

Willow Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring term.



Upcoming Events

Friday 1st February – Pancake toss

Tuesday 5th February – Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 5th February – Parents Evening

Thursday 7th February – Parents Evening

Friday 8th February – NSPCC Numbers Day

Monday 14th January – Resident author Caroline Lawrence

Friday 18th February – Half Term break

Literacy: This term, we will be learning about animals and insects of the Amazon Rainforest. The children will be making notes, writing a non-chronological report and writing their own non-fiction book about their favourite animals. The children will also read a range of stories with fantasy settings (space, under the sea....). They will explore the fictional characters you may find in these settings, plan and write their own fantasy story. The children will also be reading a range of nursery rhymes and poems, looking for rhyming words and alliteration. The children will also have the opportunity to write their own poems. Towards the end of the Spring term, the children will be reading a range of fictional stories and using the characters and settings of these stories as ideas to help plan and write their own, fictional story.

Maths: This term we will be learning to tell the time – o'clock and half past. We will also be looking at the properties of 3D shapes, as well as totaling amounts of money and finding change. We will be revising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, using what we know to complete missing number sequences that increase and decrease in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be exploring pairs of numbers that make 10 and using these number bonds, to help us add and take away. Towards the end of the Spring term, the children will be revising adding and taking away single and two digit numbers. They will also be learning about place value and ordering numbers. The children be learning to find a $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a number as well as finding doubles and halves of numbers.

Geography: This term, we are learning about different types of weather. We will also be recording our daily observations in a weather diary. We will also be learning about how the weather affects us and how the weather can be very different, across contrasting countries.

History: This term, we are learning about different types of homes. Exploring homes from the past and comparing them to the homes we see in the present day. We will also compare a Victorian home to a modern-day home.

RE: This half term, the children will be learning about friendships and what makes a good friend/friendship. The children will also be learning about some of Jesus' friendships. Towards the end of the term, the children will be learning about Easter and it's importance to those who celebrate it.

Science: This term, the children will be learning about the seasons of Winter and Spring. They will be observing, discussing and recording the changes they find in relation to plants, animals and the weather. Towards the end of the term, the children will be learning about the plants and trees that we can find in our local area.

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.

Art: This half term, we will exploring the work of many different artists and the way in which they used colour in their work. We will be exploring the work of: Mondrian, Rothko, Klee, Pollock and Kandinsky.

DT: This term, the children will be building their own model homes. They will have the opportunity to plan and label their design, as well as make their model. The children will draw on the skills they have learnt throughout the unit, to help them construct their homes (cutting, folding, rolling, gluing, taping, adjusting.....)