

Willow Class Autumn 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. There are lots of exciting events this term. On Friday 15th November, we will be visiting Chester Zoo and that day promises to be a memorable one. We will have a visit from the dental nurses on Tuesday 19th November and the children will learn about good oral hygiene. We will also be busy getting ready for our fabulous Christmas play on the 10th December.

Mrs Gairy (Class teacher) Mrs Walker, Mrs Ryan & Miss Merricks (Teaching assistants)

English

Our core book this half term is *Meesha Makes Friends* by Tom Percival. Year 1 will continue to focus on writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. The main writing outcome will be a diary entry which will include capital letters for the personal pronoun I and for names. Reception children will focus on writing cvc words, recording all sounds accurately and then writing captions. We will have daily phonics sessions using the Read Write Inc Phonics programme.

Science

In science we will be exploring the seasonal changes that occur from autumn to winter and this will include observing and describing the weather. We will also plan and conduct an investigation.

Geography

In geography we will learn about the seven continents and their key physical and human features. We will learn how to use atlases and maps.

Art

In our art lessons, we will be learning various techniques to draw realistic representations of objects in our sketchbooks.

Maths

Year 1 - In maths this half term, we will continue learning how to add and subtract within 10. There will be a focus on solving problems using addition and subtraction. Then we will learn to recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes. Reception - The children will learn how to subitize and order and represent numbers up to 5.

Religious Education

'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?' is our topic in RE this term.

Music

Music lessons will be delivered by the Shropshire Music service and will be held every Tuesday.

PE

This term's topic is football and PE lessons will be on Thursdays. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on Thursdays.

Computing

In our computing lessons, we will learn how to use different keys e.g. undo, backspace & redo within a paint programme. Then we will create digital media using skills taught this term.

Home support

We encourage you to read with your child and also use the links to RWI videos shared on ClassDojo to help your child revisit phonics learning taught in school. Please help your child practise their number facts daily using Numbots. We will continue to have Woodland School sessions every Wednesday. Your child should not wear school uniform but come to school in appropriate clothing and with waterproofs for the session.