



Willow Newsletter Autumn 2022

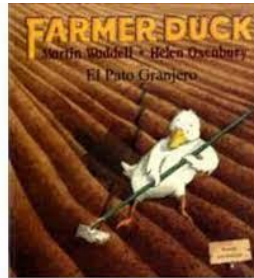
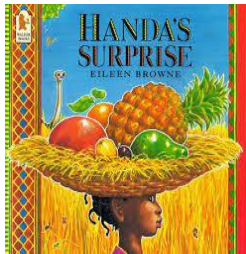


We wish all families a warm welcome and look forward to working with you over the coming year. If you need to pass on any information or have a question or concern, then please do approach one of us at the gate.

You can also message me via email or through Class Dojo

Our topic this term is **‘FOOD AND FARMING.’** Children will discover where some of their favourite food comes from and learn about farming in Victorian times. We have an exciting trip planned to the Food Museum in Stowmarket.

Some of the texts we will use to enhance children’s learning are ...



Reminders

Children must have a bottle containing water, NOT squash.

We go outside to play whatever the weather so a coat is essential.

Please let us know if your child is being collected by anyone other than yourselves.

Bookbags are just for books please do not attach accessories. If your child needs to bring in belongings, such as a change of clothes, please put them in a drawstring bag which can be hung on their peg.

CLASS DOJO We will use Class Dojo to send messages and information about your child’s day. We will also share photographs and videos. Please do sign up and speak to us if you have any problems.

Subject	How you can help at home
<p>Literacy This term we will focus on developing an understanding of alliteration and rhyme. We will also work on pencil grip and control.</p>	<p>Sing nursery rhymes with your child and help them identify the rhyming words. Play ‘I Spy’ or challenge your child to find items beginning with a letter sound. Provide your child with opportunities to mark make or draw with crayons or chalk as these will help to develop a pincer grip.</p>
<p>Phonics Phonics lessons are taught daily using the scheme Supersonic Phonic Friends.</p>	<p>We will be holding some workshops to show how phonics is taught and to share information on how to support your child. Children will have an exercise book in their bookbags which will contain some reading practise and provide you with information on your child’s progress.</p>

Subject	How you can help
<p>Mathematics Maths is taught daily and consists of a mixture of direct teaching, adult led activities and independent activities. Reception children will have lots of opportunities to develop their understanding of numbers through songs, stories and play-based experiences. This term we focus on counting and understanding that the cardinal value of a number refers to the quantity of things it represents.</p>	<p>Encourage children to count at every opportunity. Count a mixture of objects that can be moved such as teddies, things that can't be moved such as stairs and things that can't be seen for example coins dropping into a tin can. Play board games with your child and encourage them to recognise the number of dots on a dice without counting (subitising). We will be holding some maths mornings in class which we hope you will attend.</p>
<p>Science Our focus is on learning about the human body and what we can do to take care of ourselves. We will also watch out for signs of seasonal change and observe the weather.</p>	<p>We will be sending home a knowledge organiser about the human body. Please look at this with your child and talk about the different parts of the body and their functions.</p>
History	Geography
<p>Art This term we are taking the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo for inspiration and creating portraits with fruit.</p>	<p>DT Later this term we will be using DT lessons to cook bread and soup.</p>
<p>PE EYFS children will participate in gym trail activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. They will also participate in multi skills games with our PE coach. Children will need to bring their PE kit to school on Fridays. (once they are full time)</p>	<p>Music We will learn about rhythm and pulse by singing chants and learning clapping rhymes. As we move closer to Christmas, children will be learning songs for the Nativity.</p>
<p>RE Children will find out why the word God is so important to Christians and form an understanding as to why we perform a Nativity at Christmas.</p>	<p>PSED We will start by establishing rules and routines before discovering similarities and differences between our ourselves and our friends.</p>
<p>Forest School Forest School sessions will start later this month. Information will be sent home separately. Sessions will be on Friday mornings. Wellies are essential for these sessions and also come in useful on wet days. Children may keep a pair in school on the welly rack.</p>	<p>Show and Tell Will take place on Fridays on a rota basis. Items that work well are photographs, souvenirs and found or made items. Do not send in anything fragile, expensive or precious. 23rd September & 4th November Blue Sharks 30th September & 11th November Green Vipers 7th October & 18th November Red Dragons 14th October & 25th November Yellow Eagles</p>

Monday PM	Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM
RE	Art/DT	Science	Topic	PE
PE		Music	PSED	Golden Time