

## Willow Class

### Reception Term 5 2023

Welcome back to Term 5 in Willow Class! We all hope you had a lovely Easter break. This term we will be learning about the topic 'Blank Canvas' and will be exploring the art of Eric Carle through his many different stories, such as 'The Tiny Seed' and '10 Little Rubber Ducks'! We will be looking at the different animals in his stories and their habitats, recording the weather and much more! Our role play area chosen by the children is a Vets.



#### Phonics

In phonics we will move into the Summer Phase of the Little Wandle scheme, which will focus on developing our skills with blending to read and write cvcc and ccvc words, such as 'help', 'went' and 'clap'. It will introduce more complex tricky words such as 'come', 'said', 'have' and 'some' to support with reading longer sentences. We will also explore reading words ending in 'ing', 'ed' and 'est', with fluency and comprehension.

#### Literacy and Communication and Language

We will explore forming upper and lower case letters correctly when writing labels and sentences and re-read books to build up confidence, fluency and expression. We will write labels for parts of a plant and create our own stories about a rubber duck on an adventure! We will explore new vocabulary and begin to write full sentences, becoming more aware of how to use capital letters and full stops.

#### Maths

In maths we will explore building numbers beyond 10 and counting patterns beyond 10. We will look at adding more and taking away to solve number problems to 10. We will also look at matching, manipulating and rotating shapes and then decompose and compose shapes to make our own blanket designs and to create animals, using tangrams. We will also continue to measure our beans and sunflowers as they grow! We will continue to subitise to 5 and recognise number bonds.

#### RE

*Our big question is: World Faiths- What stories are special and why? How do stories help people know how to behave?* We will explore what makes a story special. We will learn about children with different faiths and the idea that not everyone reads stories from the Bible and that there are other holy books, such as the Torah and the Qur'an.

#### Physical Development

This term PE is on **Monday afternoons**. We will continue to develop our core muscle strength for good posture and balance skills through yoga and develop our ball, running, skipping and hopping skills outside.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be creating our own Eric Carle collage paper, using different printing techniques and then make our own Eric Carle inspired animals. We will watch dances and talk about what we see and listen to different music and create our own.

#### PSED- Jigsaw Relationships

We will talk about making friends, solving problems with friends, the impact of unkind words, how we can manage our feelings and how to be a good friend.

#### Understanding the World

We will continue to observe the changes which occur to our tadpoles and our bean plants, drawing pictures of animals and plants. We will explore the different habitats of animals and talk about the differences between our local environments and other countries. We will also look at how we can care for our environment and begin to explore simple maps.

**Forest School** will continue to take place every **Friday** morning. As the weather is becoming warmer, children may wish to wear old trainers instead of wellingtons. They will also need to wear long sleeved, light-weight tops, to protect their arms from stinging nettles and long trousers. We will create obstacle courses and journey sticks and begin to explore how to use a map.

If you have any queries or concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Willow Class team.

Yours faithfully,  
Miss Bradley