



Willow Class Parents/Carers Term 1 Newsletter

I wonder who we are?

Welcome to Willow class. Mrs Hart will be the class teacher on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Bassett will be the class teacher on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Sutton is our lovely teaching assistant who will be in class every day! The EYFS curriculum is very play based so if your child comes home and tells you that they have been playing all day – great! We have lots of fun in Willow class and sometimes we get a little messy, so please don't be alarmed if your child comes home looking a little untidy!

English

We will be starting level 2 phonics in Reception and Level 5 phonics in Year 1. Mrs Hart will be running a phonics meeting next Tuesday at 2.40 just before collection time to give you more information. We will also have an additional English lesson each day. The children will be learning different stories and poems and will be retelling them orally and with pictures.

Maths

Reception children will be following Mastering Number in their maths lessons. This takes place 4 times a week. We will be looking carefully at numbers to 5. On the 5th day we will be looking at size, mass, capacity and patterns. Year 1 children will be joining Silver Birch for Mastering Number and will be learning about place value to 10.

Understanding the World

We will be thinking about ourselves, our families and where we live. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between people and our houses. We will be looking at and drawing maps of our locality.

Art

Children will be looking at portraits this term. They will be studying the work of Frida Kahlo, Van Gogh and Cindy Sherman. They will be taking photographs of their own portraits.

Music

Children will be learning songs and thinking about how the music makes them feel. They will be putting actions to songs, learning about the tempo and pitch.

PE

We are learning about moving safely in a space, following instructions and developing control in our movements. PE will be on a Friday. Your child should come to school wearing their PE kit.

RE

We are thinking about people who are important to us and why God is important to Christians.

Life Skills

We will be thinking about road safety and how and where to cross the road. We will be thinking about families and what that means to different people. We will talk about how all families love and care for each other, but they may all be different.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 12th September – PHONICS MEETING – 2.40pm
More details to follow

Important Reminders

Please check that all items have your child's name on them – including water bottles. Please provide your child with a named pair of wellington boots.

PE Days

PE is every Friday. Please make sure that your child is wearing their PE kit on this day and please check that ALL items are named. On colder days your child is welcome to wear black jogging bottoms or leggings and their school jumper.

Useful Websites

Phonics Play - phonics games

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Hit the button - maths games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We are really looking forward to this term. Please contact us via the office or at the end of the day if you would like any additional information. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hart

Mrs Bassett