



Willow Newsletter Summer 2023

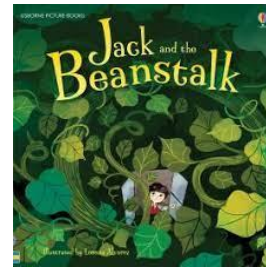
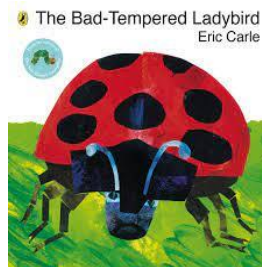
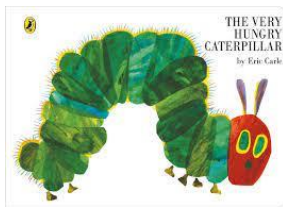


We hope you had a lovely Easter, welcome back to what will be a busy term.

You can contact me directly through email or Class Dojo but please do not send anything urgent as I do not always pick up emails during the school day.

Our topic this term is **“EARTH EXPLORERS.”** We will be exploring our lovely school grounds to find mini beast habitats. We have planned a trip to the wonderful Lackford Lakes to take part in some outdoor workshops.

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



Reminders

Children must have a bottle containing water, NOT squash.

Sunscreen needs to be applied at home.

Children will need a sunhat and also a rain coat in case of showers.

Do not send children in with sunglasses.

Long hair must be tied back for PE lessons and for Forest School.

Subject	How you can help at home
<p>Literacy Using some inspirational texts, we will provide motivating reasons to write, including mini beast facts and a letter to a giant. There will be lots of role play opportunities where children can use newly acquired vocabulary. On Monday afternoons children will work on their handwriting.</p>	<p>Encourage children to write for a purpose. Could they write a shopping list or a reminder for you to do something they enjoy? Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly. Visit Letter Join. Username - lj6130. PW on a desktop is home, on a tablet swipe L.</p>
<p>Phonics Phonics lessons are taught daily using the scheme Supersonic Phonic Friends. We will consolidate our knowledge of Basics 3 and ensure children can all read and write the tricky words as well as spell words containing the sounds that have been taught. There will be lots of opportunities for children to use their phonic knowledge to write simple captions and sentences.</p>	<p>Please continue to read with your child at home. We will change reading books on Monday mornings and I will change the online Collins books weekly. Supporting your child to read their book 5 times, helps build confidence and fluency. In Year 1, children need to read 90 words per minute to comprehend what they have written. This is why reading over and over again is so important.</p>

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<p>Mathematics</p> <p>This term reception will be building numbers beyond 10. Children will solve simple addition and subtraction problems using practical equipment. We will do lots of work on becoming familiar with the composition of 10 including learning the number bonds of 10. Children will also start doubling and grouping small amounts. We will explore the meaning of odd and even numbers and look for patterns.</p>	<p>Encourage children to recite numbers as far as they can. Provide opportunities for your child to count out up to 20 objects from a larger group. Can they work out what 1 more of 1 less is from a given number? We will continue to send home 'Talk about' sheets which enable you to support your child's learning. Please do write in your child's target book, your comments are helpful to us.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>Children will have lots of opportunities to learn about different mini beasts and their habitats. We will also try growing some plants in our garden.</p>	<p>Build a mini bug hotel in your garden or plant some wildflowers. This is great for the environment and will keep your little one busy.</p>
<p>History</p> <p>We will learn about Anna Atkins and look at the differences between cyanotype printing and modern photography. We will also look at the work and life of David Attenborough.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>We are going to explore the natural environment in our local area and compare it to desert areas. As Spring changes into Summer we will note the changes that occur in our school setting and ensure we all know how to stay safe in the sun.</p>
<p>Art</p> <p>Taking the work of Van Gogh as inspiration, we will create our own sunflower paintings.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>We will make rainmakers and create our own rain dance composition. Please save cardboard tubes.</p>
<p>PE</p> <p>This term children will participate in games and athletics during their Friday PE slot. Forest School takes the place of an additional PE session.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Our focus this term will be playing a range of instruments, both individually and together as part of a mini orchestra.</p>
<p>RE</p> <p>This term in Reception, we will explore Christianity and think about what makes every person unique. As we approach the end of term we will discover how we can care for our wonderful world.</p>	<p>PSED</p> <p>We will start by identifying what we like about our friends and then think about what we can do to be a good friend to others. In the second half of the term we will be thinking about our individual strengths and things we wish to get better at. This forms part of our transition to Year 1.</p>
<p>Forest School</p> <p>Sessions will resume on Friday mornings. Children must wear long sleeved tops and trousers/leggings to protect them from brambles and nettles. Long hair should be tied back.</p>	

Monday PM	Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM
RE Handwriting	Art/DT ICT	Science PSED	Topic Music	PE Reading