

Willow Class Newsletter



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Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some special family time. The children have come back full of energy and ready for another exciting term of learning, exploring, and having fun together! I'm looking forward to seeing their curiosity and confidence continue to grow this term.



Reminders

- **Water bottles:** Please ensure bottles contain water only.
- **Book bags:** Need to be in school every day for books and letters, not just a rucksack. Water bottles should not be carried inside book bags to avoid leaks on books.
- **Coats:** Please make sure your child brings a coat each day, in case of wet or chilly weather.
- **Wellies:** Should you wish, wellies can be left in school for outdoor play and learning.
- **Reading books:** Please sign your child's reading diary once a book has been completed at home so we know it's ready to be changed.
- **Book change days:**
 - **Reception:** Mondays and Thursdays
 - **Year 1:** Every 3 Read, Write Inc sessions
- **Library books:** Children's library 'choosing books' can be changed daily – please return and swap for a new one if you've had it for a while.
- **Phonics:** No new sounds are being taught at the moment – we're revising previous ones, so there will be no new sound sheets sent home.
- **Read Write Inc memos:** Reception will continue to receive a weekly memo on Tapestry every Friday with Read Write Inc video links.

Upcoming Events

Faith Follower & School Council Elections – Thursday 13th November

If your child would like to stand for election as a Faith Follower or School Councillor, they should prepare a short speech or create a poster to share with their class on Thursday 13th November, explaining why they would be great for the role. A note with further details of these roles has been sent home in book bags.

PE Days

- This term our PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday**.
- Mr Giles from JB Sport will be teaching Willow class PE on Thursdays.





English

Read, Write Inc – revising set 2 sounds and beginning to learn set 3.

Writing – writing dictated sentences using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. Using the joining words 'and, but, so'.

Maths

Place value within 100 – counting in 10s, partitioning numbers into tens / ones, comparing and ordering numbers.

2D and 3D shapes – sorting, naming, describing and making patterns.

PE

'Gymnastics' – Balancing, jumping, landing safely, using apparatus, , rocking and rolling, creating sequences.

'Fundamentals' – running, dodging, jumping, hopping and skipping.

Music

'Sound pattern' – exploring sound patterns (rhythms), clapping along to repeated words and phrases, and creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairy tale.

Art

'Drawing: Exploring line and shape' – working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces inspired by artists.

PSHE

'Health' – exploring feelings / emotions and how routines such as sleep, rest, relaxation and handwashing help to keep ourselves healthy.

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'Creation' – exploring who Christians believe made the world.

Science

'Seasonal changes' – the four seasons and the weather associated with these, exploring how seasonal changes affect trees, daylight hours and our choices of outfits.

History

'How am I making history?' – recalling and sequencing events in our own lives, creating timelines, looking at changes over time, making observations and comparisons about the past.

Computing

'Digital imagery' – developing digital and image skills to capture photos to create an adventure story.





EYFS

'All About Me' and 'Tell Me a Story'

This term we are continuing our 'All About Me' project and moving into 'Tell Me a Story', where we'll explore a wonderful range of traditional tales. The children will enjoy listening to well-loved stories, acting them out, and discovering modern versions that show different viewpoints from familiar characters.

Through these stories, we'll think about how life has changed since they were first told, and the children will have lots of opportunities to create their own stories, along with masks, props, and puppets to bring their ideas to life!

We'll also be learning about autumn and winter festivals that celebrate light, such as Diwali, Hanukkah, and Christmas. The children will take part in creative activities to explore the significance and symbolism of light and how these special celebrations are enjoyed around the world.

PE

- Gymnastics (Thursdays with Mr Giles from JB Sports): Balancing, travelling, using apparatus, jumping, landing safely, rocking and rolling, and creating sequences.
- Fundamentals (Wednesdays): Running at different speeds, dodging, jumping, hopping, and skipping.

