



Willow Class Curriculum Guide Autumn 2019



I hope you will all have been able to access Tapestry and seen some photos of your child.
Please feel free to upload photos of things your child has been doing out of school.
Although their Learning Journal has completed, Year 1 children will still have photos added to Tapestry so that you can see what they have been doing.

Welcome to Willow Class

It's great to see familiar faces and it has been lovely getting to know the new ones.
We hope your child will settle in well and enjoy their learning over the coming year. If you have any concerns or questions then please come and speak to one of the class team who are Miss Mills, Mrs Raison, Miss Lee and Mrs Zagni.
Miss Lee now works on Wednesday and Friday.
We also welcome Mrs Zagni who joins us every morning except Wednesdays.

Show and Tell

The ever popular Show and Tell is on Wednesday afternoons. Children will have a turn once every half term. We make exceptions for special news or missed sessions but please try and stick to the rota. To be meaningful the teller needs an attentive audience!
Please do not send in valuables or fragile items.
Check the rota for your child's turn.

PE

We usually have PE on Wednesday & Friday. It is useful to have a PE kit in school all week. As the weather gets colder children will need a long sleeved top and jogging bottoms.
Spare socks are helpful, in case we manage to find any puddles!
All jewellery must be removed before school.



Please name everything!

Class Snack and water bottles

Named water bottles should be in school every day so children can access them when required. They should contain water not squash.
Children are offered milk and fruit at snack time.
Please ensure we know if your child has any allergies.



Hometime

You must let us know if someone different is collecting your child from school.
Bus arrangements; Please inform us as to which days your child will go home on the bus. Any changes must then be notified to the office.



Homework

Please read with children regularly, a few minutes a day is ideal. The children are highly motivated by our reward system so please write in the reading record when you have read with your child.

Reception children have a book of all the sounds we have learnt in class to practise at home. We will monitor their progress weekly.

Year 1 children have weekly spellings to learn at home. We will test on Wednesdays.

Phonics

I will be running two workshops to share how we teach phonics. Look out for dates.

English

Our work this term is based around food. We will be writing labels, lists and captions as well as information and instructions. The books we will cover include; 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'The Enormous Turnip', 'Stone Soup', and 'Handa's Surprise'. Children read in a group twice weekly and individually at least once.

Every day we have a Phonics session.

During handwriting sessions we are learning how to hold a pencil correctly and to form our letters using cursive script.

Ideas to support your child.

Choose and follow a recipe, write shopping lists, and look at packets to discover what ingredients are contained. Help develop skills for writing by encouraging mark making. Copy letters in foam or sand or use a paintbrush dipped in water!



This term our topic is 'Food'.

We will learn about food by looking at different farm animals and finding out about how different crops are grown.

During Science lessons, we will find out where different food comes from and learn how to eat a healthy diet.

In History we will learn about Christopher Columbus and imagine what it would be like to be an explorer!

Geography lessons will focus on exploring where in the world different foods are grown. We will create maps of farms and study world maps.

Our music lessons will have a food theme and we will be learning to recognise the sounds of different instruments and clap the syllables in words.

Support your child by encouraging them to taste different foods and to eat a healthy diet. Find out where their favourite foods come from.

Mathematics

This term we will work on our understanding of number and place value. We will sort objects into groups, compare the sizes and find the difference between groups.

How to support your child

Reception: Practise counting objects moving each one as you count. Ask child to give you a small amounts of objects from a larger group.

Year 1: As Reception with up to 25 objects. Also practise number formation.

RE

This term we are learning why the word 'God' is so important to Christians. We will then discover why we have a Nativity play at Christmas.

Personal Social and Emotional Development.

For the first half of term we shall focus on working together and following rules. Children will learn to be a good friend. During lessons we will build confidence by playing group games and sharing our thoughts and feelings.

PE

For the first half of the term we will develop our gross motor skills through gym sessions and learn to negotiate space safely. Then we will move on to dance and create movements to represent toys.