



Willow Class Parents/Carers Term 2 Newsletter

Celebrations!

Welcome to Term 2. We love this term....lots of glitter, sparkle and singing in the run up to Christmas!

English

We will be completing Level 2 phonics and beginning Level 3.

We will be continuing with our drawing club every day and we are so impressed with the work that the children are producing. We have also begun to introduce Talk for Writing – your child should be able to tell you a story using actions!

Maths

This term we will be continuing Mastering number. We will be exploring ways to represent numbers to 5, comparing groups – using the vocabulary more than and less than, investigating the concept of 'whole' and 'part' and exploring the 'part', 'part', whole model, and exploring counting orally to larger numbers.

We will also be learning about capacity, patterns, 2D shapes, position and measuring time in simple ways.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about different celebrations including bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas. We will be investigating how materials change by making bread and observing how ice changes over time.

DT

This term we will be looking at Dragons. This will be linked to Chinese New Year and George and the Dragon. The children will be making and evaluating dragons using lots of different media, including clay, paper and painting.

Music

This term our focus in music is singing. We will be learning 8 songs for our Nativity performance. The children will learn actions to support their learning and performance of the songs. We will be focusing on our volume and confidence.

PE

This term we will be focusing on the fundamentals such as running, balancing, jumping, hopping and skipping and applying the skills we learnt last term to use the space appropriately and safely.

RE

Our school value this term is compassion. We will be looking at what compassion is and how we can show compassion to others. We will also be learning about Jesus and some of the stories he told. One of the stories we will be learning will be the Nativity story as we will all be taking part in the nativity performance at the beginning of December.

Life Skills

We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between ourselves and other people. We will learn that our differences are a good thing and we should celebrate them. Children will become empowered to make their own respectful and informed choices and know that we don't all need to be the same.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November – Parents evenings

Friday 10th November- Non-uniform day for a raffle prize

Saturday 2nd December- Christmas fair

Tuesday 5th December - Nativity performance 9:30am

Thursday 7th December – Nativity performance 2pm

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day

Important Reminders

Please check that all items have your child's name on them – including water bottles. We have quite a few jumpers and cardigans that are unnamed so we are unable to reunite them with their owners. Please remember to put photos on Dojo of all the amazing things your children do at home. We love to see them.

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 and Mrs Bassett