

Willow Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn term.



Upcoming Events

Term starts on: Wednesday 5th September 2018

Term ends on: Friday 19th October 2018

October Holiday: Monday 22nd October 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018

Term 2 (38 days) Term starts on: Monday 29th October 2018

Term ends on: Wednesday 19th December 2018 (1.30pm finish)

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 20th December 2018 to Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Reminders

Our PE days are Monday (outside) and Thursday (inside). Please provide your child with jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers for our outdoor sessions. Please make sure all items are named.

When you read at home with your child, please make a note of it in their yellow, reading record. Please let us know if your child has finished their book, so we can provide them with a new one.

Literacy: We will begin the term by reading a range of stories with a familiar setting. Some texts contain repetitive phrases, which encourage the children to join in during shared reading. At the end of some English units, the children will write a retell of a story, having retold it verbally and with actions. Towards the end of the term, the children will explore poetry and rhyme, as well as exploring instructional writing.

Maths: This term we will be learning to count up to and backwards from 100. We will also be practicing adding and subtracting practically, with number line and in the form of word problems. We will also review 2D shapes and begin to describe the properties of 3D shapes. The children will be learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past times, as well as using non-standard units of measure when exploring length, weight and capacity. The children will also learn to add small amounts of money together and learn which coins to use to make a given total.

Geography: This term, the children will be learning about their local area and will explore their immediate environment using maps and aerial photographs. The children will begin to understand how a simple map is used and where their school is, in relation to their home and other notable landmarks in Datchet. The children will also create their own maps of their classroom and plot their route to school.

History: This term, the children will be learning about toys from the past. We will handle and explore toys from the past and compare them to what we have now. Throughout the unit, the children will develop a range of historical skills such as asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources and recognising change and exploring how this influences them today.

RE: This term, the children will explore the Story of Creation and how the world began. As with most RE units, the children will continually explore the teachings of Christianity (child-centered) through stories and developing an understanding of special Christian festivals such as Harvest and Easter.

Science: This term, the children will be learning about the seasons of autumn and winter. They will be observing, discussing and recording the changes they find in relation to plants, animals and the weather. The children will also learn about the senses and how humans, as well as animals depend on them.

Art: This term, we will be exploring self – portraits. The children learn how to draw a face and features, focusing on the shape and proportions of features. They will also draw a self – portrait. We will also explore the work of Paul Klee and his use of watercolours and line drawings in his work. We will look at the work created by Andy Warhol and will attempt to create our own pop art.

DT: This term, the children will learning how to create a moving picture by making their own sliding and pivot mechanism. They will have the opportunity to explore moving pictures in pop-up books and begin to understand how these simple mechanisms work. They will then design their own moving picture and then make it.