening Check

Maths

In Maths this summer, Year 1 will explore multiplication and division through sharing and grouping, practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, and go on to cover fractions, place value within 100, coins and telling the time - you can support at home by trying skip counting together! Reception will be comparing quantities, exploring number representations including the 10-frame and consolidating their Early Learning Goals in maths.

Religious Education

This term's RE topics are 'Why is the Word God so Important to Christians?' and 'Which Stories are Special and Why?'

Science

Science, the children will explore *Everyday Materials* before moving on to our next topic, *Plants* which is perfect timing for our garden growing project!

Music

Music lessons will be delivered by Mrs White and will be held every Tuesday. This term's topics are *Composing* and *Musical Structure*, exploring how music is built, performed and enjoyed.

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about Significant Salopians and turning points in British history. In Geography, our topic is 'What is the UK?', exploring the countries, capitals and key features.

PE

PE lessons will be on Thursdays. Your child should come to school in their PE kit. This term's topics are 'cricket' and 'athletics'.

DT/Art

In Art, we will be Working in Three Dimensions, creating our very own birds. Then in the second half of term we move to DT, where the children will explore Mechanisms.

Computing

Our Computing topics this term are *Robot Algorithms* and *Creating Media - Making Music*, giving the children the chance to think logically and explore digital creativity.

Home support

We encourage you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes every day. Year 1 are having a big focus on improving their spellings, weekly lists can be found on the school website. Reception children would benefit from practising letter formation and writing a simple sentence each week, RWI phonics films will also be posted on ClassDojo for extra practice at home. You can also support your child with daily number practice using *1 Minute Maths* (a free app).