

## Willow Class Reception Term One 2023

Welcome to Willow Class! 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 and exploring and playing together in our indoor and outdoor environments! We will also welcome caterpillars in to Willow Class and watch them change!

### 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 continue to 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 themed 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 matching, sorting, comparing objects and identifying a set. We will then be talking about measure and patterns, comparing size, mass and capacity and will copy and continue simple patterns.

### 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 using 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 and wellingtons/trainers. Wellingtons can stay at school for as long as needed and be kept in our Wellington boot shed. Children can 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 then take their Forest School kit home again at the end of the day. We will begin to explore our Forest School environment, make woodland 'cookies' and look for signs of Autumn.

**If you have any queries or concerns, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself, Miss Davies or Miss Ruiz.**

**Yours faithfully,  
Miss Bradley**