

Willow Class Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back. We will now have Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons led by Mr Kirby, an experienced Forest School leader, supported by Mrs Wiewiora. Please ensure your child has waterproof clothing for the sessions, especially during the winter months. The nursing team will visit the class on Wednesday 15th November and the children will learn about how to have a healthy body.

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

English

Our core book this half term is *Look Up* by Nathan Byron. Year 1 will continue to focus on writing sentences using capital letters and full stops. There will be opportunities to write both fiction and non-fiction text types and the final outcome will be a diary entry about a visit to space. Reception children will focus on writing simple captions with finger spaces. They will focus on recording all the sounds in a word using their Fred fingers. They will continue to have daily phonics sessions using the Read Write Inc Phonics programme.

Maths

Year 1 will focus on numbers up to 20 this half term. They will recognise and write the number names to 20 and understand the value of each number. They will use this knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems within 20 using number lines, objects and part-whole models.

Reception will focus on developing their subitizing skills for numbers within and beyond 5 and they'll work on identifying missing parts. They will explore the structure of 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and practise counting to 10 and back orally.

Science

In science the children will be learning to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. They will also identify, name and sort a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, water and rock.

Religious Education

Our topic for this term is 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?'

History

In history we will learn about significant people that lived in the past and their contributions. We will focus on Christopher Columbus, Ibn Batuta and Buzz Aldrin.

PE

This term's topic is gymnastics and PE lessons will continue to be on Thursdays. The children will learn how to balance on different parts of their bodies, link movements and move with control. They will also use different equipment and participate in a performance.

Design and Technology

In our DT lessons the children will explore the differences between fruits and vegetables. They will explore different foods using their senses (taste, texture, smell etc.) then design and make a healthy vegetable soup.

Computing

In our computing lessons, the children will learn about data and information programmes. They will also learn about how to be safe online.

Home support

Year 1 children are learning the spellings of numbers from 11 to 20. Do support your child with practising these words at home. We encourage you to read with your child and 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.