



WILLOW PARENTS' GUIDE TO THE CURRICULUM

Maths

Willow Class will be continuing with counting, matching amounts and representing numbers in different ways.

We will be learning about money and exploring different coins. We will also learn to tell the time to 0'clock.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Willow are learning:

- to know our new friends and adults
- to know our friends' names
- to see similarities and differences between people in our class
- to identify what is special about myself
- to identify simple feelings using 'Zones of Regulation'
- to develop strategies to help with emotional regulation.



Expressive arts and design

Willow will be:

- making self-portraits
- drawing and painting things we like
- sharing some of our favourite songs
- making sounds using different instruments.



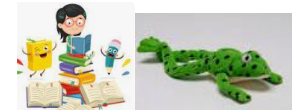
Literacy

Willow are learning to:

- hold a pencil correctly and form letters
- share our favourite stories
- identify who is in a story and what they are doing
- recognise sounds and blend to read simple words.

Some stories we will be reading are:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Little Rabbit Foo Foo



Understanding the World

Children will be learning to:

- Identify people that help us
- think about people who are important to us
- think about our similarities and differences between ourselves and others.



Willow Autumn 1 2026 – All About Me!

Communication and Language

Willow Class are learning to:

- Sit and attend in a shared activity
- make simple requests
- take turns with an adult/peer.



Physical Development

Physical development happens all the time, inside and out. We provide ongoing activities to improve both large physical development (bikes, balls, climbing frame etc.) and small physical development (cutting, writing, small construction, messy play etc). Our P.E focus this half term is working on ball skills. Children will also take part in sessions with the Occupational Therapist.



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP:

- Spend time playing with your child.
- Have chalk/ crayons/ pencils at home to encourage children to make marks/ practise letter formation in different ways. -
- Sing Nursery rhymes and share stories at home.
- Practise counting/ adding and subtracting when playing.

IMPORTANT DATES IN Autumn 1:

Thursday 1st October – Homework Free Weekend

Friday 9th October – Anti-Racism Day (wear red)

Thursday 15th October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st October – Individual/sibling photos

Friday 23rd October – Half term -3:25 finish

Tuesday 3rd November- Children return to school.

Religious Education

Willow will be focusing on the question:

“What makes people special?” Children will be thinking about who is special to them in their lives and the reasons why.

