

Willow Class Reception Term One 2022

Welcome to our school! Thank you so much for your amazing support with the smooth transition of your child during their first days at school. This term our topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. In Willow Class we will be looking at 'Minibeasts' and 'Ourselves'. As we settle into school life we will be learning about our school rules, routines and making new friends, exploring and playing together in our indoor and outdoor environments!

Star of the day!

In Willow Class if your child does something special, for instance if they are kind to another child, tidy up quickly or work well to complete an activity, they will get to put their peg up. If they move their peg up to the top star, they get to be 'Star of the Day' and get a sticker.

Water bottles

Please bring in a named water bottle every morning with fresh water for your child to drink during the school day.

Literacy

This term we will be sharing Minibeast books and discussing key events in stories. We will begin learning our Little Wandle Autumn 1 Phase 2 graphemes and begin to form them and blend them together to read simple cvc words.

Maths

We will be learning our numbers to 5, ensuring we can recognise them, subitise them and order them. We will be working on counting out objects correctly.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about ourselves and our families, minibeasts and their habitats. We will go on a minibeast hunt and a 'wow' walk to explore our beautiful school grounds and we will also be thinking about how to care for our environment.

RE

This term the focus is on Creation.

Our big question is: Why is the word God so important to Christians?

Physical Development

PE will be on **Monday** afternoons.

This term we will also be developing our fine and gross motor skills through daily activities such as dance, DiscoDough, threading and much more.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be making minibeasts, by exploring different materials. We will paint representations and create collages of ourselves. We will be singing lots of songs and creating storylines in our pretend play.

Little Wandle Phonics Books

During this term your child will be sent home with a Little Wandle Phonics book, one per week. Please make a note in their reading record when you have shared the book with your child. Please share these books with your child for the week, reading for enjoyment and talking about characters, events and settings. We will also send out phonics Home Learning sheets to consolidate any new sounds learnt that week.

Forest School

Forest School will take place every **Friday** morning. Please can children bring in a long-sleeved top, long trousers, a jumper, a waterproof coat/warm coat, wellingtons/trainers and a hat and gloves when the weather turns colder. This kit can stay at school for the whole term and be taken home at the end of each term. Children can also come in wearing their Forest School kits on a Friday morning and bring in their uniform to change in to later for the afternoon. They can then take their Forest kit home again at the end of the day.

If you have any queries or concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself, Mrs Rist or Miss Nikraz.

**Yours faithfully,
Miss Bradley**