

Willow Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn term.



Upcoming Events

Thursday 1st October: Black History Day

Monday 5th October: Penny Run (in class)

Friday 9th October: Harvest assembly (in class)

Term ends on: Thursday 22nd October 2020

October Holiday: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Term 2 starts on: Monday 2nd November 2020

Term ends on: Friday 18th December 2020 (1.30pm finish)

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

Reminders

Our PE day is Wednesday please send your child into school in their PE kit on this day. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

When you read at home with your child, please make a note of it in their yellow, reading record.

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 lines 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, 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 Pablo Picasso and how he used colour to portray emotions.

DT: This term, the children will be 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.