

## Willow Class

### Reception Term 6 2023

Welcome back to Term 6 in Willow Class! We are excited to be learning all about the topics of Space and Summer this term! We had an alien crash landing in our outside area this week! Our role play area has turned in to a spaceship and we will be learning all about famous astronauts, the planets and much more! We were also thrilled to find that many of our tadpoles have changed in to froglets and we will gradually be releasing them in to the school pond!



#### Phonics

In phonics we will move in to the Summer Phase 2 of the Little Wandle scheme, which will focus on consolidating our skills with blending to read and write sentences with cvcc and ccvc words and complex tricky words such as 'there'.

We will also explore reading and spelling root words ending in -ing, -ed /t/, -ed /id/ /ed/, -ed /d/. We will continue to segment to spell more complex words using our known digraphs and trigraphs.

#### Literacy and Communication and Language

We will continue to form upper and lower case letters correctly when writing labels and sentences and re-read books to build up our prosody and comprehension skills. We will write about what we would take with us to the moon and create lists for a moon picnic! We will also write speech bubbles to and from aliens and ask questions to find out more, whilst using capital letters and full stops within our writing for a purpose.

#### Maths

In maths we will explore the theme 'Find my pattern' and we will learn about doubling, sharing and grouping, even and odd numbers and spatial reasoning, visualising and building. We will continue to deepen our understanding of capacity and spatial mapping, whilst consolidating our previous learning about subitising, number bonds and measuring length and weight. In 'Mastering Number' we will begin to use Rekenreks to help with our mathematical learning.

#### RE

*Our big question from last term continues: World Faiths- How do stories help people know how to behave?* We will be looking at Muslim, Sikh and Hindu stories, for example the Sikh story - 'The Milk and the Jasmine Flower'. We will be exploring questions, such as 'What do Sikh people learn from the example of Guru Nanak?'

#### Physical Development (Fine and Gross Motor Skills)

This term **PE** is on **Monday afternoons**. We will be preparing for Sports Day!

We will also consolidate our cutlery and cutting skills this term and our accuracy when drawing pictures.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be using our painting skills to create aliens, designing our own spaceships using collage and building them using junk modelling. We will also perform songs, dance in time to music and create our own narratives about space adventures!

#### PSED- Jigsaw

**Changing Me** We will be talking about who to talk to and ask for help if we are worried about change and moving in to Year 1. We will also be naming parts of the body and talking about growing up.

#### Understanding the World

We will be looking at the weather and changes which occur in the season of summer, talking about how we can take care of ourselves. We will learn about different parts of our bodies and how to keep healthy. We will also learn many facts about space and space travel and find out all about Neil Armstrong! We will also be hoping to look at the changes which occur in chicken eggs!

**Forest School** will continue to take place every **Friday** morning. As the weather is becoming hotter, 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 be re-building our aliens rocket using materials we found in our outside area and in the woodland!

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