

Welcome!

Welcome to Willow Class and to the start of your child's Reception year! I am looking forward to working with your child this year. We have lots of exciting things planned for your child's first steps along their learning journey. I will be supported by Mrs Raison on Monday-Thursday and Mrs Montanjees on a Friday.

PE

We will do PE twice a week on a Monday & a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school all week. The children will need warm clothes and footwear suitable for outside PE. Girls don't forget a change of socks for when you have tights on. All jewellery should be removed before school. We will try to locate any lost items but please name everything! I will return PE kits to you half termly to be washed.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'Pirates'. We have an action packed term so I can only fit in a few things we will be doing. We will be designing our own pirate flag, describing and naming Pirates. We are going to learn Pirate poems and songs with alliteration and rhyme. We are going to learn about famous Pirates from history. We are going to look at Pirate ships and what they are made from and learn about the seas they may travel in. We are going to make and use Pirate treasure maps. We are going to read *The Night Pirates*, *Pirates love Underpants*, *Mungo* and the Picture Book *Pirates and The Troll*.

Independence

This term is all about helping the children to settle into school and to become more independent. Please help us by encouraging your child to dress and undress more independently. It is also helpful if the children are able to put their own coats and shoes on by themselves. Please encourage your child to put their coat and PE kit on their peg, book bag in their tray and lunch box and water bottle away. They are jobs they 'can' do already. Spending time showing the children how to turn clothes around the right way helps them get changed after PE too.

Supporting your child

It is very important that you support your child's learning at home. They will bring home a library book that can be changed weekly. They will soon be given words to practise and learn and a 'lilac' reading book to share. The lilac books have no words but we encourage the children to tell the story looking at the pictures. As the children progress with their phonics and words then they will move on to different books.



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Reception Children
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School Dinners

School Dinners are FREE for Reception children but please let us know on a Monday if your child is NOT having a school dinner at some point in the week. If they don't have a packed lunch I will assume they are school dinner.

Hometime

There is a white board on the wall just inside the classroom door for you to write down if someone different is collecting your child from school.

Bus children

For children who travel home on the bus, please notify me in writing of any changes to their normal routine.



WOW moments

Starting school is an exciting time and over the next year your child will do things they have never done before and gain lots of new skills at home and school. Please let us know what happens at home that we can celebrate in school. We love hearing about challenges and achievements and look forward to celebrating many of these with your child this year. You will have an opportunity to come to our Celebration Assemblies in school.

Water



Water bottles should be in school every day. They can be left in the yellow box. Please ensure that they are named! Lunchboxes are left in the red box and should be clearly named also.

Dressed for the Weather

As the weather turns colder this term it is important that your child has suitable warm/waterproof clothes/footwear. We go outside whatever the weather. We have waterproof suits BUT they MUST have Wellies please.



We need your junk!

We are collecting clean cardboard and plastic etc. to be used for junk modelling. If you have any other resources that may be useful please bring it in...especially seasonal natural resources for our mud kitchen, herbs, flowers, conkers etc.

And finally...

Please feel free to chat briefly with any member of the Willow class team before school. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have. If more time is needed please arrange an appointment with me after school.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Macro

